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TO: DIA WASH DC//VO-PW ATTN S. TOURISON.

~~SECRET~~SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL REFUGEE WITH INFO
ON AMERICAN MIA'S[REDACTED] PROVIDED LIMITED HEARSAY
INFORMATION ON AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA [REDACTED]~~SECRET~~

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5. KNOWLEDGEABILITY STATEMENTS:

B. [] CLAIMED THAT HE TOOK UPON HIMSELF, IN GRATITUDE TO THE U.S. FOR THE HELP PROVIDED TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, TO START AN INDEPENDENT MISSION TO SEARCH FOR MIA'S IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE BEGAN TO COLLECT WHATEVER INFORMATION HE COULD OBTAIN WITH THE HELP OF VIETNAMESE WHOM HE TRUSTED.

[] UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE OR KEEP NOTES ON THE LITTLE HEARSAY INFORMATION HE WAS ABLE TO COLLECT. THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT SUBJECT PROVIDED:

(1) IN APPROXIMATELY 1978 TO 1979 [] THERE WERE TWO FORMER U.S. MILITARY MEN (NAMES, RANKS, BRANCHES OF SERVICE UNKNOWN) WHO HAD CHOSEN TO REMAIN, FOR WHATEVER REASON, IN NORTH VIETNAM. [] ALLEGEDLY HAD SEEN ONE OF THESE TWO AMERICANS IN THE AREA OF [] IN NORTH VIETNAM.

(2) [] THERE WERE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF FORMER U.S. FIGHTING MEN OBTAINED IN A SORT OF MOBILE CAMP IN THE BORDER AREA BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. THESE ALLEGED PRISONERS ARE MOVED FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN THAT GENERAL AREA.

(3) [] THERE WERE THREE FORMER U.S. FIGHTING MEN STILL HIDING OUT WITH PEASANTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED [] IN JULY 1985.

[] PROVIDED [] SEVERAL NAMES OF AMERICANS KILLED IN ACTION (KIA) (NUMBER AS WELL SOME NAMES

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UNRECALLED. SINCE NO NOTES WERE KEPT) AND WHOSE REMAINS WERE AT AN UNSPECIFIED AREA NEXT TO THEIR DOWNED AIRCRAFT IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT THAT TIME, APPROXIMATELY 1984/85. [REDACTED] MANAGED TO SEND ONE OF THESE NAMES THROUGH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN FRANCE TO DIA IN WASHINGTON.

C. [REDACTED] BEGAN HIS SELF-APPOINTED SEARCH FOR U.S. MIA'S IN APPROXIMATELY 1984. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED] THE ABOVE INFO WAS THE BULK OF WHAT HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ON AMERICAN MIA'S IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO CONTINUE THIS WORK [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

7. FILE: [REDACTED] DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] ALL
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