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REPORT CLASS C O N F I D E N T I A L - [REDACTED]
DIST: 16 APRIL 1987
COUNTRY: VIETNAM
SUBJ: POW/MIA: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION
OF THE HA TAY REEDUCATION IN HA SON BINH PROVINCE,
NORTHERN VIETNAM
DOI: SEPTEMBER 1978 - 1 NOVEMBER 1982
SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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TEXT: 1. FROM SEPTEMBER 1978 TO 1 NOVEMBER 1982 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE HA TAY REEDUCATION IN HA SON BINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE HA TAY CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 23 KILOMETERS (KMS) NORTHWEST OF HANOI IN THANH DAI DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE.

2. THE HA TAY REEDUCATION CAMP IS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). BNV MAJOR NGUYEN VAN ((DUY)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER UNTIL EARLY 1982 WHEN HE WAS BITTEN BY A RABID DOG AND DIED. BNV LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN VAN ((MO)) REPLACED DUY. TWO BNV SENIOR CAPTAINS [REDACTED] WERE THE CAMP DEPUTIES. THE THOUGHT REFORM BRANCH (KHOI QUAN GIAO) WAS HEADED BY BNV SENIOR LIEUTENANT (SR LT) ((BON)); THE SECURITY BRANCH - SR LT ((TU)); THE REAR SERVICES SECTION - 2ND LT ((DO)); THE CAMP DUTY SECTION (BAN TRUC TRAI) - BNV WARRANT OFFICER ((TU)) AND SERGEANT ((BAO)); THE VISITATION-SUPPORT SECTION - SR LT ((PHAN)), AND CHIEF OF THE LITERATURE AND ARTS SECTION (BAN VAN NGHE) WAS UNKNOWN.

3. THE STAFF AT THIS CAMP INCLUDED ABOUT 200 BNV OFFICERS AND MEN. THE CAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH TELEPHONES AND PROBABLY HAD A RADIO TRANSMITTER SINCE A SYSTEM OF ANTENNAS WAS LOCATED ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN THE CADRE HOUSING AREA. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATORS COULD BE HEARD CALLING IN TO HANOI DAILY REPORTS ON THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS AND FOOD AND CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. THERE WAS ALSO SOME UNIDENTIFIED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE AFOREMENTIONED CADRE HOUSING AREA BUILDING. TWO CADRE, A BNV MAJOR AND LT. COLONEL WERE OBSERVED AT THE CAMP ABOUT TWO OR THREE TIMES WEEKLY, TO OPERATE THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT. A FIELD GENERATOR NEXT TO THAT BUILDING WAS IN FREQUENT USE. THE ABOVE BUILDING WAS OFF LIMITS. ANYONE OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED BNV STAFF FACED DISCIPLINARY ACTION IF CAUGHT NEAR THAT BUILDING.

4. THE HA TAY REEDUCATION CAMP PRISON POPULATION AVERAGED ABOUT 1,000 INMATES. WHENEVER A GROUP OF PRISONERS WAS RELEASED OR SENT SOUTH, ANOTHER GROUP WAS SENT TO THE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS ORGANIZED INTO ZONES A, B AND F. ZONE A DETAINED ABOUT 850 PRISONERS FROM THE RANKS OF ENLISTED MEN TO FULL COLONELS. THERE WAS A GROUP OF ABOUT 80 PRIESTS TRANSFERRED TO HA TAY AROUND SEPTEMBER 1982. VERY LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT THIS GROUP SINCE THEY WERE HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY AREA (ROOM SEVEN) OF ZONE A. ZONE B HELD ABOUT 200 NORTH VIETNAMESE CRIMINALS, INCLUDING PAVN DESERTERS, THIEVES AND PERSONS ARRESTED FOR CORRUPTION. ZONE F, A MAXIMUM SECURITY AREA, DETAINED FORMER ARVN GENERAL AND FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AND SENIOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS AS WELL AS SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF ABOUT 30 HIGH RANKING OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS IN ZONE F.

5. THE FULL COLONELS IN ZONE A WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS; LABORERS AND STUDY GROUP MEMBERS. THE LATTER GROUP WAS REQUIRED TO SIT AND DISCUSS BATTLEFIELD EXPERIENCES AMONG ARVN INFANTRY, ARMOR, HELICOPTER AIR SUPPORT, AND NAVAL AND AIR FORCE ARTILLERY UNITS. ALL OF THEIR INFORMATION WAS CAREFULLY RECORDED ON PAPER. BNV REPRESENTATIVES FROM HANOI CAME BY REGULARLY TO PICK IT UP. THERE

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WERE ALSO TRANSLATION CELLS WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO TRANSLATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS INTO VIETNAMESE.

6. THERE WAS ONE CATHOLIC PRIEST AT HA TAY WHO HAD BEEN IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, AS OF NOVEMBER 1982. THE PRIEST HAD BEEN IMPRISONED FOR WRITING DEROGATORY EDITORIALS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST STYLE OF CATHOLICISM. THE PRISON AUTHORITIES TOLD THE PRIEST HE MERELY HAD TO RETRACT HIS EARLIER EDITORIALS TO GAIN HIS FREEDOM. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: THE AFOREMENTIONED PRIEST WAS STILL BELIEVED TO BE IN PRISON AS OF NOVEMBER 1986.) (b)(1)

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE BNV INSTALLED 20 METER-HIGH CEMENT PILLARS AT FIFTY METER INTERVALS AROUND THE CAMP PERIMETER. THE PILLARS WERE SECURED IN TWO-METER-DEEP HOLES WITH CONCRETE. EACH PILLAR REQUIRED

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WARNING: INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE.
FIVE BAGS OF CEMENT. ACCORDING TO BNV GUARDS AT HA TAY, THESE
PILLARS WERE INSTALLED TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE HELICOPTER RESCUE
ATTEMPTS BY HOSTILE FORCES.)

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