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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CENTRAL SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. ACCORDING TO A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAW  
TWO CAUCASIAN PRISONERS AT A REEDUCATION CAMP IN NGHE TINH  
PROVINCE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE SRV IN APRIL 1980. THE  
SIGHTING OCCURRED DURING [REDACTED]

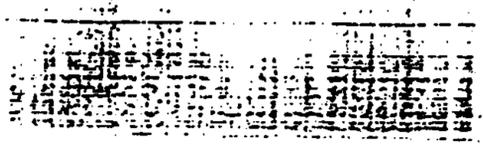
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS CAPTURED IN 1972 AND AS OF APRIL 1980 WAS HELD  
IN A REEDUCATION CAMP DESIGNATED "K-3, HT. 113NT," ABOUT 40  
KILOMETERS WEST OF VINH. THIS CAMP WAS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS  
EAST OF CUA CITY (UNLOCATED), AND THE CAMP ENTRANCE WAS ABOUT  
ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE ROAD FROM VINH TO CUA CITY. WHILE  
[REDACTED] WERE WALKING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO  
THE CAMP, TWO CAUCASIANS WERE SEEN DRESSED IN PEASANT CLOTHING,  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE GUARD AND WALKING WITH  
SEVERAL OXEN AND AN OXCART. BOTH APPEARED TO BE UNDER 40 YEARS  
OLD. ONE HAD BLOND HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY OVER SIX FEET AND HAD A  
HEAVIER THAN NORMAL BUILD. THE OTHER HAD BROWN HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY  
UNDER SIX FEET, AND HAD A THINNER BUILD. BOTH WERE CLEAN SHAVEN.

*see sketch*

2. SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGHTING, [REDACTED] ASKED A  
DETAINEE, A FORMER (SOUTH) VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE F-5 PILOT NAMED  
[REDACTED] ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE CAUCASIANS. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED  
ONLY THAT THEY WERE AMERICANS. THE REFUGEE OBTAINED NO FURTHER  
CONFIRMATION OF THE NATIONALITIES OF THE TWO CAUCASIANS OR OF  
THEIR BEING HELD AS PRISONERS IN THE CAMP. [REDACTED] ASKED NO  
FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM NOR DID HE SEE THEM AGAIN DURING  
THE THREE DAYS HE SPENT AT THE CAMP. THE K-3 SECTION OF THE CAMP  
HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL  
CAPTURED BEFORE 1975.

3. PERMISSION TO MAKE THE VISIT TO THE CAMP WAS OBTAINED  
FROM THE REEDUCATION SECTION OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY PUBLIC  
SECURITY OFFICE, WHICH MAINTAINED A ROSTER OF ALL FORMER SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DETAINED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS.  
[REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED TO A 12-MAN SQUAD WHOSE DUTY WAS TO  
GATHER FIREWOOD IN MOUNTAINS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE SRV-LAOS BORDER,  
WHICH WAS A THREE DAYS' WALK AWAY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ESCAPE  
THROUGH LAOS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT FOOD AND A COMPASS.

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