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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF U.S. PILOTS IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV); SRV MINISTRY OF INTERIOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR U.S. POW'S AND AUDIO OPERATIONS IN U.S. POW DETENTION FACILITIES (DOI: 1967 - EARLY 1981)

SUMMARY: IN 1981 [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN 1979 HE KNEW AMERICANS WERE STILL HELD BY THE SRV. THIS COMMENT WAS MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHER COLLEAGUES,

[REDACTED]
LATE 1980 OR EARLY 1981 THAT HE HAD INTERROGATED U.S. POW'S BEFORE 1973 AND HAD ALSO BEEN SENT ON TEMPORARY DUTY IN 1979 FOR THE INTERROGATION OF POW'S. WHEN REFERRING TO HIS 1979 DUTY, HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE NATIONALITIES OF THE POW'S OR THE CAMPS IN WHICH THEY WERE DETAINED. IN 1967 THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY (BCA), NOW KNOWN AS THE BNV, HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, CARE, DETENTION AND EXPLOITATION OF U.S. POW'S. ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) HAD U.S. POW EXPLOITATION UNITS, PAVN WAS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN BCA AUTHORIZATION BEFORE INTERROGATING U.S. POW'S.

1. BETWEEN LATE 1979 AND LATE 1980 OR EARLY 1981, [REDACTED] COMMENTED ON THE BNV'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) AND MADE A STATEMENT THAT HE KNEW THAT U.S. PILOTS WERE STILL IMPRISONED IN THE SRV.

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WHETHER AMERICAN PILOTS WERE STILL IMPRISONED IN THE SRV. [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT IN 1979 HE KNEW AMERICANS WERE STILL HELD BY THE SRV. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHEN [REDACTED] SAID AMERICANS WERE STILL HELD IN 1979, [REDACTED] CHOSE NOT TO REFUTE THIS STATEMENT. [REDACTED] DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER ON THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS HELD AND DID NOT MENTION THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY IN WHICH THEY WERE HELD.)

3. IN LATE 1980 OR EARLY 1981, [REDACTED] AGAIN DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF U.S. POW'S [REDACTED] AND THE SAME GROUP. [REDACTED] COMMENTED ON HIS INTERROGATION EXPERIENCE WITH U.S. POW'S BEFORE 1973, WHEN HE SERVED WITH [REDACTED] AND NOTED THAT IN 1979 OFFICE 1 PERSONNEL CONTINUED TO BE SENT ON TEMPORARY DUTY ASSIGNMENTS TO THE SAME CAMPS IN THE NORTHERN SRV FOR THE INTERROGATION OF POW'S. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHEN [REDACTED] REFERRED TO OFFICE 1 PERSONNEL BEING SENT IN 1979 ON DETACHED DUTY FOR POW INTERROGATION, HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE NATIONALITIES OF THE POW'S OR THE CAMPS IN WHICH THEY WERE BEING DETAINED. [REDACTED] WAS SENT ON THREE DETACHED DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FROM HCMC TO THE HOA BINH CITY AREA OF HA SON BINH PROVINCE IN 1979 AND APRIL-MAY 1980; HOWEVER, [REDACTED] DID NOT REVEAL FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE OF HIS DETACHED ASSIGNMENT IN THE HOA BINH AREA.)

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE INTERROGATION OF U.S. POW'S THERE AS WELL AS AT U.S. POW DETENTION FACILITIES IN VINH PHU AND SON TAY BETWEEN 1967 AND 1972. [REDACTED] SAID THE BCA HAD SOLE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, CARE, DETENTION, AND EXPLOITATION OF U.S. POW'S. ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) HAD U.S. POW EXPLOITATION UNITS, PAVN WAS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN BCA AUTHORIZATION BEFORE INTERROGATING U.S. POW'S. [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT U.S. POW'S RECEIVED BETTER TREATMENT THAN VIETNAMESE PRISONERS, ADDING THAT ON ONE OCCASION PRIOR TO THE DEATH OF HO CHI ((MINH)) IN 1969 HO HAD DIRECTED THAT U.S. POW'S BE GIVEN A WESTERN-STYLE CHRISTMAS DINNER. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WAS A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER. [REDACTED] DID NOT REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE U.S. POW DETENTION FACILITY IN THE HOA BINH AREA, NOR DID ANYONE IN THE GROUP ASK HIM FOR THE LOCATION. [REDACTED]

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