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DIST: 28 MAY 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CAM LY
 AIRPORT REEDUCATION CAMP IN LAM DONG PROVINCE,
 SOUTHERN VIETNAM; TRAINING OF PAVN PILOTS; FULRO
 RESISTANCE

DOI: OCTOBER - 23 DECEMBER 1975

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TEXT: 1. FROM OCTOBER TO 23 DECEMBER 1975 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE CAM LY AIRPORT REEDUCATION CAMP IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE MARKETPLACE IN DA LAT CITY.

2. THE CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE DA LAT CITY MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) SENIOR CAPTAIN PHAM VAN ((TUOC)). THE CAMP DEPUTIES, [REDACTED] WERE TWO PAVN JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS. THE CAMP STAFF CONSISTED OF COMMAND, TECHNICAL, POLITICAL, FINANCE, GUARD AND MEDICAL SECTIONS.

3. THERE WERE 14 INMATES AT THIS CAMP. THEY WERE DETAINED IN ADJOINING ROOMS OF ONE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE RUNWAY. THE INMATES INCLUDED FOUR JUNIOR GRADE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICER-PILOTS. THREE OF THEM WERE U1H HELICOPTER PILOTS AND THE OTHER WAS A CESSNA PILOT. THERE WERE 10 NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AT THE CAMP. THEY INCLUDED MASTER SERGEANT ((MINH)), A CESSNA ENGINE MECHANIC; SFC ((LIEN)), A RADIO COMMUNICATOR; CORPORAL ((SI)), AN ELECTRICIAN; MASTER SERGEANT ((LOC)), A FLIGHT GUNNER; SERGEANT ((CHANH)), A HELICOPTER PROPELLER MECHANIC; SFC ((VINH)), A FLIGHT CREW ATTENDANT; AND FOUR OTHERS. ALL OF THESE PERSONNEL HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CAM LY FROM TRA NOC AIRPORT IN CAN THO. THEIR FUNCTION WAS TO TRAIN THE PAVN HOW

TO FLY U1H HELICOPTERS AND SIX-PASSENGER CESSNA AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NO AIRCRAFT WERE LEFT AT THIS AIRPORT IN APRIL 1975 SO THE PAVN AIR BRANCH AT TRA NOC TRANSFERRED FIVE U1H HELICOPTERS AND ONE CESSNA TO CAM LY AIRPORT. THE CESSNA AIRCRAFT WAS USED FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND THE HELICOPTERS WERE USED TO HAUL RICE FROM DA LAT TO PAVN FORCES IN THE DAM RONG AREA TO THE WEST. THE LATTER PAVN FORCES WERE ENGAGED IN BATTLE TO ANNIHILATE FULRO FORCES IN THE AREA. THE HELICOPTERS ALSO TRANSPORTED CAPTURED FULRO PRISONERS TO CAM LY AND ONWARD TO UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS. THERE WERE NO SOVIET ADVISORS AT THE TRA NOC OR CAM LY AIRPORTS. THERE WAS A SAPPER TRAINING SCHOOL LOCATED AT ONE END OF THE AIRPORT. IN OCTOBER 1975 AN AMMUNITION DUMP ADJACENT TO CAM LY AIRPORT ERUPTED IN A VIOLENT EXPLOSION. PAVN GUARDS AT THE AIRPORT SAID THAT FULRO RESISTANCE FORCES CAUSED THE EXPLOSION. THE ARVN NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AT THIS CAMP WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTRUCTING NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE HELICOPTERS, CESSNA AND AIRPORT TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AT HAND. THIS TASK WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1975 AND THE TECHNICAL SERGEANTS WERE SENT HOME.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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