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SUBJECT PRELIMINARY DEBRIEFING SITE FOR CAPTURED U.S.

PILOTS IN VINH PHU PROVINCE AND [REDACTED] OF SOVIET

AND COMMUNIST CHINESE PERSONNEL AT THE SITE

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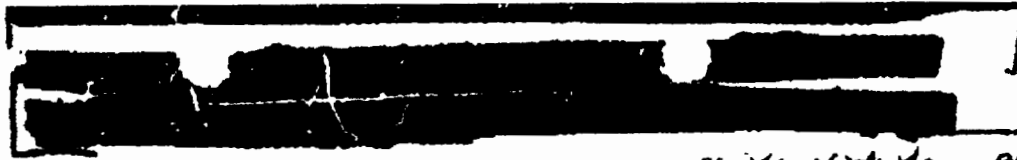
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1. A PRELIMINARY DEBRIEFING POINT FOR U.S. PILOTS SHOT DOWN OVER VINH PHU PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM /NVN/, WAS LOCATED AT THE LAN THAO SUPERPHOSPHATE PLANT /VJ381989/ NEAR THACH SON VILLAGE, LAN THAO DISTRICT, VINH PHU PROVINCE. TWO U.S. PILOTS WERE TAKEN TO THE DEBRIEFING POINT ON ONE OCCASION IN 1962; EIGHT, IN 1966; AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER, IN 1967. THE PRISONERS WERE ESCORTED TO THE SITE BY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES /APSF/, AND STUDENTS FROM A NEARBY SCHOOL SERVED AS PERIMETER GUARDS. EACH TIME PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT TO THE SITE THEY RODE IN AN OPEN CAR OF CHINESE ORIGIN RESEMBLING AN AMERICAN JEEP. SOME OF THE ESCORT GUARDS RODE IN A LEAD CAR AND OTHERS RODE IN TWO CARS FOLLOWING THE PRISONERS. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE PLANT, THE GUARDS LINED UP, FORMING A CORRIDOR THROUGH WHICH THE PILOTS ENTERED THE BUILDING. AT THIS POINT A SOVIET, A CHINESE AND A VIETNAMESE GREETED THE PILOTS AND LED THEM INTO THE BUILDING. THE PILOTS USUALLY REMAINED IN THE BUILDING FOR SEVERAL HOURS. WHEN THEY EMERGED THEY HAD CHANGED FROM UNIFORMS INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHING.

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HAD TOLD HIM THE FOREIGNERS WERE SOVIET AND COMMUNIST CHINESE. SOVIET PERSONNEL HAD BEEN STATIONED AT THE PLANT SINCE ITS CONSTRUCTION IN 1963, BUT IN 1963 THE NUMBER OF SOVIETS WAS REDUCED TO THREE OR FOUR, AND IT REMAINED AT THAT LEVEL AS OF JUNE 1967. ABOUT 20 COMMUNIST CHINESE PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT THE PLANT IN 1966 AND THERE WERE STILL ABOUT 20 THERE AS OF JUNE 1967 AS FAR AS [REDACTED] KNEV, THE SOVIET AND COMMUNIST CHINESE PERSONNEL GOT ALONG WELL.

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