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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CENTRAL SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. ACCORDING TO A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAW
TWO CAUCASIAN PRISONERS AT A REEDUCATION CAMP IN NGHE TINH
PROVINCE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE SRV IN APRIL 1980. THE
SIGHTING OCCURRED DURING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS CAPTURED IN 1972 AND AS OF APRIL 1980 WAS HELD
IN A REEDUCATION CAMP DESIGNATED "K-3, HT. 113NT," ABOUT 40
KILOMETERS WEST OF VINH. THIS CAMP WAS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS
EAST OF CUA CITY (UNLOCATED), AND THE CAMP ENTRANCE WAS ABOUT
ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE ROAD FROM VINH TO CUA CITY. WHILE
[REDACTED] WERE WALKING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO
THE CAMP, TWO CAUCASIANS WERE SEEN DRESSED IN PEASANT CLOTHING,
ACCOMPANIED BY A PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE GUARD AND WALKING WITH
SEVERAL OXEN AND AN OXCART. BOTH APPEARED TO BE UNDER 40 YEARS
OLD. ONE HAD BLOND HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY OVER SIX FEET AND HAD A
HEAVIER THAN NORMAL BUILD. THE OTHER HAD BROWN HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY
UNDER SIX FEET, AND HAD A THINNER BUILD. BOTH WERE CLEAN SHAVEN.

2. SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGHTING, [REDACTED] ASKED A
DETAINEE, A FORMER (SOUTH) VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE F-5 PILOT NAMED
[REDACTED] ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE CAUCASIANS. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED
ONLY THAT THEY WERE AMERICANS. THE REFUGEE OBTAINED NO FURTHER
CONFIRMATION OF THE NATIONALITIES OF THE TWO CAUCASIANS OR OF
THEIR BEING HELD AS PRISONERS IN THE CAMP. [REDACTED] ASKED NO
FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM NOR DID HE SEE THEM AGAIN DURING
THE THREE DAYS HE SPENT AT THE CAMP. THE K-3 SECTION OF THE CAMP
HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL
CAPTURED BEFORE 1975.

3. PERMISSION TO MAKE THE VISIT TO THE CAMP WAS OBTAINED
FROM THE REEDUCATION SECTION OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY PUBLIC
SECURITY OFFICE, WHICH MAINTAINED A ROSTER OF ALL FORMER SOUTH
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DETAINED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS.
[REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED TO A 12-MAN SQUAD WHOSE DUTY WAS TO
GATHER FIREWOOD IN MOUNTAINS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE SRV-LAOS BORDER,
WHICH WAS A THREE DAYS' WALK AWAY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ESCAPE
THROUGH LAOS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT FOOD AND A COMPASS.

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4. [REDACTED] LKS COMMENT: CRA CITY MAY 1 1981. [REDACTED] NCHT TINH PROVINCE. OTHER REFUGEE REPORTS HAVE MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF DETENTION CAMPS IN NCHT TINH PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO LTR-511/00350-81, A CAMP DESIGNATED "K-3" EXISTS AT THE NCHT TINH PRISON NO. 3 COMPLEX. [REDACTED] STATED THAT A CAMP CALLED CAMP NO. 6 IN NCHT TINH PROVINCE HELD ABOUT 200 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICERS IN EARLY 1981.)

[REDACTED] S E C R E T - [REDACTED]

RVW 02 JUN 01. [REDACTED] BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. ALL PORTIONS CARRY CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROLS OF OVERALL DOCUMENT.

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