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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AND DESCRIPTION OF REEDUCATION
 CAMPS 5 AND 6 OF INTER-CAMP-1 IN HOANG LIEN SON,
 NORTHERN VIETNAM

DOI: DECEMBER 1976 - JUNE 1978

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TEXT: 1. FROM DECEMBER 1976 TO DECEMBER 1977 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-5 OF INTER-CAMP-1 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE DISTANCE OR DIRECTION FROM CAMP-5 TO YEN BAI CITY.)

2. CAMP-5 WAS ADMINISTERED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) INTER-CAMP-1 OF PAVN GROUP 776 IN YEN BAI CITY. THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS PAVN CAPTAIN ONG VAN ((DINH)); HIS DEPUTY WAS AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN SENIOR LIEUTENANT. THERE WERE SIX THOUGHT REFORM INSTRUCTORS (TRI). THE TRI AT BLOCK ONE WAS SENIOR LIEUTENANT (LT) ((HUAN)); BLOCK TWO WAS TRI ASPIRANT ((TUAN)). SENIOR LT HUAN HAD LOST ONE OF HIS ARMS. THERE WAS A STAFF OF 30 OFFICERS AND MEN AT CAMP-5.

3. PRISONERS AT CAMP-5 WERE ORGANIZED INTO FOUR BLOCKS ((KHOI)); TWO BLOCKS FOR HARD LABOR DETAILS; ONE BLOCK FOR LIGHT DUTY AND THE OTHER FOR THE OLD AND WEAK. BLOCKS CONSISTED OF TWO UNITS WHICH WERE SUBDIVIDED INTO FOUR CELLS PER UNIT. THERE WERE ABOUT 36-40 PRISONERS PER UNIT. THERE WERE ABOUT 300 OFFICERS, ALL OF WHOM WERE JUNIOR GRADE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICERS, AT CAMP-5. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THESE OFFICERS WERE FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNITS, MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, SPECIAL POLICE BRANCH OFFICERS, AND FROM PSY-WAR UNITS. MOST OF THE OTHERS WERE FROM COMBAT, ENGINEER AND NAVY UNITS.

4. CAMP-5 USED FIELD TELEPHONES AND JEEPS FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER CAMPS. A PRISON GUARD AT CAMP-5 SAID THIS FACILITY WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A STATE AGRICULTURAL WORKSITE.

5. FROM DECEMBER 1977 TO JUNE 1978 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-6 OF INTER-CAMP-1 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. CAMP-6 WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 26 KILOMETERS NORTH NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI CITY. THIS CAMP WAS BUILT BY A GROUP OF ARVN FIELD GRADE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN AT THAT CAMP SITE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1977.

6. CAMP-6 WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE STAFF OF PAVN OFFICERS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-5. THERE WERE ABOUT 250 ARVN JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS AT CAMP-6; ALL OF WHOM HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CAMP-6 FROM CAMP-5. IN JUNE 1977 CAMP-6 WAS CONVERTED TO AN AGRICULTURAL WORKSITE/TEA PLANTATION AND TURNED OVER TO YEN BAI CITY.

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