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TO: DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA/ATTN MR BOB SHEETZ/.

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PRISONERS OF WAR IN HANOI

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED ON 6 AUGUST 1991

THIS REPORT WAS
PASSED TO [] AND IS NOW BEING SENT FOR YOUR INTEREST.

2. AN [] EMPLOYEE IN MID-AUGUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A
LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE REGARDING ALLEGED U.S. POW'S CURRENTLY BEING
HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM. DETAILS ON THE POW/MIA INFORMATION []
[] THE [] EMPLOYEE
WAS INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR [] TO MEET DIRECTLY
WITH ONE OF THE [] OFFICERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ON 16 AUGUST THE [] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL []
[] EMPLOYEE DID NOT KNOW FROM WHERE [] WAS
CALLING, BUT BELIEVED IT WAS EITHER UBON OR FROM LAOS. DURING THE
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE [] EMPLOYEE, [] SAID THAT HE

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WAS IN TOUCH WITH A "GENERAL" IN THE LAO ARMED FORCES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GENERAL VISITED NORTH VIETNAM OFTEN (AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH) TO WORK WITH "SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS." DURING THESE VISITS THE GENERAL HAD LEARNED THAT CIRCA 600 U.S. POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN CAVES IN NORTH VIETNAM. THEY WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING USED FOR SLAVE LABOR. SOME OF THE POW'S WERE ALLEGEDLY WORKING FOR THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN A "FACTORY" RUN BY THE SOVIETS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE GENERAL CLAIMED TO HAVE TALKED TO THE POW'S AND SAID HE COULD PROVIDE PHOTOS OF THEM.

[REDACTED] THE POW'S WOULD NOT PROVIDE THEIR TRUE NAMES TO THE GENERAL. [REDACTED] THEY DEMANDED THAT THE GENERAL OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE PROVIDE THEM WITH A "YELLOW U.S. POW FORM" (SIC) TO PROVE THEIR BONA FIDES BEFORE THE POW'S WOULD GIVE ANY NAMES. THE GENERAL CLAIMED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE CONSIDERING KILLING ALL THE POW'S. [REDACTED] THE GENERAL WOULD HELP THE U.S. OBTAIN INFORMATION ON AND RECOVER THE POW'S BUT THAT HE WAS DEMANDING THAT A "FEWARD" BE PAID TO HIM IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS HELP.

[REDACTED] IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT MEET HIS CONDITIONS, HE [REDACTED] WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH PRIVATE POW/MIA GROUPS IN THE U.S. IN ORDER TO TRY TO OBTAIN A REWARD.

5. [REDACTED] HE WOULD CALL [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE BACK WITHIN A FEW DAYS TO SEE IF [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT SOMEONE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY WHO WAS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER. THE [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO ASK [REDACTED] TO AGREE TO MEET WITH A U.S. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKS ON THE POW/MIA PROBLEM [REDACTED] IF [REDACTED] AGREED TO THIS [REDACTED] WOULD ARRANGE FOR ONE OF THE [REDACTED] OFFICERS TO MEET DIRECTLY [REDACTED]

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