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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI 24 JULY - 13 AUGUST 1974
SUBJECT ACTIVITIES OF TWO AMERICANS WITH VC UNITS
IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE
ACQ VIETNAM, DANANG (18 AUGUST 1974)

SOURCE

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VARIOUS INHABITANTS OF THE AREA HAVE REPORTED THAT TWO AMERICANS, ONE WHITE AND THE OTHER BLACK, ARRIVED IN HA KHU HAMLET, TU THANH VILLAGE, TU NGHIA DISTRICT, ON 24 JULY

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1974. THEY WERE ESCORTED BY AN ELEMENT OF THE VIET CONG (VC) 93RD LOCAL FORCE COMPANY OF SON TINH DISTRICT AND WERE TURNED OVER TO THE C-17 AND C-18 VC LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES OF TU NGHIA DISTRICT. DURING THE PERIOD 25 JULY TO 9 AUGUST, THEY TRAVELED ABOUT THE AREA OF TU HIEN, TU NGUYEN, AND TU THANH VILLAGES IN EASTERN TU NGHIA DISTRICT, ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY A SQUAD OF THE VC LOCAL FORCES. THE AMERICANS WERE VERY THIN AND LOOKED AS IF THEY HAD BEEN SICK. THEY WERE USED FOR PROPAGANDA AMONG THE VILLAGERS AND WERE DESCRIBED AS FORMER AGGRESSORS WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND NOW WANTED TO WORK FOR THE VC "TO ATONE FOR THEIR EVIL DEEDS." [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE THREE VILLAGES ARE LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TU NGHIA DISTRICT ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS EAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION FOR QUANG NGAI PROVINCE DOES NOT CARRY ANY DISTRICT UNITS WITH THE DESIGNATIONS C-17 AND C-18. THESE DESIGNATIONS WERE PROVIDED BY INFORMANTS OF THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] VILLAGE.) ON 29 JULY THE AMERICANS WERE SEEN EATING RICE CAKES IN A FOOD SHOP IN TU THANH VILLAGE, AND ON 8 AUGUST THEY WERE SEEN WASHING SPINACH GREENS IN A POND NEAR HUNG

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NHON HAMLET, TU NGUYEN VILLAGE.

2. ON 17 AUGUST, (FNU) M Y, THE COMMANDER OF THE 237TH POPULAR FORCE (PF) PLATOON, SAID THAT TWO AMERICANS ONE WHITE AND THE OTHER BLACK, LED ELEMENTS OF THE VC C-17 COMPANY IN AN ATTACK ON THE OUTPOST OF THE 237TH PLATOON ON THE NIGHT OF 11 AUGUST. (FNU) C U, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE 237TH PF PLATOON, SAID THAT AT 2230 HOURS HE HAD HEARD PEOPLE APPROACHING THE OUTPOST AND HAD FIRED AN ILLUMINATION FLARE AND THEN SAW THE TWO AMERICANS WITH THE VC TROOPS. THE WHITE AMERICAN WAS ABOUT SIX FEET THREE INCHES TALL, DRESSED IN KHAKI SHORTS AND A SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT, AND WAS CARRYING A "COMMAND STICK." THE BLACK AMERICAN WAS ABOUT 20 METERS TO THE REAR. DURING THE ENSUING EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE, WHICH LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES, THE WHITE AMERICAN SHOUTED ORDERS IN FLUENT VIETNAMESE WITH A NORTHERN ACCENT. THE WHITE AMERICAN WAS CALLED "ONG NAM" (MR. SOUTH) AND THE BLACK AMERICAN WAS CALLED "ONG BAC" (MR. NORTH) BY THE VC TROOPS. THE WHITE AND THE BLACK AMERICANS SPOKE TO EACH OTHER IN ENGLISH, ACCORDING TO PLATOON COMMANDER MY WHO CAN SPEAK SOME ENGLISH. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS MINOR ENGAGEMENT WAS NOT

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REPORTED TO SECTOR S-2 FOR QUANG NGAI PROVINCE; HOWEVER, THIS IS THE USUAL PROCEDURE WHEN THERE ARE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE AND WHEN CREW-SERVED WEAPONS OR MORTARS ARE NOT INVOLVED.)

3. A (FNU) V O N G OF TU HIEN VILLAGE REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH IN TU HIEN VILLAGE THAT ON 13 AUGUST HIS MOTHER HAD RECEIVED MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM A WHITE AMERICAN AND A BLACK AMERICAN WHEN SHE HAD STEPPED ON A MINE NEAR HER RICE FIELD NEAR HUNG NHON HAMLET, TU NGUYEN VILLAGE. THE TWO AMERICANS SPOKE VIETNAMESE.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) WAS UNABLE TO CORRELATE THIS REPORT WITH ANY INCIDENT OR INDIVIDUALS ON ITS RECORDS.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).

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