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DIST: 23 APRIL 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PRISON IN HO CHI MINH CITY

DOI: SEPTEMBER 1984 - MARCH 1985

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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TEXT: 1. FROM SEPTEMBER 1984 TO MARCH 1985 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV) PRISON IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC). THE PRISON IS LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NGUYEN TRAI AND NGUYEN VAN CU STREETS IN THE 5TH PRECINCT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF HCMC.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: PRIOR TO 1975 THE ABOVE STREETS WERE CALLED VO TANH AND CONG HOA RESPECTIVELY. PRIOR TO 30 APRIL 1975-THIS PRISON WAS A GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM SPECIAL POLICE BRANCH DETENTION FACILITY.)

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF THE LEADERSHIP STAFF. SINCE COMPARTMENTATION WAS STRICTLY ENFORCED, THE PRISONERS WERE DENIED DIRECT ACCESS/COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR FELLOW INMATES.)

3. THE BNV PRISON WAS ORGANIZED INTO ZONE A, LOCATED NEAR THE VO TAN STREET GATE, ZONES B AND C, AND ZONE D. THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FACILITY.

[REDACTED] ZONE D WAS A FOUR-STORY BUILDING. EACH STORY CONTAINED AN ESTIMATED 14 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS.

COMMENT: [REDACTED] ESTIMATES THAT ZONE D WOULD HAVE HELD ABOUT 56 PRISONERS.) THE ZONE D BUILDING WAS NEXT TO A FOUR-STORY DISCIPLINARY ACTION BUILDING, BOTH OF WHICH FACED NGUYEN VAN CU STREET AT AN ANGLE. ZONE A DETAINED ABOUT 60 PRISONERS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO LABOR DETAILS AROUND THE BNV COMPOUND.

COMMENT: INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS OF 21 APRIL 1987 INDICATES THERE ARE NO FOUR-STORY BUILDINGS AT THIS LOCATION.) THERE WAS A CANTEEN FACING THE ZONE D BUILDING ON NGUYEN VAN CU STREET. A TWO-STORY INTERROGATION BUILDING WAS SITUATED BETWEEN ZONE D AND THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION BUILDING. THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BNV COMPOUND WAS LOCATED ON VO TAN STREET. A BACK GATE WAS ON NGUYEN VAN CU STREET. PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT TO ZONE D LATE AT NIGHT AND CAREFULLY BLINDFOLDED.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER BITS OF INFORMATION ABOUT INMATES DETAINED AT ZONE D [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ALSO OBSERVED SEVERAL INMATES ON THE FOURTH FLOOR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING PRISONERS WERE INCARCERATED AT ZONE D AS OF MARCH 1985:

A. THERE WERE THREE HIGH RANKING COMMUNIST CADRE ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF ZONE D. ONE OF THEM WORKED AT THE TAY NINH IMPORT/EXPORT COMPANY AND THE OTHER TWO WERE FROM A TRANSPORTATION OFFICE. ALL THREE OF THEM HAD SPENT FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS TRAINING IN THE USSR AND HUNGARY; THEIR IDENTIFICATION WAS UNKNOWN.

B. MAI VAN ((HANH)), ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE.

C. TRIEU BINH ((TRIET)), A VIETNAMESE OF ETHNIC CHINESE ORIGIN WHO WORKED FOR THE HCMC IMPORT/EXPORT COMPANY.

D. LAWYER TRAN TU ((HUYEN)), HIS WIFE AND TWO OF HIS SIBLINGS.

E. THERE WERE FOUR VIETNAMESE WHO HAD RETURNED TO VIETNAM FROM CANADA. THEY WERE ARRESTED IN PHAN THIET FOR UNKNOWN ACTIVITIES.

F. THERE WAS A 19 YEAR-OLD VIETNAMESE BOY WHO HAD

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SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND LATER RETURNED. HE WAS ARRESTED WITH A GROUP OF CHINESE.

G. THERE WAS AN UNIDENTIFIED FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) LIEUTENANT.

5. THE CELLS IN ZONE D WERE ABOUT 2.5 METERS LONG BY 1.8 METERS WIDE. THE CELLS CONTAINED A WOODEN BED WITH A MAT AND MOSQUITO NET. THERE WAS A TOILET AND A WATER OUTLET FOR BATHING. EACH MORNING A PRISON EMPLOYEE TURNED ON THE WATER FOR BATHING AND TOILET USE. THAT PERSON ALSO ISSUED THE PRISONERS A CONTAINER OF DRINKING WATER. EVERY NOON AND LATE AFTERNOON THE PRISONERS RECEIVED PORTIONS OF RICE AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS. ONCE A MONTH MALE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN FOR HAIRCUTS. EACH PRISONER WAS ISSUED A BAR OF SOAP, A TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE, A PACKAGE OF TOBACCO, CIGARETTE PAPER AND THREE BOXES OF MATCHES. ZONE D WAS FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS; NO ONE IN THAT ZONE WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK DETAILS.

6. COMMENT: THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT IS :

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