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DIST: 30 OCTOBER 1986

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT THE THOM REEDUCATION CAMP IN  
 BEN TRE PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM; DISBANDMENT OF THE  
 THOM CAMP

DOI: 15 MAY 1975 - 28 FEBRUARY 1977

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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TEXT: 1. FROM 15 MAY 1975 THROUGH 28 FEBRUARY 1977 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE THOM REEDUCATION CAMP IN BEN TRE PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED 150 METERS FROM THE HOI MARKET IN THOM VILLAGE, AND ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS WEST OF MO CAY DISTRICT TOWN AND 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF TRUC GIANG CITY, BEN TRE PROVINCE.

2. AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977 THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) DISBANDED THE THOM REEDUCATION CAMP AND TURNED THE CAMP SITE OVER TO THE BEN TRE PROVINCE UNIT TO SERVE AS BASE FOR THAT UNIT. THE THOM CAMP WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE COMMAND OF PAVN SENIOR CAPTAIN NGUYEN VAN ((THIEP)), AKA HAI THEP. AN ESTIMATED 140 PAVN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WERE ASSIGNED TO THIS REEDUCATION FACILITY.

3. THE THOM CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO EAST AND WEST ZONES. THE EAST ZONE WAS THE BILLETING AND ADMINISTRATION AREA OF THE PAVN CAMP STAFF. THE WEST ZONE WAS THE HOUSING, REEDUCATION TRAINING AND WORK AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 600 FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS. THE WEST ZONE WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE PRISONER GROUPS, TWO GROUPS FOR ARVN 2ND LIEUTENANTS (LTS) AND ONE GROUP FOR FORMER ARVN 1ST LTS. THERE WERE FOUR FORMER ARVN FEMALE JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS DETAINED AT THIS CAMP. THERE WERE NO OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, NOR WERE THERE ANY CIVILIANS AT THIS FACILITY.

4. THE THOM CAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH PRC-25 TRANSMITTERS, CONNECTED TO AN UMBRELLA ANTENNA, AND FIELD TELEPHONES FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AT THE CAMP. ABOUT 150 ARVN OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE CHI LANG REEDUCATION CAMP WHEN THIS FACILITY WAS CLOSED DOWN AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977. ALL OTHER PRISONERS WERE SENT HOME.

ACQ: (SEPTEMBER 1986)

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