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REPORT CLASS C O N F I D E N T I A L

DIST: 20 MAY 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE AI TU
REEDUCATION CAMP IN BINH TRI THEIN PROVINCE, CENTRAL
VIETNAM

DOI: 1 JUNE 1975 - AUGUST 1978

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TEXT: 1. FROM 1 JUNE 1975 TO ABOUT JUNE 1977, AND FROM MAY TO AUGUST 1978 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE AI TU REEDUCATION CAMP IN FORMER GOVERNMENT OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (GVN) QUANG TRI (NOW PART OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) BINH TRI THIEN) PROVINCE, CENTRAL VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF QUANG TRI CITY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHEN THIS CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN AS EARLY AS 1972 WHEN THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) TOOK CONTROL OF THE AREA. WHEN [REDACTED] ARRIVED AT THIS CAMP A GROUP OF FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (ARVN) POPULAR FORCES SOLDIERS AND MILITIA MEMBERS WERE ALREADY WELL SETTLED IN. THE CAMP HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSTRUCTED.)

2. THE AI TU CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE 76TH PAVN SAPPER REGIMENT. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 40 PAVN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN AT EACH OF THE FOUR SUBORDINATE CAMPS. A PAVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL, NAME UNKNOWN, WAS CAMP COMMANDER. PAVN SENIOR CAPTAIN HO ((SUY)) WAS COMMANDER OF CAMP-2, ONE AT EACH PRISONER BLOC. THE PAVN STAFF ALSO APPOINTED ONE PRISONER AS CHIEF OF EACH BLOC. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE 76TH SAPPER REGIMENT IS UNCONFIRMED, THAT A SAPPER UNIT WOULD GUARD A REEDUCATION CAMP IS UNUSUAL.)

3. THE AI TU REEDUCATION CAMP CONSISTED OF CAMPS ONE THROUGH FOUR. THE CAMPS WERE COMPOSED OF SEVERAL BLOCS OF PRISONERS. CAMP-2, FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDED EIGHT BLOCS OF 50 INMATES EACH. CAMP-2 HAD ONE PRISONER LONGHOUSE PER BLOC. THERE WERE ABOUT 2,000 PRISONERS AT THE AI TU CAMP. CAMP-1 INCARCERATED ARVN CAPTAIN TO LIEUTENANT GRADE OFFICERS; CAMPS TWO AND THREE HELD ASPIRANTS AND 2ND LIEUTENANTS AND CAMP-4 IMPRISONED FORMER ARVN 1ST LIEUTENANTS. ALL PRISONERS WERE FORMER ARVN PERSONNEL.

4. CIRCA AUGUST 1978 THE AI TU REEDUCATION CAMP WAS APPARENTLY CLOSED DOWN WHEN ALL PRISONERS AT THE FACILITY WERE RELEASED OR TRANSFERRED TO BINH DIEN CAMP NEAR HUE. THE BINH DIEN CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE BINH TRI THIEN PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE IN HUE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW THE CURRENT USE OF THE AI TU CAMP.).

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