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WHICH [redacted] WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY.

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW'S IN HANOI AREA

1. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1988 [redacted] VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION ON POW'S IN THE HANOI AREA THAT HE OBTAINED ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS [redacted] IS NOW [redacted] HE RELATED TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION WHICH ARE GIVEN BELOW, WHICH YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO FOLLOW UP.

2. REGARDING THE FIRST PIECE OF INFORMATION [redacted] REPORTED THAT FROM JANUARY-APRIL 1986 HE HAD BEEN IN [redacted] DURING THAT PERIOD HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH [redacted] AND AN ADMITTED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO HANOI FROM 1983 UNTIL 1984. DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT [redacted] CAME INTO CONTACT WITH "A SMALL GROUP OF U.S. POW'S" IN HANOI PROPER (EXACT DATE NOT KNOWN TO [redacted]) CLAIMS THAT HE WAS WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL (UNIDENTIFIED [redacted]) AND THAT THE TWO CONVERSED WITH THE SMALL GROUP OF U.S. PRISONERS. [redacted] MENTIONED TWO NAMES AT THE TIME HE RELATED THE INFORMATION TO [redacted] THE LATTER CAN NO LONGER REMEMBER THEM [redacted] DID NOT REPORT THE INFORMATION IN 1986 BECAUSE [redacted] TOLD HIM HE REPORTED IT TO CIA AFTER HE RETURNED TO [redacted] FROM HANOI.

3. [redacted] DESCRIBED [redacted] AS AN INTELLIGENT WHO WAS WELL EDUCATED. HE WAS A FORMER [redacted] ARTILLERY OFFICER WHO HAD RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE TRAINING. [redacted] WAS "VERY FRIENDLY" WITH AMERICANS, AND HE WAS SOCIALLY ACTIVE. [redacted] ADMITTED [redacted] THE FACT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SALARY DID NOT MEET HIS MONETARY REQUIREMENTS, AND AT ONE TIME SAID THAT HE EVENTUALLY INTENDED TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE BECAUSE HE "NEEDED MORE MONEY." WHILE IN [redacted] DROVE A MERCEDES AUTOMOBILE AND LIVED IN A VERY NICE HOME [redacted] COULD NOT REMEMBER THE ADDRESS. [redacted]

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH [redacted] WAS ONCE IN CONTACT WITH CIA. HE NO LONGER IS. WE ASSUME THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBERS ARE FOR [redacted] PRESENT LOCATION IS UNKNOWN. THERE IS NO RECORD OF [redacted] HAVING PASSED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ON POW'S. WHY [redacted] PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO [redacted] UNKNOWN.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION REPORTED ABOVE, IN EARLY OCTOBER 1988 [redacted] ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO MEN ONE NAMED [redacted] HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THEY "HAD KNOWLEDGE" OF THE PRESENCE OF 200 U.S. POW'S BEING HELD UNDERGROUND IN A PRISON IN HANOI. [redacted] SAID HE WAS TRYING TO BUY THE RELEASE OF ONE/TWO OF THE POW'S THROUGH A VIETNAMESE BUSINESS CONTACT IN HANOI WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY. [redacted] STATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO WORK THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HELP RECOVER THE POW'S. [redacted] SAID THAT [redacted] WAS QUITE CRITICAL OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND WIN THE RELEASE OF U.S. POW'S. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT HE AND [redacted] HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED HANOI ON BUSINESS WHERE THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO BUY FILM TO SELL TO "LIFE MAGAZINE" AND TO ARRANGE AN EXCLUSIVE TRADING AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM FOR THE SALE OF USED FARM MACHINERY. AS PROOF OF HIS BONA FIDES, [redacted] PRODUCED A PICTURE OF HOA LO PRISON

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[redacted] SAID THAT HE AND [redacted] HAD BEEN TO VIETNAM IN LATE JULY-AUGUST. DURING THAT TRIP THEY HAD ESTABLISHED THE FACT THAT VIETNAM WAS HOLDING 200 POW'S IN AN UNDERGROUND PRISON IN HANOI. NEITHER [redacted] SAW THE PRISONERS, BUT THEY ESTABLISHED THEIR PREFERENCE THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS WHO WERE NOT IDENTIFIED TO [redacted] SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT HE COULD GET PICTURES OF THE POW'S SINCE HE HAD TAKEN A CAMERA INTO VIETNAM DURING HIS LAST VISIT.

6. [redacted] HAD A VIETNAMESE WIFE WHO HAD REMAINED IN VIETNAM. DURING HIS VISIT, HE LOCATED THE VIETNAMESE WIFE IN HANOI.

7. [redacted] GAVE [redacted] A BUSINESS CARD WHICH IDENTIFIED HIS COMPANY [redacted]

8. [redacted]
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