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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: POSSIBILITY OF EXISTENCE OF AMERICAN POWS
IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM

DOI: AUGUST 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] COMMENTED IN PRIVATE IN LATE OCTOBER 1987 THAT HE IS CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) STILL BEING HELD IN REMOTE AREAS OF SOUTHERN VIETNAM BY PRIVATE MILITANT GROUPS ACTING WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SRV LEADERSHIP. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THESE GROUPS ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WHOSE MOTIVATION IS FINANCIAL. [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, THE VIET CONG MAINTAINED THEIR MILITARY UNITS IN THE JUNGLES AND TUNNELS FOR YEARS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED, SO IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT POW COULD STILL BE HIDDEN.

2. [REDACTED] RECEIVED HIS INFORMATION ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE POW'S FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR ACTIVE IN TREATING INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION PAPERS WHO HAVE BEEN AVOIDING SRV GOVERNMENT DETENTION SINCE THE FALL OF SAIGON.
ACQ: (LATE OCTOBER 1987)

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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