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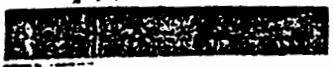
DIST: 20 MARCH 1987  
COUNTRY: VIETNAM  
SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED CONCENTRATION CAMP HOLDING U.S.  
PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF QUANG  
NINH PROVINCE FROM 1972 UNTIL SOMETIME BEFORE 1975  
AND ASSUMED GRAVEYARDS IN THE VICINITY  
DOI: 1972-1975

TEXT: 1. FROM 1972 UNTIL SOMETIME BEFORE 1975, A CONCENTRATION CAMP  
ALLEGEDLY HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WAS LOCATED IN A  
VALLEY, ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SQUARE, IN THE VICINITY OF NA KHOANG  
(YJ 115950) AT THE BORDER OF QUANG NINH AND LANG SON PROVINCES.  
SECURITY AROUND THE AREA WAS STRICTLY ENFORCED BY PEOPLE'S ARMED  
PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES WEARING A GREEN STAR INSIGNIA. THE CAMP HAD  
FIVE OR SIX BUILDINGS WITH FLAT IRON REINFORCED CONCRETE ROOFS AND  
IRON DOORS. TWO BRICK BUILDINGS WERE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE. THE  
FENCES WERE THREE METERS HIGH, TOPPED WITH CONCERTINA BARBED WIRE.  
THE CAMP WAS AT THE END OF A FOUR KILOMETER DIRT ROAD THAT BRANCHED  
NORTHEAST FROM ROUTE FOUR AT A POINT ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF  
DINH LAP TOWN (YJ 175840) THERE IS A HILL EAST OF THE DIRT ROAD AND  
WEST OF IT IS A CREEK. [ ] (COMMENT: NO DETAILS ON THE NUMBER,  
IDENTITIES, DESCRIPTION OR CONDITION OF THE POW'S WERE KNOWN.) LOCAL  
INHABITANTS, TAY/THO ETHNIC MINORITY AND ETHNIC VIETNAMESE, ALLEGED  
THAT SEVERAL POW'S DIED AND WERE BURIED AT OR NEAR THE CAMP BUT NO  
DETAILS WERE PROVIDED.

2. THE EXACT TIME DURING WHICH THE LOCATION WAS USED AS A POW

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CAMP WAS NOT KNOWN FROM 1980 ON, HOWEVER, IT WAS USED AS ONE OF THE  
BIGGEST ANIMAL HUSBANDRY CENTERS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE RAISING MILK  
COWS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM MONGOLIA.

3. [REDACTED]

IN 1980 AND 1981 THEY TOLD HIM ABOUT THE CAMP FOR  
U.S. POW'S THAT, THEY SAID, HAD BEEN CLOSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO; THE  
REFUGEE ASSUMED THIS MEANT BEFORE 1975. HE DID NOT ASK FOR FURTHER  
DETAILS, BUT HE DID SEE THE CAMP FROM A DISTANCE. HE DID NOT KNOW  
INTERIOR DETAILS OF THE CAMP.)

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