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SUBJECT: DLO

REPORTING ON PGW/MIA MATTERS

REFERENCE: NONE

1. DLO HAS REQUESTED THE FORWARDING OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (PAVN) MAJOR TRAN CHINH HUA TO MR. CHARLES TROWBRIDGE, A DI-7C OFFICER CONCERNED WITH POW/MIA MATTERS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED BY DLO TO CONTACT MR. CHARLES TROWBRIDGE CONCERNING A REPORT ON POW/MIA MATTERS FROM A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE NAMED , WHICH WAS FORWARDED VIA SECRET NUMBER 430 DTG 270514Z FEB 80. REQUEST YOUR OFFICE PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE OUR RECORDS ON WHO IS OF INTEREST TO THIS AGENCY.

2. FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC DATA IS AVAILABLE ON

DPUB 1928, VINH CITY, NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, HOA ATTENDED FRENCH AND CHINESE SCHOOLS IN VINH CITY BEFORE SERVING AS A SCHOOL TEACHER WITH THE VIET MINH FROM 1947 TO 1948. IN 1949, HOA BEGAN WORKING WITH THE CHINESE PROSELYTIZING SECTION OF THE INDO-CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY (ICP); HE BECAME AN ICP MEMBER ON 28 FEBRUARY 1949. AFTER SERVING AS A CHINESE INTERPRETER FOR THIS SECTION ALONG

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THE CHINESE BORDER AND DURING VISITS TO BEIJING, HOA WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PAVN GENERAL REAR SERVICE (LOGISTICS) DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE WORKED AS A CHINESE INTERPRETER WITH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) ADVISORS ASSIGNED TO THE PAVN REAR SERVICES. HOA PERFORMED THESE FUNCTIONS FROM 1950 TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRENCH INDOCHINA WAR IN JULY 1954. AFTER THE JULY 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS ON INDOCHINA, HE PERFORMED SIMILAR FUNCTIONS THROUGH 1965, VISITING THE PRC MANY TIMES DURING THIS PERIOD. IN 1962, HE BECAME THE CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION (BAN DOI NGOAI) OF THE PAVN GENERAL REAR SERVICE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS SENT TO THE USSR FOR ONE YEAR OF UNSPECIFIED TRAINING. IN MARCH 1966, HE BECAME THE COMMANDER OF GENERAL WAREHOUSE/DEPOT 205, WHICH WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT OF THE PAVN GENERAL REAR SERVICE DEPARTMENT. IN 1970, HOA WAS GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT FACTORY X-22. WHEN CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED, HE BECAME THE CONCURRENT COMMANDER OF QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT GENERAL DEPOT 205 AND FACTORY X-22. HE SERVED IN THESE POSITIONS UNTIL APRIL 1978, WHEN HE CLAIMS THAT HE REQUESTED DISCHARGE FROM PAVN SERVICE AND PERMISSION TO RESETTLE IN THE PRC. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY PLACED UNDER INVESTIGATION AND CONFINED TO HIS QUARTERS, EXCEPT FOR WEEKLY VISITS TO HIS OFFICES TO CHECK IN. IN MARCH 1979, HE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS MILITARY RANK AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE PAVN. HE FLED VIETNAM BY BOAT ON 30 APRIL 1979 AND REACHED HONG KONG, WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY IN A REFUGEE CAMP.

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