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 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE TRA
 NDC, INTER-CAMP-2 REEDUCATION CAMP IN HAU GIANG,
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TEXT: 1. FROM AUGUST 1976 TO JUNE 1976 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE TRA NOC REEDUCATION CAMP IN HAU GIANG PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF CAN THO. THE MAILING ADDRESS OF TRA NOC REEDUCATION CAMP WAS AH62NT, TRA NOC, CAN THO.

2. THE TRA NOC CAMP WAS LOCATED AT THE FORMER BASE CAMP OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) 33RD REGIMENT OF THE 21ST INFANTRY DIVISION. THE CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO LARGE ZONES. ONE ZONE WAS THE CAMP HEADQUARTERS AND HOUSING AREA FOR THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) STAFF. THE OTHER ZONE WAS THE PRISONER DETENTION AREA. THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS PAVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL BA ((SONG)). THE PAVN STAFF CONSISTED OF ABOUT 50 PAVN OFFICERS, 10 NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND 150 PAVN SOLDIERS. THIS REEDUCATION CAMP WAS SUBORDINATE TO MILITARY REGION-9 HEADQUARTERS IN CAN THO.

3. THERE WERE ABOUT 1200 PRISONERS AT THE TRA NOC CAMP, ALL OF WHOM WERE FORMER ARVN CAPTAINS. THE PRISONER ZONE WAS DIVIDED INTO CAMPS ONE THROUGH FOUR. EACH CAMP DETAINED APPROXIMATELY 300 INMATES. EACH ZONE CONSISTED OF SIX HOUSES OF NINE ROOMS EACH. EIGHT OR NINE PRISONERS WERE ASSIGNED TO A ROOM. EACH OF THE FOUR ZONES WAS SEPARATED BY BARBED WIRE FENCE. THE PRISONERS WERE MOSTLY FROM FORMER GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (GVN) FOURTH CORPS MILITARY UNITS.

4. THE TRA NOC REEDUCATION CAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH A VOICE RADIO, A MANUAL MORSE TRANSMITTER AND TELEPHONES. THE TRA NOC INMATES WERE ONLY REQUIRED TO KEEP THE FACILITY CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR. THERE WAS NO HARD LABOR SINCE THE CAMP WAS USED AS AN INTERROGATION AND SCREENING SITE. IN JUNE 1976 THE PRISONERS AT THIS CAMP WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO LARGE GROUPS. ONE GROUP WAS SENT TO REEDUCATION CAMPS IN MINH HAI PROVINCE AND ALL OTHERS WERE SENT TO NORTHERN VIETNAM. THEREAFTER THE TRA NOC CAMP WAS CLOSED DOWN.

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