

(b)(1)  
(b)(3)

MSGNO 151 (PCXX) \*06/16/87\* \*20:06:37.0.6\*  
 ZCZC 01:05:26Z (PC)  
 EMI OTG : 87061619122245  
 RTTCZYUW RUEKJCS2059 1672304-CCCC--RUEALGX.  
 ZNY CCCC  
 R 162304Z JUN 87  
 FM JCS WASHINGTON DC  
 INFO RUEADWD/OCSA WASHINGTON DC  
 RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC  
 RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC  
 RUEAMCC/CMC CC WASHINGTON DC  
 RUEACMC/CMC WASHINGTON DC  
 RUEABOA/HQ AFOSI BOLLING AFB DC  
 RUHQHQA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
 RHMBRA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI  
 RUEALGX/SAFE  
 R 162242Z JUN 87  
 FM CIA  
 TO RUETIAA/DIRNSA  
 RUEHC/DEPT OF STATE//FOR INR  
 RUEKJCS/DIA  
 RUEATRS/TREASURY DEPT  
 RUEADWW/WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM  
 RUEA III/NPIC

[Redacted]

RUHQHQA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
 RUHHHMA/CDRWESTCOM FT SHAFTER HI  
 RUHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI  
 RHMBRA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI  
 RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI  
 RUAJMAB/FOSIF/WESTPAC  
 RUHGAAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

BT  
 E21:  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ [Redacted]

E22:  
 SECTION 1 OF 2  
 CITE [Redacted]  
 SERIA [Redacted]  
 PASS: [Redacted]

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

[Redacted]

REPORT CLASS ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
 DIST: 16 JUNE 1987  
 COUNTRY: VIETNAM  
 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PHU  
 SON-4 REEDUCATION CAMP IN BAC THAI PROVINCE, NORTHERN  
 VIETNAM

[Redacted]

982008-1326

0015

DOI: 16 JULY 1978 - MARCH 1979  
 SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. FROM 16 JULY 1978 TO MARCH 1979 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE PHU SON-4 REEDUCATION CAMP IN BAC THAI PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS (KMS) EAST OF THAI NGUYEN CITY, BAC THAI, AND ABOUT 80 KMS NORTH OF HANOI. THE PHU SON-4 CAMP WAS BUILT PRIOR TO 1975 TO DETAIN NORTH VIETNAMESE CRIMINALS. THIS CAMP USED LETTER-BOX-NUMBER 60AT063/04 BAC THAI AS A MAILING ADDRESS.

2. THE PHU SON-4 CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). BNV LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANG ((HUU)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER. APPROXIMATELY 250 TO 300 BNV OFFICERS AND MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO THIS CAMP.

3. PHU SON-4 WAS COMPOSED OF SUBCAMPS A AND C. THERE WAS A "PHU LUONG" SUBCAMP FOR DETENTION OF WOMEN PRISONERS. SUBCAMP A, THE MAIN SUBCAMP AT PHU SON-4, WAS SOLIDLY BUILT WITH HEAVY DUTY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. WALLS AROUND SUBCAMP A WERE MADE OF BRICK AND BARBED WIRE FENCING. SUBCAMP A CONSISTED OF ZONES ONE AND TWO. ZONE ONE DETAINED APPROXIMATELY 800 PRISONERS. AMONG THEM WERE FORMER GOVERNMENT OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (GVN) SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SOUTHERN POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS AND PRIESTS. ZONE ONE HAD EIGHT LONG HOUSES, ONE OF WHICH WAS USED FOR SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CASES. ZONE TWO IMPRISONED FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (ARVN) AND POLICE OFFICERS UP TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. THERE WERE ABOUT 700 TO 800 OFFICERS AT ZONE TWO.  COMMENT: ZONES ONE AND TWO WERE COLOCATED WITHIN THE SAME FENCED-IN COMPOUND. EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL BARRIER BETWEEN ZONES ONE AND TWO, PRISONERS FROM ONE ZONE NEVER CONTACTED INMATES AT THE OTHER BECAUSE OF STRICT COMPARTMENTATION.)

4. SUBCAMP C WAS ABOUT TWO KMS NORTHWEST OF SUBCAMP A. SUBCAMP C, BUILT INITIALLY AS A TEMPORARY DETENTION FACILITY, WAS CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO WITH THATCHED ROOFS AND MUD WALLS. IN EARLY 1979 INMATES BEGAN TO REBUILD SUBCAMP C BUILDINGS WITH BRICK, TILE AND BARBED WIRE FENCING. SUBCAMP C CONSISTED OF FIVE LONG HOUSES. 450 TO 500 PRISONERS WERE DETAINED AT SUBCAMP C.  COMMENT: SUBCAMP C DETAINED SERIOUSLY ILL AND WEAK INMATES SENT THERE FROM SUBCAMP A. PRISONERS AT THIS SUBCAMP WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE VISITORS NOR WERE THEY EXPOSED TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS DURING INSPECTION TRIPS BECAUSE OF THE PRISONERS' POOR HEALTH. LABOR DETAILS AT SUBCAMP C WERE MORE ARDUOUS THAN AT SUBCAMP A. NONETHELESS, PRISONERS AT SUBCAMP C SEEMED TO HAVE HIGHER MORALE THAN THOSE AT SUBCAMP A.)

5. THE PRISONERS POPULATION AT PHU SON-4 SEEMED TO FLUCTUATE BETWEEN 2000 AND 2300 INMATES, INCLUDING CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. THERE WERE 1200 TO 1500 ARVN AND POLICE PRISONERS, AND AN ESTIMATED 800 GVN CIVIL SERVANTS AND POLITICIANS. IN MARCH 1979 THE BNV MOVED ALL ITS POLITICAL PRISONERS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, TO REEDUCATION CAMPS IN HA NAM, NGHE TINH OUE TO CHINESE

982008-1327

0016

MILITARY PRESSURE

6. AMONG THE MORE PROMINENT PRISONERS AT PHU SON-4 WERE REPRESENTATIVE DUONG VAN ((THUY)), A FORMER ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND STAFF MEMBER AT DA LAT MILITARY ACADEMY; BU CONG ((HUE)), A DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL STAFF; ARVN COLONEL SON ((THUONG)), A DIRECTORATE CHIEF IN 4TH CORPS; AND FATHER KHONG NANG ((BAO)) OF THE NHA TRANG DIOCESE!

#2059  
NNNN  
NNDD



982008-1328

0017