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SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PHAN  
DANG LUU PRISON IN HO CHI MINH CITY

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TEXT: 1. THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE PHAN DANG LUU PRISON IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC) FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 1985. THE PHAN DANG LUU PRISON IS LOCATED AT NO. 4 PHAN DANG LUU STREET, BINH THANH DISTRICT, HCMC, ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF DOWNTOWN HCMC. PRIOR TO 1975 PHAN DANG LUU WAS THE GIA DINH PROVINCE JAIL.

2. PHAN DANG LUU PRISON IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HCMC PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS). LAM QUOC ((HUNG)), A RANKING PSS CADRE IN HCMC VISITED THIS FACILITY RATHER OFTEN ON BEHALF OF THE PSS. PSS CADRE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO PHAN DANG LUU INCLUDED MR. (FNU) ((NAM)), MRS. (FNU) ((LOAN)) AND MR. (FNU) ((NGOC)); THEIR RANKS WERE UNCLEAR. MRS. LOAN WAS THE PRISON NURSE AND WIFE OF MR. NAM. MR. NGOC WAS IN CHARGE OF ZONE A.

3. PHAN DANG LUU PRISON CONSISTS OF ZONES A, B AND C. ZONE A IS DIVIDED INTO SUBZONES A1 AND A2. A1 HAS SEVEN COMMUNAL CELLS AND 28 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS. A2 INCLUDES FIVE COMMUNAL CELLS AND AN ADDITIONAL 28 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS. EACH COMMUNAL CELL ACCOMMODATES ABOUT 42 PRISONERS. ONE PRISONER IS DETAINED IN EACH SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELL. ZONE A DETAINS ONLY MALE PRISONERS. ZONE B HAS FOUR OR FIVE COMMUNAL CELLS, EACH OF WHICH HOLDS ABOUT 30 PRISONERS. THE COMMUNAL ROOMS ARE ORGANIZED INTO CELLS OF ABOUT 10 INMATES EACH. ZONE B CONTAINS ABOUT 20 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS FOR MALE PRISONERS. ZONE C IS THE LABOR AREA. THIS ZONE HAS FIVE COMMUNAL CELLS EACH OF WHICH HOLDS ABOUT 325 PRISONERS. NONE OF THE PRISONERS IN ZONE C WERE VERY IMPORTANT. MOST OF THEM HAD COMPLETED THEIR SENTENCES AND WERE WAITING TO BE RELEASED.

4. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 900 INMATES AT PHAN DANG LUU PRISON. AN ESTIMATED 294 PRISONERS WERE IN THE SEVEN COMMUNAL CELLS AND ABOUT 28 IN THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS OF SUBZONE A1. ABOUT 210 INMATES WERE IN THE COMMUNAL CELLS AND 28 IN THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS OF SUBZONE A2. IN ZONE B, THERE WERE ABOUT 150 WOMEN PRISONERS IN THE FIVE COMMUNAL CELLS AND ABOUT 20 MEN IN THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS. THERE WERE ABOUT 150 PRISONERS IN ZONE C AND ABOUT 10 PRISONERS IN ONE OR TWO CELLS SET ASIDE FOR THE OLD AND WEAK.

5. EACH DAY PSS CADRE FROM PA15, PA16, PA17 AND PA24 IN HCMC STOPPED BY PHAN DANG LUU TO INTERROGATE SOME OF THE INMATES. PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED VISITORS ABOUT ONCE PER MONTH. ABOUT 160 OF THE 230 PRISONERS IN SUBZONE 2A HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM. TEN OTHERS WERE ECONOMIC PRISONERS AND THE OTHERS WERE POLITICAL DETAINEES.

6. THE MORE PROMINENT PRISONERS AT PHAN DANG LUU INCLUDED:

A. AUTHOR NGUYEN ((HOAT)), AKA HIEU CHAN, ARRESTED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

B. AUTHOR DOAN QUOC ((SY)), ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES SIMILAR TO NGUYEN HOAT.

C. MR. HO VAN ((DONG)), EDITOR OF THE QUYET TIN NEWSPAPER PRIOR TO 1975.

D. MR. HO DINH ((BAO)), DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION UNDER NGO DINH DIEM.

E. SINGER KHUAT DUY ((TRAT)).

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F. POETESS LY THUY ((Y)) AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ARTIST;  
ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

G. MR. (FNU) ((QUAN)), JOURNALIST WITH THE DOC LAP  
NEWSPAPER BEFORE 1975.

H. A GROUP OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PEACE ACTIVISTS FROM HOC  
MON DISTRICT, HCMC. [REDACTED] COMMENT: HO DINH BAO, MR. QUAN AND THE  
PEACE GROUP WERE  
SUBSEQUENTLY REMANDED [REDACTED] TO THE TAN HIEP LABOR/REEDUCATION  
CAMP IN SONG BE.)

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