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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LOCATION OF TWO POW CAMPS IN VIETNAM

1. THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WAS
RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] IT IS SOURCED TO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WANTED TO EXCHANGE THE POW'S FOR RESETTLEMENT
IN THE U.S. IN 1986 he SENT A MESSAGE VIA APPARENTLY ANOTHER
REFUGEE SAYING THAT THE POW'S WERE AT THE SAME LOCATIONS AND
THAT HE WAS STILL IN CHARGE OF THEM. BECAUSE OF THE INDIRECT
SOURCING AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FABRICATION, THIS INFORMATION
WILL NOT BE DISSEMINATED FORMALLY BUT IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR
INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1987 A
[REDACTED]
REPORTED THAT TWO CAMPS IN THE SRV NGHE TINH PROVINCE CONTAINED
U.S. POW'S AS OF 1986. THE SECURITY FOR THE CAMPS WAS PROVIDED
BY A 170-MAN PAVN UNIT FROM VINH, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, SRV. THE
HEAD OF THE SECURITY UNIT WAS PAVN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
WILLING TO ASSIST IN THE RESCUE OF THE POW'S. [REDACTED]
COMMENT: THE NUMERICAL DESIGNATOR OF THE PAVN UNIT WAS NOT
GIVEN.)

3. THE FIRST POW CAMP WAS LOCATED IN SADOI, NGHE TINH
PROVINCE, AND CONTAINED 35 AMERICAN POW'S. THE CAMP WAS
ACTUALLY A CAVE NOT FAR FROM A DISUSED CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE
SECOND CAMP CONTAINED 15 AMERICAN POW'S AND WAS LOCATED IN BINH
HOEI, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, ALSO IN A CAVE, WHICH HAD BEEN USED
TO HOLD FRENCH POW'S CIRCA 1954. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COULD PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHS AND NAMES OF THE PRISONERS. THE
REFUGEE WAS GIVEN A CAMERA AND 10,000 BAHT IN EXPENSES FOR A
TRIP OVERLAND ACROSS LAOS TO THE SRV IN ORDER TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OBTAIN PROOF OF THE POW'S EXISTENCE. THE TRIP WAS TO TAKE
FROM THREE TO FOUR MONTHS. [REDACTED] ONE U.S. DOLLAR
EQUALS ABOUT 26 BAHT.) BINH HOEI IS LOCATED CLOSE TO ROUTE 7
ABOUT 350 (SIC) KILOMETERS FROM NONG HET, XIENG KHOIANG
PROVINCE, LAOS. SADOI IS ALSO CLOSE TO ROUTE 7 ABOUT 80
KILOMETERS FROM BINH HOEI AND ACROSS THE BORDER FROM NAPE
(WFO823), BOLIKHANSAI OR KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS. BOTH CAMPS
ARE ABOUT A DAY'S WALK FROM THE LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER.)

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