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DIST: 01 MAY 1987
 COUNTRY: VIETNAM [REDACTED]
 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTIONS OF
 REEDUCATION CAMPS SIX AND THREE IN NGHE TINH
 PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM; INCARCERATION OF
 FULRO MEMBERS, [REDACTED]
 DOI: 1960'S - MARCH 1983

TEXT: 1. FROM JULY 1978 TO AUGUST 1982 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT
 REEDUCATION CAMP-6 IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
 VIETNAM (SRV). CAMP-6 WAS LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) EAST OF
 THANH CHUONG DISTRICT TOWN NEAR THANH MY VILLAGE, THANH CHUONG
 DISTRICT, NGHE TINH. THIS CAMP WAS BUILT SOMETIME BEFORE 1975.
 2. CAMP-6 WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV)
 PRIOR TO 1982, BUT AFTER 1982 WAS TURNED OVER TO THE NGHE TINH
 PROVINCE PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE. IN 1982 THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS
 MAJOR (LNU) ((THUONG)). FOUR OFFICERS FROM THE RANKS OF SENIOR
 LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN WERE IN CHARGE OF THE FOUR CAMP-6 SUBCAMPS.
 THE SUBCAMPS WERE LOCATED FROM 500 METERS TO FIVE KMS APART. A STAFF
 OF ABOUT 150 OFFICERS AND MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO CAMP-6.
 3. THERE WERE ABOUT 1250 PRISONERS AT SUBCAMP-1 OF CAMP-6.
 AMONG THEM WERE ABOUT 125 ARVN OF THE REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM
 (ARVN) LIEUTENANT COLONELS; 250 ARVN MAJORS; ABOUT 650 CAPTAINS; 100
 1ST LIEUTENANTS; 50 2ND LIEUTENANTS AND ABOUT 50 ARVN NONCOMMISSIONED
 OFFICERS AND LOW RANKING CIVILIANS.
 4. AFTER AUGUST 1982 CAMP-6 NO LONGER IMPRISONED INMATES FROM
 THE SOUTH. BY AUGUST 1982 THE LAST OF THREE GROUPS OF SOUTHERN
 PRISONERS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO REEDUCATION CAMPS IN THE NORTH OR
 TO HAM TAN REEDUCATION CAMP IN THUAN HAI PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM.
 THEREAFTER CAMP-6 HELD ONLY NORTH VIETNAMESE CRIMINALS. AT THAT TIME
 CAMP-6 HELD ABOUT 1500 NORTHERN CRIMINALS IN SUBCAMPS TWO THROUGH

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5. FROM AUGUST 1982 TO 3 MARCH 1983 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-3 IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE. CAMP-3 WAS LOCATED ABOUT 15 KMS WEST OF TAN KY DISTRICT TOWN IN NGHE TINH. THE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED BEFORE 1975.

6. CAMP-6 WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE BNV. BNV LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LNU) ((TUAT)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER. A STAFF OF ABOUT 150 MALE AND FEMALE BNV PERSONNEL WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CAMP.

7. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 400 PRISONERS AT CAMP-3. AMONG THEM WERE ABOUT 200 ETHNIC TRIBESMEN FROM PLEIKU (NOW GIA LAI-KON TUM) AND DARLAC (NOW DAC LAC) PROVINCES. MOST OF THEM WERE MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-SRV FULRO RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION. SOME WERE FROM THE JARAI TRIBE AND THE DARLAC PROVINCE COUNCIL. THERE WAS A MONTAGNARD PROTESTANT MINISTER NAMED "EDE." THESE TRIBESMEN WERE ORGANIZED INTO UNITS OF 40 MEMBERS EACH. SOME OF THEM WERE MIXED IN WITH ARVN UNITS. THERE WERE ABOUT 60 ARVN RANGERS FROM THE RANKS OF CORPORAL TO CAPTAIN WHO HAD BEEN AIRDROPPED INTO THE NORTH SINCE 1956. THE RANGERS WERE DIVIDED INTO FIVE CELLS OF 12 TO 15 MEMBERS EACH. THERE WERE ABOUT 15 TAIWAN ARMY OFFICERS FROM THE RANKS OF 1ST LIEUTENANT TO MAJOR. THOSE OFFICERS HAD BEEN AIR DROPPED INTO NORTH VIETNAM AND WERE SUPPOSED TO INFILTRATE CHINA.

COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF PERIOD IN THE 1960'S, HUE AND THE AREA AROUND IT WERE UNDER SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONTROL.)

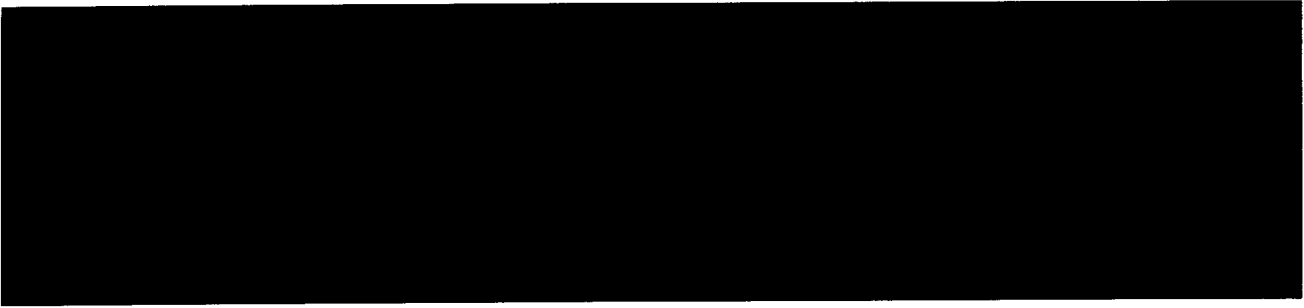
HE SERVES AS HERB DOCTOR AT THE CAMP. THERE ARE ABOUT 15 HMONG (MEO) TRIBESMEN FROM LAOS. THEY WERE SAID TO BE VANG PAO'S RANGERS. THE BNV CAMP STAFF PUT THE HMONG TRIBESMEN TOGETHER WITH THE TAIWANESE MILITARY OFFICERS TO FORM A LABOR UNIT. THERE WAS ALSO A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVY OFFICERS WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM TO GUAM IN 1975 AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO VIETNAM. AFTER THEIR RETURN, THE SRV AUTHORITIES ACCUSED THEM OF BEING DISPATCHED BACK TO VIETNAM BY THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TO DESTROY THE SRV GOVERNMENT, AND THEY WERE REMANDED TO THE NORTH. THERE WERE ALSO ABOUT 63 FORMER ARVN OFFICERS TRANSFERRED OVER TO CAMP-3 FROM CAMP-6 IN AUGUST 1982. THE PRISONERS AT CAMP-3 WERE DIVIDED INTO 10 LABOR CELLS OF ABOUT 40 MEMBERS EACH; THE UNITS WERE SUBDIVIDED INTO THREE OR FOUR CELLS OF 10 TO 15 MEMBERS EACH.

8. AMONG THE MORE PROMINENT PRISONERS AT CAMP-3 WERE: COLONEL TON THAT ((KHIE)), FORMER GOVERNMENT OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (GVN) THUA THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF; ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GVN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING AN ETHNIC CHINESE NAMED (FNU) ((QUI)) FROM THE 5TH VOTING DISTRICT OF CHOLON; REPRESENTATIVE (LNU) ((NGAN)), A MEDICAL DOCTOR; AND A MR. (LNU) ((TRANG)), CHAIRMAN OF SOME POLITICAL PARTY IN CENTRAL VIETNAM. THERE WERE SEVERAL CHRISTIAN AND BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS AT CAMP-3.

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