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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: SIGHTING OF AN AMERICAN NEAR REEDUCATION  
CAMP-14 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM,  
DURING 1976-1977; DESCRIPTION OF CAMPS 14 AND 146

DOI: JUNE 1976 - JULY 1977

TEXT: 1. FROM 24 JUNE 1976 TO MARCH 1977 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-14 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. DURING THAT TIME AN AMERICAN NAMED "NAM" WAS OBSERVED ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS (KMS) FROM INTERCAMP-1 IN HOANG LIEN SON. THIS AMERICAN WORKED AT INTERCAMP-1 AS A GENERATOR REPAIRMAN. HE WAS SAID TO BE OF THE QUAKER FAITH. COMMENT: SEVERAL PREVIOUS HAVE REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN NAMED NGUYEN VAN NAM WORKING NEAR INTERCAMP-1. REEDUCATION CAMP-14 WAS LOCATED ABOUT 40 KMS NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI CITY IN HOANG LIEN SON. THIS CAMP WAS BUILT BY ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (ARVN) PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) BEFORE 1975.

2. CAMP-14 WAS ADMINISTERED BY AN ELEMENT OF PAVN GROUP 776 YEN BAI. THERE WAS A STAFF OF ABOUT 35 PAVN OFFICERS AND MEN AT CAMP-14. THIS CAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH TELEPHONES, RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND ANTENNAS.

3. THERE WERE ABOUT 300 ARVN OFFICERS AT THIS CAMP. OF THEM ABOUT 270 WERE ARVN CAPTAINS AND THE OTHERS WERE ARVN 1ST AND 2ND LIEUTENANTS. MANY OF THE PRISONERS AT THIS FACILITY WERE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND SPECIAL POLICE UNITS. THE PRISONERS WERE ORGANIZED INTO ABOUT SEVEN LABOR UNITS OF ABOUT 42 INMATES EACH. THE UNITS WERE SUBDIVIDED INTO FOUR CELLS OF ABOUT 11 MEN EACH. COMMENT: ABOUT 100 PRISONERS REMAINED THERE. HE DOES NOT KNOW THE CURRENT DISPOSITION OF THAT CAMP.)

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4. FROM MARCH TO JULY 1977, THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-146 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED IN THAN UYEN VILLAGE, ABOUT 45 KMS EAST OF VAN BAN DISTRICT TOWN. CAMP-146 USED LETTER BOX NUMBER NT82 AS A MAILING ADDRESS. THIS CAMP WAS BUILT NEAR THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN BY ARVN PRISONERS DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 1977.

5. CAMP 146 WAS ADMINISTERED BY A PAVN ELEMENT FROM INTERCAMP-5. THE DEPUTY CAMP COMMANDER WAS PAVN SENIOR LIEUTENANT (LNU) ((DIEU)); THE COMMANDER'S NAME HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. CAMP-146 HAD A STAFF OF ABOUT 30 PAVN OFFICERS AND MEN.

6. ABOUT 150 ARVN OFFICERS, ALL OF WHOM WERE CAPTAINS, WERE DETAINED AT THIS FACILITY. INMATES WERE ORGANIZED INTO UNITS OF 35 PRISONERS. THE UNITS CONSISTED OF 11-MAN CELLS. THERE WERE SEVERAL ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS, INCLUDING TAY, MAN AND ME0 (HMONG) TRIBESMEN, RESIDING NEAR CAMP-146. A LOCAL TRIBE MEMBER SERVED AS COURIER BETWEEN CAMP-146 AND INTERCAMP-5. THERE WAS NO OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS AT CAMP-146. THIS CAMP WAS APPARENTLY DISBANDED IN JULY 1977. AT THAT TIME THE PAVN STAFF OFFERED THE CAMP TO THE LOCAL MONTAGNARDS, BUT THEY REFUSED AND SO SEVERAL OF THE BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE PRISONERS AND STAFF LEFT THE AREA.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Commander Charles F. Trowbridge, Jr.  
Chief, PW/MIA Branch  
DIA Headquarters  
DIR-4H.

SUBJECT : Results of DIA's Request for CIA Assistance

REFERENCE : DIA Memorandum dated: 5 August 1975

1. The information contained below is the result of our findings DIA requested in reference memorandum for CIA assistance regarding photograph comparison tests, contact with [ ] and a search of North Vietnamese publications held by CIA.

2. The photographs DIA submitted for comparison have been examined by our analysts and their conclusions follow:

- a) [ ] - The poor quality of the POW photograph precludes a definitive comparison; however, one similarity noted appears to be in their general facial structure.
- b) [ ] - The quality of the POW photograph is too poor to make a meaningful comparison. The analysts find there is a probable similarity.
- c) [ ] - Although the POW photographs are also of poor quality, the analysts find similarities in the general facial structure, left eye and brow configurations, and chin cleft. Although this is not enough for a positive identification, it increases the possibility that the photos may be of [ ]

3. The above is a subjective judgment based on the Identikit method of identification which in no way involves scientific methods or techniques.

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4. [redacted] former POW, was contacted and shown [redacted] Memorandum for the Record, dated 11 March 1975, regarding an army case involving six personnel lost in a helicopter near the DMZ on 8 January 1973. [redacted] could not recall any information pertaining to the helicopter crash in question. [redacted] responded by saying that [redacted] he had often heard stories concerning air crashes and read numerous North Vietnamese news releases alluding to many downed U.S. aircraft and personnel that it was difficult to pin point any particular crash with accuracy.

5. In regards to your request to identify an unknown North Vietnamese publication relating to an unidentified photograph (No. 4/5/6) believed to be taken circa 21 October 1966; a search of backdated North Vietnamese publications, held in the CIA library and other CIA record centers, produced no clues to the circumstances under which the photograph was taken.

6. All photographs are being returned herewith.

7. If CIA can in any way be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.



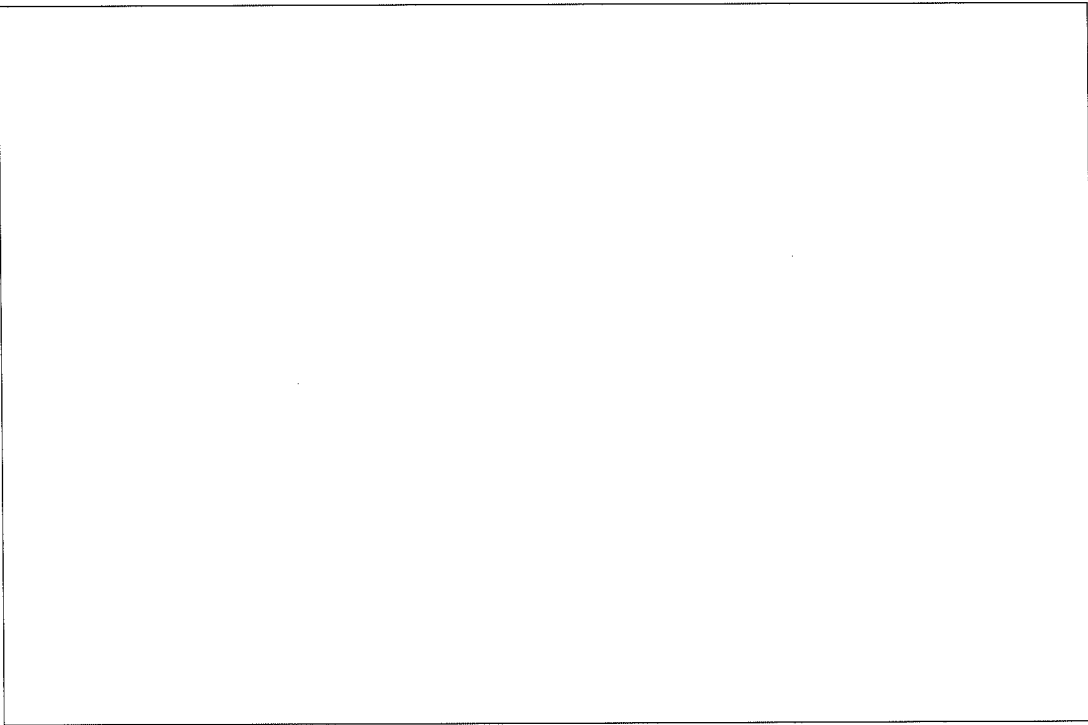
Attachments:

1. 9 Photos of [redacted] & 1 U/I Photo No. 109
2. 4 Photos of [redacted] and 1 U/I Photo of dead Pilot
3. 2 Photos of [redacted], and 29 Photos of a captured American Pilot
4. U/I Photo No. 4/5/6

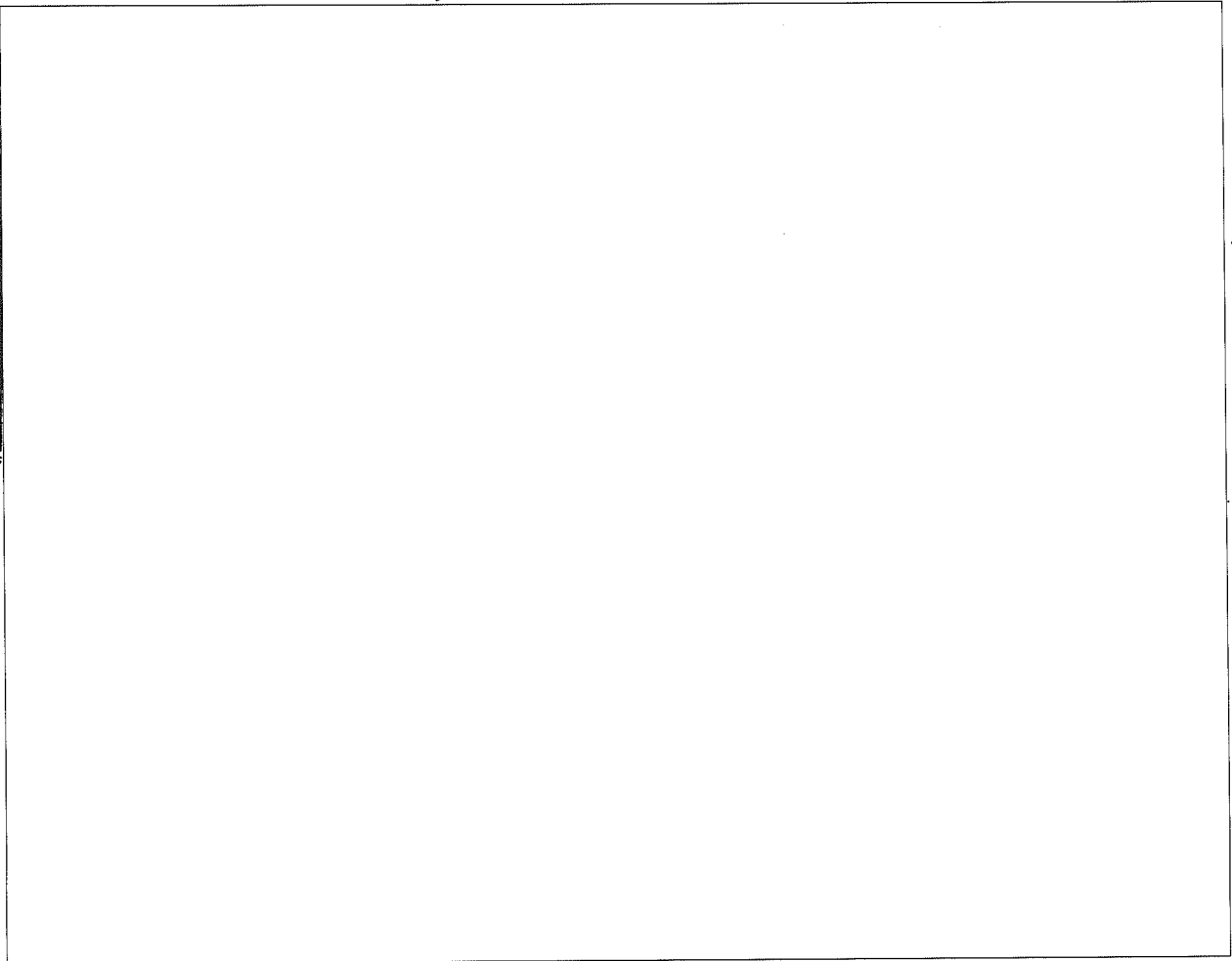
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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS,  
DOG TAGS AND REMAINS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS  
VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE, BORDER SMUGGLERS AND CASUAL ON  
POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS. INFORMATION WAS  
PASSED AS NOTED TO JCRC AND/OR STONY BEACH. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED  
TO USE THIS INFORMATION WITH JCRC AND STONY BEACH.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON  
WHO HAVE PROVIDED VARIOUS TYPES OF LIVE SIGHTING, DOG TAG/REMAINS  
REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE. ALL INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED  
BY OUR WHICH PASSED THE LEADS TO JCRC AND  
STONY BEACH FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION ON THE DATES NOTED BELOW WITH  
NO FURTHER FORMAL DISSEMINATION.

A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED HE SAW AN AMERICAN LIVING WITH ETHNIC  
TRIBESMEN IN OCTOBER 1983 NEAR DAC TO VILLAGE, BAN ME THOUT  
PROVINCE. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAUCASIAN WITH  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1972. THERE HAVE  
BEEN MANY STORIES ABOUT AMERICANS LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN  
IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN INDIAN  
SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN THE AREA. ALSO REPORTED THAT IN  
OCTOBER 1984 HE SAW THREE AMERICANS IN SA HUYNH DISTRICT, QUANG  
NGAI PROVINCE. THE THREE AMERICANS WERE WORKING ON AN OIL  
PROJECT ON "HAT 62N" (PROBABLY HAINAN) ISLAND WHEN A STORM SENT  
THEM ADRIFT. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS THE SON OF  
A TEXAS JUDGE. AS OF EARLY 1985, THE THREE AMERICANS WERE  
MOVED TO HANOI. PROVIDED THE NAMES:

TAGS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE TURNED OVER TO  
OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HMC).  
HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CHIEF INSPECTOR  
OF THE MOI IN HMC. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT RICHON ON 29  
JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH  
ON 9 MARCH 1988.

B. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED HEARSAY FROM ABOUT THE  
SINKING OF AN AMERICAN SHIP OFF THE COAST OF NGOC HIEN  
DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO A NUMBER OF  
AMERICAN BOOIES WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THAT VESSEL. WAS  
MOVED TO PHANAT RICHON ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS  
PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

C. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED AN ACQUAINTANCE HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE  
AMERICAN. SAID THE ACQUAINTANCE COULD BE CONTACTED  
THROUGH HIS FAMILY AT. WAS MOVED TO ON 20  
JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH  
ON 9 MARCH 1988.

D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
A FORMER ARVN CAPTAIN, CLAIMED HIS SISTER  
HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF ONE  
SHE COULD BE CONTACTED AT. WAS MOVED TO 860

ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND  
STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED A NEIGHBOR, HELD THE REMAINS OF  
ONE AMERICAN AT HIS HOME IN SAIGON. REPORTEDLY TURNED THE  
REMAINS OVER TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND HOPED TO BE  
RESETTLED VIA THE ODP PROGRAM. WAS MOVED TO  
ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND  
STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

F. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN REEDUCATION  
CAMPS IN YEN BAY AND HOANG LIEN SON HE CAME ACROSS A WHITE  
AMERICAN USING THE NAME AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE 776TH UNIT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE CAMP.  
SAW HIM AND A BLACK MAN. ACCORDING TO GENARDS, THESE TWO  
AMERICANS VOLUNTEERED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. IN EARLY 1980,  
WHILE IN HOA LO PRISON, CLAIMED HE SAW TWO AMERICANS (ONE  
YOUNG AND ONE OLD). STATED THAT HE CONTACTED THEM BY  
HORSE CODE AND THE TWO AMERICANS WERE VICTIMS OF A SHIPWRECK IN  
1975 POSSIBLY NEAR CON SON. WAS INVOLVED IN SEARCHING FOR  
AMERICAN REMAINS AND CLAIMED INFORMATION ON NEARLY 40 SETS OF  
REMAINS, MOST OF WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO VIETNAMESE  
AUTHORITIES. ALSO MENTIONED A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ALONG  
THE BANK OF A RIVER NEAR THE 81EN HOA-THUC LONG-SONG 81EN  
PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES. PRODUCED ONE NAME BUT WAS NOT SURE  
IT WAS CORRECT. WAS MOVED TO ON 20 JANUARY 1988.  
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH  
1988.

G. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT TWO  
SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS BURIED IN HOC NON. ALSO CLAIMED  
THAT HIS RELATIVES HELD ONE AMERICAN DOG TAG. WAS MOVED TO  
ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO  
JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

H. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN AMERICAN BETWEEN  
SEPTEMBER 1976 AND FEBRUARY 1978 AT THE CATHEDRAL 70 SAIGON.  
THE AMERICAN WAS NAMED PAUL, BORN ABOUT 1953, AND WAS FROM  
PENNSYLVANIA. PAUL WAS REPORTEDLY AN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY  
STUDENT WHO WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. PAUL  
REPORTEDLY LIVED AT THE FAUCALD MONASTERY ON CUONG DE STREET,  
HMC. WAS MOVED TO ON 20 JANUARY 1988.

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS,  
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH  
1988

I. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
CLAIMED HIS AUNT HAD  
WAS MOVED TO ON 20 JANUARY 1988.  
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH  
1988.

J. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
TURNED OVER ONE DOG TAG AND EIGHT  
REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

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TIME OF THE CRASH (HFI). [ ] STATED THAT [ ] WAS TOLD THAT THERE WERE CURRENTLY FIVE POW'S BEING HELD IN THE PRISON WHERE THE ELECTRICIAN PREVIOUSLY WORKED. THE PRISON WAS REPORTEDLY LOCATED ABOUT A SEVEN DAYS WALK FROM THE MEKONG RIVER (HFI). [ ] WAS TOLD THAT THE ELECTRICIAN WAS WILLING TO GUIDE ANYONE TO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PRISON SITE. MR. [ ] APOLOGIZED FOR THE LACK OF ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO HIS POOR COMMAND OF THE THAI LANGUAGE. MR. [ ] AGAIN OFFERED TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN CONTACTING THE [ ] OF THE POW REPORT SHOULD THEY WISH TO PURSUE THE INFORMATION FURTHER.

C. [ ] COMMENTED THAT STONY BEACH OFFICERS WERE IN DURING THE WEEK OF 14 MARCH BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MR. [ ] REGARDING HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POW INFORMATION. [ ] TO ADVISE IF STONY BEACH INTENDED TO CONTACT MR. [ ] AND IF ANY FURTHER ACTION WAS REQUIRED BY BASE. [ ] PASSED A COPY OF SUBPARAGRAPH B ABOVE REPORT TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM ON THE MORNING OF 22 MARCH. STONY BEACH THEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE ABOVE SUBPARAGRAPH A AND B REPORTS TO THEIR OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM IN [ ] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION [ ]

S. ON 9 MARCH 1988, THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN [ ] WAS PASSED THREE LEADS:

## A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE [ ]

[ ] CLAIMED HE STAYED AT TIMES WITH THE FAMILY OF HIS BROTHER [ ] IN [ ] VILLAGE. HE MOVED TO [ ] PROVINCE, IN 1978 UNTIL HE WAS DRAFTED INTO PAVN IN 1981. HE AVOIDED THE DRAFT, RETURNED TO PHA LET AND LIVED AS A FISHERMAN UNTIL 14 JULY 1987 WHEN HE LEFT VIETNAM WITH HIS FAMILY AND TWO SISTERS. HE ARRIVED IN [ ] ON 18 AUGUST 1987. BOAT NUMBER [ ] REFUGEE NUMBER [ ] CLAIMED THAT ON ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT OCTOBER 1972 TWO CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMEN RECEIVED EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT THE HA SAN HOSPITAL, HUI DEO TOWN (XJ 7411), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAIPHONG CITY. ONE AIRMAN HAD A BROKEN LEG; THE OTHER AIRMAN WAS WOUNDED IN HIS ARM. THEIR FACES WERE BLOODY, POSSIBLY FROM INJURIES. THEY REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED AT THUY DUONG VILLAGE (XJ 7512), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN AAA UNIT ON HUI DEO HILL AND CRASHED IN A RICE FIELD AT THUY DUONG AFTER IT AND TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING ONE ALLEGED B-52, BOMBED SEVERAL PLACES IN HAI PHONG. [ ] CLAIMED HE SAW THREE AIRCRAFT BOMB A PLACE ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM HIS VILLAGE OF PHA LE (XJ 815115) IN THE MORNING. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE DIRECTION OF THUY DUONG, ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF PHA LA. ON THE SAME AFTERNOON, [ ] WENT TO THE HA SAN HOSPITAL TO VISIT HIS MOTHER WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED THERE, AND SAW THE TWO CAUCASIAN AIRMEN FROM THE DOOR OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM. FROM PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL, [ ] LEARNED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRMEN'S CAPTURE AND THE ALLEGATION OF A B-52 BEING AMONG THE AIRCRAFT. HE COULD NOT

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B. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1988:

MTD-1970 DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE PHU LUONG BRIDGE, AN F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY DOWNED BY A MISSILE UNIT LOCATED IN KIM MON DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE. (ONE CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN BAILED OUT VERY HIGH UP IN THE SKY. AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HE LANDED AT QUANG TRUNG VILLAGE (APPROXIMATE XJ 575215) SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE YEN PHU MOUNTAINS, KIM MON DISTRICT. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT HIEP THUY VILLAGE AT THE NORTHERN FOOT OF THE RED PASS (XJ 565 230). THE AIRMAN WAS BEATEN BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE BEFORE A CHINESE VEHICLE FROM THE HAI DUONG (NOW HAI HUNG) PROVINCE MILITARY PROVINCE CAME AND DROVE HIM TO THE UNIT'S HEADQUARTERS. [ ] CLAIMED HE WAS WORKING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION IN THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT. LATER, HE AND OTHER WORKERS WENT TO "SEE" THE CAPTURED AIRMAN AND THE MILITIA DIGGING UP OF THE AIRCRAFT. HE DESCRIBED THE DIRECTION OF THE SITE WHERE THE AIRMAN LANDED AND THE CRASH SITE IN DETAIL. HE SAID HE COULD NOT GET CLOSE TO THE SCENE, SO HE DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRMAN. THE COMMANDER OF THE PROVINCIAL MILITARY UNIT WAS [ ]

C. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN LATE FEBRUARY 1988 FROM [ ]

UNTIL 10 JULY 1987 WHEN HE LEFT VIETNAM. HE ARRIVED IN [ ] ON 28 AUGUST 1987. BOAT NUMBER [ ] REFUGEE NUMBER [ ] BEFORE NOON ONE DAY IN MAY OR JUNE 1968, TWO ALLEGED U.S. AIRMEN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT CHO HUONG OR LANG HUONG, SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE PHUC HAI ROAD JUNCTION (XH 730995), AN THUY DISTRICT, HAI PHONG CITY. ONE CAUCASIAN AIRMAN WAS ABOUT 1.8 METERS TALL, AND HAD LIGHTLY CURLED IVORY-WHITE HAIR AND GREEN EYES. HE WAS NOT FAT BUT HIS FLESH WAS SOFT. HE WAS WEARING A GREEN UNDERSHIRT AND WALKED BARE-FOOTED CLIMBLY. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY THAT AFTERNOON BY A PUBLIC SECURITY VEHICLE. THE OTHER AIRMAN DIED WHEN HE LANDED. HIS BODY WAS COVERED, SO HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS WERE NOT KNOWN. HE WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO KIEN AN TOWN (XJ 6902) HOSPITAL, HAI PHONG. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MILITIA, HE WAS KILLED BY GROUND FIRE WHILE HIS PARACHUTE WAS DESCENDING. THEY ALSO SAID HIS PARACHUTE WAS RED AND THAT THE LIVE AIRMAN'S PARACHUTE WAS BLUE/GREEN. THEIR AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOME NINE KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH IN KIEN THUY DISTRICT, HAIPHONG. THE DEAD AIRMAN WAS EVACUATED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE LIVE AIRMAN. [ ] CLAIMED HE WAS THEN LIVING AT PHUC HAI (XJ 7300), AN THUY. THE AIRMEN WERE ALREADY CAPTURED WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE AIRMEN AND HAD TOUCHED THE LIVE ONE. [ ] WAS ABOUT 1.5 METERS TALL AND HIS HEAD ONLY REACHED THE LIVE AIRMAN'S ARMPIT.

6. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED BY OUR [ ] OFFICE:

A. ON 11 AUGUST 1988, A CASUAL CONTACT OF [ ] SE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME DAY FROM HIS RELATIVE, THAI POLICE MAJOR [ ] AMPHOE KEMARAT POLICE STATION, USON PROVINCE. ONE OF MAJOR [ ] UNIDENTIFIED CONTACTS IN LAOS BROUGHT HIM A SILVER BADGE (DOG TAG?) MEASURING TWO INCHES BY TWO INCHES, WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT FOUND AT THE SCENE OF AN AIR CRASH. THE SILVER TAG WAS INSCRIBED: [ ] STATED THAT THE BADGE HAD BEEN FOUND NEAR THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND THAT "THEY" WERE BRINGING THE UPPER PART OF THE SKELETON, INCLUDING THE SKULL, FROM THE LAO SIDE TO HIM. "THEY" INFORMED HIM THAT "THEY" HAD FOUND THE REMAINS OF TEN MORE AMERICAN "SOLDIERS" IN LAOS AND VIETNAM. "THEY" WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT REWARDS FOR SUCH REMAINS. THE REPORT WAS PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN [ ] WHICH WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION.

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NHAN DAN ON POW ISSUE

SOURCE: HANOI VOICE OF VIETNAM IN ENGLISH 1000 GMT 21 JAN 92  
TEXT:

//((STATION COMMENTARY))

((TEXT)) RECENTLY ILL-INTENTIONED REPORTS ON AND A SET OF PHOTOS  
OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL MISSING IN THE VIETNAM WAR HAVE AGAIN BEEN  
PUBLICIZED. FOLLOWING THE SAID PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] AN AMERICAN  
PILOT SHOT DOWN IN VIETNAM IN 1966, AND AIR FORCE [REDACTED]

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SHOT DOWN IN LAOS IN 1971, THERE HAVE BEEN AMERICAN PRESS REPORTS ON AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY SENT TO KAZAKHSTAN AND THE STATEMENT MADE BY FORMER KGB GENERAL OLEG KALUGIN SAYING THAT KGB PERSONNEL QUESTIONED A NUMBER OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIETNAM FROM 1975 TO 1978. SO WHAT IS THE TRUTH BEHIND THESE?

FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT THOSE STORIES HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED WITH ILL INTENTION. IT IS NECESSARY TO RECALL THAT ON 13 JANUARY 1992 A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION IN KAZAKHSTAN FROM 8-11 JANUARY SHOWED THAT NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND ABOUT THE DETENTION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. THEREFORE THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HELD THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN STOPPED UNTIL NEW EVIDENCE IS PRODUCED.

AS FOR THE STATEMENT MADE BY FORMER SOVIET GENERAL OLEG KALUGIN, VIETNAM HAS AFFIRMED THAT THIS IS SHEER ILL-INTENTIONED FABRICATION. ON 20 JANUARY THE VIETNAM OFFICE FOR THE SEARCH FOR U.S. CITIZENS MISSING IN ACTION, MIA, SENT A NOTE TO THE U.S. MIA OFFICE IN HANOI SAYING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THAT THERE WAS NO INTERROGATION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR BY KGB PERSONNEL AFTER THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN 1973 AND AFTER THE END OF THE WAR IN 1975.

THE INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE CONTACT BETWEEN KGB PERSONNEL AND AN AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] WAS CAPTURED BY VIETNAM IN THE CITY OF HUE ON 31 JANUARY 1968. UPON KNOWING THAT [REDACTED] IS A RUSSIAN-BORN AMERICAN, THE SOVIET SIDE ASKED TO MEET HIM AND THE REQUEST WAS ACCEPTED BY VIETNAM. IN JANUARY 1973 THE KGB OFFICER OLEG NECHIPORENKO MET [REDACTED] ONLY ONCE BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S REFUSAL OF ANOTHER CONTACT. IN MARCH 1973 THE VIETNAMESE SIDE RETURNED [REDACTED] TO THE U.S. SIDE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A PRETEXT FOR THE FABRICATED STORY ABOUT PERSONNEL INTERROGATING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR UP TO THE END OF THE WAR.

THE AMERICAN TIME MAGAZINE REMARKED THAT THESE RIDICULOUS STORIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE MIA INDUSTRY WHOSE ((WORD INDISTINCT)) ARE PROFITING THROUGH COOKED UP STORIES. THIS SHOWS THAT SOME CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE THEIR OUTMODDED POLICY, PRETEXTING THE MIA ISSUE TO HINDER THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING VIETNAM-U.S. RELATIONS AND SABOTAGING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES.

FOR ITS PART VIETNAM CONSIDERS MIA MERELY AS HUMANITARIAN ISSUE AND HAVE UNILATERALLY SOLVED THE ISSUE WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY CONDITIONS ON THE U.S. SIDE. FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR, THE VIETNAMESE SIDE HAS HANDED OVER TO THE U.S. SIDE 458 SETS OF REMAINS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING 59 CASES OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHOSE DEATH WAS CONFIRMED. SINCE 1987, JOINT VIETNAMESE-U.S. SEARCHES HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT PRACTICAL RESULTS.

THEREFORE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS SHOULD STOP USING THE MIA ISSUE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND AN OBSTRUCT TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IS MAKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MIA ISSUE AND BE VIGILANT OF ALLEGATIONS. THEY SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT AND PUNISH THOSE WHO MAKE PROFIT OF THE SUFFERINGS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES. THE BEST WAY FOR THE U.S. IS TO PROMOTE THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS AND TO PUT AN EARLY END TO THE MIA ISSUE. THIS WILL SURELY MEET THE ASPIRATIONS AND INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

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CASE FILE NO: [REDACTED]

15 October 1991

1. [REDACTED] reported having personally observed 20 to 30 U.S. POW's entering the K-4 reeducation camp near Xuan Loc town, Dong Nai Province, east-northeast of Ho Chi Minh City, in mid-December 1979. The group appeared to be touring the camp. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] An Air Force (AFOSI) examiner [REDACTED] in Kuala Lumpur in September 1984. [REDACTED] claimed he had seen foreign nationals get off a bus at Camp K-4 near Xuan Loc town; that he had been told [REDACTED] that the foreigners were American POW's; that he was also told the POW's were transferred from Hanoi to the South; and that he had no further information on the alleged POW's. It was the [REDACTED] examiner's opinion that no deception was indicated by [REDACTED] responses.

3. [REDACTED] At the same time (September 1984), a POW/MIA specialist from DIA PW-MIA went to Kuala Lumpur and conducted a thorough debrief of [REDACTED]. The debriefer noted that [REDACTED] displayed no contradictions during his several recountings of the sighting over the two-week period of debriefing in Malaysia; however, he also noted that some of [REDACTED] observations were contrary to known fact.

4. [REDACTED] DIA had no prior reporting of a K-4 detention facility at the location described by the source. [REDACTED] reporting dated [REDACTED] revealed two facilities of interest. One appeared to be a detention camp, about five kilometers north of the location described by [REDACTED]. The second facility was at the precise geographic location described by him; however, this was a cemetery. [REDACTED] reporting of this location in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] It was further noted that there is a correlation between [REDACTED] report and the known presence of a group of foreign nationals at a Ministry of the Interior reeducation camp during the period reported by [REDACTED] though somewhat farther to the east of Xuan Loc. In December 1979 members of Amnesty

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International visited the Ham Tan Reeducation Camp in Thuan Hai Province, also known by former inmates as Camp 2 30 D/Ham Tan. Amnesty International said that according to the camp visitors' register they were the first foreigners to visit the facility. Since 1979, other foreign visitors to Vietnam have reported visiting a reeducation camp in the area of Ham Tan. (None has reported visiting any reeducation facility near Xuan Loc.) DIA found it noteworthy that [REDACTED] did say that in 1984 he heard that a K-4 camp was part of the tour package for foreigners visiting Ho Chi Minh City.

6. [REDACTED] reported that his sighting occurred while he was near the entrance of a long masonry wall adjacent and parallel to National Route 1. It has been confirmed that the cemetery is the only facility near Xuan Loc that has such a wall. It is clear that he described the site occupied by the cemetery and it is not plausible that he could have mistaken the cemetery for a reeducation camp, due to a prominent monument which faces the entrance to the cemetery. DIA was therefore persuaded that the sighting could not have taken place at the location and under the circumstances claimed by [REDACTED]. If he saw a group of foreigners at the geographic location he described, then that group was visiting a cemetery. (DIA knew of no foreigners who toured either Xuan Loc, or cemeteries in Vietnam at that time.) Alternatively, [REDACTED] might have based his report on some rendition of the Amnesty International group's visit to the reeducation camp somewhat to the east, at Ham Tan. The DIA officer's conclusion was that [REDACTED] had misstated his information, despite the fact that no deception was indicated on the September 1984 [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] Other details of [REDACTED] report and of his personal background, such as his claim to have been a lieutenant, were also found questionable in spite of his having shown no deception on the [REDACTED]. His claim to have attended officer training school in 1977 ~78, for example, is contradicted by his statement to the DIA interviewer that he was a Senior Sergeant as of [REDACTED] 1979. In addition, during the [REDACTED] interview [REDACTED] claimed to have never intentionally lied for personal gain prior to January 1984, and there was no significant reaction registered when this specific question was posed during the [REDACTED] exam. Subsequent [REDACTED] admissions by [REDACTED] demonstrated, however, that he did in fact lie prior to 1984 in circumstances which clearly provided personal gain. Anomalies such as these suggested to the DIA analyst that the [REDACTED] may not have been a completely accurate barometer for measuring [REDACTED] veracity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

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TO : CDR Bruce L. Heller Chief, PW/MIA Branch  
DIA 2076 Arlington Hall Station

DATE: 9 February 1978

FROM : CIA/Information and Privacy Staff

SUBJECT: Privacy/FOIA Request --

The attached document(s) are being forwarded to you for review and direct response to the requester. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone, [redacted]

Thank you,

Attachment(s): 1 - Requester's Letter  
2 - 3 Navy-originated documents

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DRV SPOKESMAN STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF U.S. PILOTS

BD20315 HANOI VNA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 1254 UNIT 2  
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(TEXT) HANOI VNA SEPTEMBER 2--THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS JUST BEEN MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM ARE GUILTY OF (CRIMES) AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND OF VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. YET THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS ALWAYS CARRIED OUT A POLICY OF HUMANE TREATMENT TOWARDS THEM.

THE U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM WOULD HAVE HAD A CHANCE OF AN EARLY RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES HAD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT GIVEN A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SEVEN POINTS OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, STOPPED THE WAR AND RESTORED PEACE IN VIETNAM. OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE OF AMERICANS HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WOUNDED IN VIETNAM, NOT TO SAVE THE SEVERAL HUNDRED CAPTURED U.S. PILOTS AS IS BEING CLAIMED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BUT TO MAINTAIN IN OFFICE THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU STOGE ADMINISTRATION, CARRY OUT THE 'VIETNAMISATION POLICY' AND U.S. NEOCOLONIALISM IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

AS EARLY AS 1968, WHEN THERE WAS AS YET NO OVERALL SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM PROBLEM INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF RELEASE OF THE CAPTURED MILITARY MEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, PURSUANT TO ITS LENIENT POLICY, RELEASED A NUMBER OF U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM ON THEIR WAY HOME, AND EVEN AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES, THOSE PILOTS EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE POLICY OF HUMANE TREATMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. BUT IN 1969, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COMPELLED THE U.S. PILOTS RELEASED IN JULY THAT YEAR TO PUT FORWARD DISTORTIONS ABOUT THE HUMANE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT COMPLETE VARIANCE WITH THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO USED THOSE RELEASED PILOTS IN WAR ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE OTHER PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT SUCH RELEASES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

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PURSUANT TO THE HUMANE AND LENIENT POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE VIETNAM PEOPLE'S ARMY HAS DECIDED TO RELEASEX OF THE NATIONAL DAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 90AM, THREE U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM, WHOSE NAMES FOLLOW4

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HOLDS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST END ALL INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM STOP SUPPORTING THE STOOGE ADMINISTRATION IN SAIGON, AND RESPECT THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY END TO THE WAR RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM AND AN EARLY RETURN OF ALL CAPTURED U.S. SERVICEMEN TO THEIR FAMILIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DRAWS THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO THIS: IN THE INTERESTS OF THE FAMILIES OF THE U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM, STOP USING THE RELEASED PILOTS TO SLANDER THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND FURTHER THE U.S. POLICY OF AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM.

TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST THE U.S. "DIRTY WAR" IN VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WILL HAND OVER SED PILOTS TO A U.S. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION ANIMATED WITH GOODWILL AND A DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY END TO THE U.S. WAR IN VIETNAM AND TO HELP THOSE RELEASED NOT TO BE USED IN ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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ADMIRAL STANFIELD TURNER, DIRECTOR CENTRAL  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20505

DEAR ADMIRAL STANFIELD  
I AM THE FATHER OF [REDACTED] USMC. MY SON HAS BEEN  
MISSING IN ACTION SINCE SEPTEMBER 22, 1965. UNITED STATES STATE  
DEPARTMENT INFORMED ME ON FEBRUARY 14, 1979, THEY HAD CONFIRMED MY SON  
IS ALIVE IN HANOI AND WISHES TO COME HOME.

I DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP TO INSURE THAT MY SON IS RETURNED TO ME  
SAFELY AND WITHOUT DELAY.

I DEMAND MY RIGHT AS A FATHER TO SEE MY SON AS SOON AS HE IS RELEASED  
FROM VIETNAM BY HIS CAPTORS.

BECAUSE OF HIS LONG SEPARATION FROM BOTH HIS FAMILY AND COUNTRY, AND  
BECAUSE OF UNPROVEN ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM, I INSIST THAT I BE ALLOWED  
TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING BETWEEN MY SON AND LEGAL COUNSEL BEFORE HE IS  
INTERVIEWED BY MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

I UNDERSTAND THERE IS NOW A STATE DEPARTMENT DELEGATION IN SOUTH EAST  
ASIA. IF THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE CUSTODY OF MY SON EVEN IF HE MUST BE  
GUARDED BUT SO LONG AS HIS RIGHT TO SILENCE IS MAINTAINED, I WOULD WANT  
THEM TO DO SO.

IF HIS RELEASE IS ACCOMPLISHED AT SOME LATER TIME, I PRAY HELP A FATHER  
HELP HIS SON BY ARRANGING SAFE ESCORT FOR MY ELDEST BOY WHO HAS BEEN IN  
MANY YEARS IN A FOREIGN LAND.

I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MEET HIM WHEN HE ENTERS THE COUNTRY, OR AT  
LEAST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY TROUBLED BUT HOPEFUL FAMILY THERE.  
RESPOND THROUGH [REDACTED] GREENSBURG DAILY NEWS, GREENSBURG, IND.  
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PHONE [REDACTED]

VERY SINCERELY,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Naval Intelligence Command,  
Department of the Navy  
Attention: Cmdr Robert S. BOROUGHS, USNR,  
Head Special Warfare Division

SUBJECT: Photographic Comparison Concerning  
[redacted]

1. Reference is made to your memorandum NIC-355  
Serial C887-70 of 31 August 1970 requesting a photographic  
comparison. The following report contains the final technical  
results of the comparison between the unidentified photos  
40 and 61 of the DIA study and the enclosed photos submitted  
by your office.

2. It is believed that [redacted] is the subject  
of photo 46, but not 61. Conclusions were based on the study of  
head shape, hairline, face shape (and relation to skeletal  
structure), brows, eyes, nose, mouth, chin and probable uniform.  
Two technicians questioned the similarity to photo 46 on the  
basis of earlobe shape, but it was felt that the poor quality  
of the photo gives a misleading impression of the right earlobe.

3. Photo 61 has become a favorite target of  
identification by NOK, but in this case the deep labial folds and  
heavy fleshing of the face in relation to bone structure make  
it highly improbable that [redacted] is the subject of photo 61.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

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Attachment:  
4 photos of subject

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

2 October 1992

Mr. J. William Codinha  
Chief Counsel  
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Codinha:

Your letter of September 1, 1992 requested that the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs be provided all information available to this Agency on a Lao refugee whom DIA identifies as [REDACTED]. You also requested a review of other reporting concerning the sightings at Maung Ngoy, Laos, by two other [REDACTED] (DIA numbers [REDACTED]).

Mr. McCreary of the Committee staff has been advised that all information relating to [REDACTED] in our files is available for review at our Headquarters. These documents chronicle the efforts which this Agency undertook to authenticate this [REDACTED].

Our material on the sightings at Maung Ngoy, reported by [REDACTED] has already been reviewed by Mr. McCreary, and portions thereof were released in declassified form to the Committee (specifically nine intelligence reports and portions of other operational cables which contained information on Maung Ngoy from other sources). The other documents in the Maung Ngoy file have been reviewed but may not be declassified as they relate directly to sensitive sources and methods or are extraneous to the Maung Ngoy investigation. Committee investigators are free to review this material again in original classified form at our Headquarters if the Committee wishes.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

John L. Breckenridge  
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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TO: DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA (ATTN: COL. MIKE PECK).

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SUBJECT: REMAINS, DOG TAGS AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

REFS: [REDACTED] DTG 120339Z OCT 90

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION  
(MIA) INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN MID-SUMMER 1990

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2. AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON AN UNKNOWN DATE A GROUP OF  
SEVEN POW/MIA'S WERE SHOT AND BURIED. ONE WAS A COLONEL IN FULL  
UNIFORM. ONE WITNESS OF THIS INCIDENT TOOK THE UNIFORMS AND  
REBURIED THE BODIES. THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS ARE STILL AT THE  
BURIAL SITE. ANOTHER MIA INDIVIDUAL (NFI) IS ALIVE AND UNDER  
GUARD, BUT IS AFRAID TO TRY TO ESCAPE. WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE  
WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT SAID THAT HE  
WOULD NEED HELP TO DO SO. HE IS MARRIED (POSSIBLY TO A LAO) AND  
HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. PARTIAL DOG TAG INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS IS AS  
FOLLOWS.

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THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE.

SUBJECT : Crash Site in Binh Tri Thien or Quang Nam-Da Nang  
Province, Vietnam

TEXT: 1. In 1985 the remains of a U.S. airman and a set of dog tags were found in the wreckage of an aircraft located southwest of Ke De Spring, between Hue, Binh Tri Thien, Province, and Da Nang, Quang Nam-Da Nang Province. The identification number [REDACTED] was still visible on the aircraft. The dog tags contained the following information:

[REDACTED]

2. The aircraft wreckage, remains, and dog tags were discovered by [REDACTED] during a search for sandalwood. The two men removed the remains, only half of which were intact, from the wreckage and reportedly hid them near the crash site. [REDACTED] retained the dog tags and later removed the remains and stored them in his home. ([REDACTED] Comment: See [REDACTED] from the debriefing of the same refugee, which reported that found two dog tags in the wreckage of an aircraft at Luong Mieu, south of Hue City. The refugee stated that the aircraft at Luong Mieu was not the same as the wreckage found southwest of Ke De Spring.)

3. [REDACTED] Comment: The above information was obtained during the debriefing of [REDACTED] Biographic details on [REDACTED] are available in [REDACTED] had copies of two letters, dated 15 and 27 January 1986, [REDACTED] providing the information on the crash site, the remains, and the dog tags. In both letters [REDACTED] claimed that the aircraft was located 3,000 kilometers between Hue and Da

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Nang (sic). [ ] was unable to explain this obvious error, but surmised that to [ ] an uneducated individual, the trip along the treacherous jungle trails might have seemed a considerable distance. According to [ ]

[ ] reiterated that the crash site mentioned above is different from the one cited in [ ]. He added, however, that wreckage cited in the previous report was discovered in 1985, not 1984, as he previously stated.)

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**INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING**

**FOR THE**

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**PRISONERS OF WAR AND THE MISSING IN ACTION**

**April 8, 1992**

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## AGENDA

Introductory Statement (15 mins)

### Part I -- Vietnam

Intelligence Briefing on North Vietnam (30 mins)

Intelligence Briefing on South Vietnam (15 mins)

### Part II -- Laos

Intelligence Briefing on Laos (30 mins)

Briefing on  (30 mins)

Conclusion

April 8, 1992

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

SENATORS,

(Introductions)

The purpose of this briefing is to inform you of what the substantive intelligence indicates about the possibility of POWs and MIAs remaining in Southeast Asia.

We carefully have studied a large computer printout that contains a summary of the intelligence reporting on POWs and MIAs, which is called the SI Report. We have found this listing to be reasonably accurate and complete as a guide for our investigation. In addition, we have scrutinized hundreds of files

provided by the Department of Defense, DIA, the Department of State, JCRC, and the Air Force. Our BRIEFING is based principally on these materials and our own professional analyses.

Work that DIA already has done constitutes an important point of reference for our investigation of the intelligence. In reaching our own conclusions, we have taken into account DIA's evaluations and assessments as reflected in the eyewitness files and in the extract of the SI Report. But I want to stress that we have used a different analytical approach than that used by DIA and we have reached very different conclusions about what the intelligence indicates. We did this because we deemed that DIA's approach did not take into account or integrate the total volume of

intelligence reporting.

## THE SI REPORT

As for the SI report, the data base is current as of 9 March 1992, when the Committee received it from the Department of Defense. The original document runs to 231 pages, containing some 16,000 entries, and is available for your inspection.

For our examination of the intelligence, we have used a 91-page extract of that report, which lists intelligence reports dated after Operation Homecoming. I'd like to walk through the format of the extract. (VG-1)

a. The first page in the package is the letter of transmittal from DIA.

b. The second page (VG-2) is the code for the agencies who have sent in the sighting reports and other information. For example, (PAUSE FOR READING)

A is the National League of Families;

B is JCRC;

C is the Defense Attache Offices;

D is the Central Intelligence Agency;

I is Congress;

L is DIA; and so on.

O is for Stony Beach -- the DIA collection effort in Southeast Asia.

b. The third page (VG-3) is an explanation of some of the

analytical evaluations and the management review and approval categories, which are entered in code form in the SI report. We'll get back to this shortly.

c. This chart (VG-4) is a reproduction of the first page of the extract. page 163.

Your page numbering is a bit confusing because your extract concentrates only on information after Operation Homecoming.

What you have is the actual document that we are using on a day-to-day basis to guide our analysis.

Each entry in the extract relates to an intelligence report that Defense Intelligence Analysts and Technicians have summarized, coded, and entered in a computer data base. I want you to look

at the headings of page 163 and follow-me as I take you through some examples.

There are ten columns in the heading, left to right across the top of the page.

### **EXAMPLES FROM PAGE 163**

By way of illustration, on page 163, the first item is a live sighting report entitled POW-F/H in Kampong Speu, Cambodia; the sighting occurred in 1973; the date of the report is not shown. The sighting was reported by Stony Beach, the DIA collection group in Thailand. Of course, this was not used in our investigation because it occurred before Operation Homecoming.

Continuing the illustration, on December 12, 1989, the



Interagency Committee approved the DIA evaluation of that report as a fabrication. 11 and 12 lines down, you will find the entries CAT 4 and REC CAT 9. CAT 4 refers to the code on page two and means the case remains unresolved with "no correlation or further action possible." REC CAT 9 is a Recommendation for Category 9, that is to say, that DIA has recommended that the Interagency Committee approve his evaluation that the report is a FABRICATION. CATEGORY 9 reports are approved fabrications. These entries on lines 11 and 12 are illustrations and were not used in the analysis because they occurred before Operation Homecoming.

**THE MAP**

About the map. Each push-pin and flag represents one intelligence report from the SI report.

**SLOWDOWN HERE** (POINT TO THE LEGEND AND A FLAG) The color BLUE signifies sightings and hearsay reports that occurred in the 1970's, according to the SI Report. Thus, THESE FLAGS HERE ALONG THE CHINA BORDER INDICATE THAT PRIOR TO THE CHINESE INVASION OF VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1979, WE OBTAINED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS CLAIMING POW SIGHTINGS IN THIS REGION.

The color RED signifies information in the 1980s and 1990s (taken from Column Three of the SI Report). YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE ARE NO RED FLAGS IN THIS AREA. THIS MEANS THERE

WERE NO SIGHTINGS IN THE 1980S OR 1990S, AND CONFIRMS  
NUMEROUS OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT PEOPLE  
DETAINED IN THIS REGION WERE REMOVED PRIOR TO THE  
CHINESE INVASION AND DID NOT RETURN IN THE 1980'S. The  
Yellow flags indicate that the precise date of the sighting was not  
reported.

Our task, as I stated at the outset, is to examine what the  
substantive intelligence indicates about the possibility of American  
prisoners of war remaining in Southeast Asia. We posted flags  
only for those entries that indicated Americans in a captive  
environment after Operation Homecoming. This means we looked  
for the presence of guards; weapons; chains and shackles; prison

features and confinement; and so on.

### **WHAT IS AND IS NOT REFLECTED ON THE MAP**

#### **WE DID NOT POST FLAGS FOR:**

a. Clearly outrageous, inflated, exaggerated, or impossible reports -- such as numbers in the 1,000s;

b. several hundred sightings that equated to

and other known US personnel who have since returned, whether alive or dead.

c. We did not post flags for reports of dogtags, remains, crash sites, gravesites.

d. We rejected reports that plausibly equated to French,

Australian, Soviet, Greek, or other foreign nationals.

e. We rejected reports of Americans living freely, or with wives and children or those we assessed to not be in confinement at the time of the sighting.

f. We rejected for posting a number of reports that we equated to sightings of stragglers.

g. We did not accept reports of yachtsmen, adventurers, and drug- or other smugglers.

h. We also excluded sightings equated to Americans detained during and after the fall of Saigon and later released.

The end product of this process is this map which contains 928 flags -- each, as I said before, representing an entry from the

SI report. ((The map shows only 14 percent of the entries in the extract.)) There are 215 blue and red square flags, signifying eyewitness accounts; 484 blue and red pennants and 229 yellow pennants, signifying hearsay accounts.

The pins are plotted as precisely as the map scale allows according to the GRID coordinates in the SI report, correcting for errors when we found them.

#### **ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE**

We used a cluster analysis technique to investigate possible consistency and redundancy in **ALL** of the intelligence, both hearsay and eyewitness. We wanted to see what all of the intelligence indicated -- to see how the content of the reporting

information trends which are reflected on the MAP are not dependent on one or even a handful of individual reports. Rather, the trends and patterns reflect the redundancy and the consistency in the total volume of intelligence reporting in the period under investigation.

To recap our procedure,

1. We took the DoD SI report list of over 16,000 items and filtered out all reports before Homecoming.
2. Next we filtered out all reports that we felt did not relate to Americans in a captive environment after Operation Homecoming.
3. Finally, we plotted what was left over on the map to see

what it showed about the total volume of intelligence reporting from all sources. The clustering effects (POINT) are the output of this process.

I have labored to explain our data and our technique because our findings disagree with those of the DIA. In conducting our investigation, we were shocked to find on page 3 of your package (VG-3 RETURN) that there is no category for a POW sighting -- both for the DIA analysts and the Interagency Committee. We agree with the major findings of the report written by Col Kim Gaines, USAF, for Lt Gen Perroots, Director, DIA in 1986. Copies of that report, known as the Gaines Report, are available for your use here, but are classified SECRET and must remain here. They

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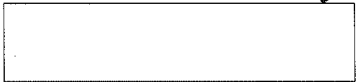
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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN HOUA  
PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AS OF JANUARY 1987

DOI: 18 JUNE 1968 - JANUARY 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: ACCORDING TO TWO VILLAGE ELDERS OF BAN BOUAK (UH4254),  
HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC (LPDR), AS OF JANUARY 1987 "SOME" FORMER AMERICAN POWS WERE

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STILL IN THE GENERAL AREA OF BAN BOUAK THE VILLAGE ELDERS,  
[REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE  
POWS IS NAMED [REDACTED] WHO WAS CAPTURED ON 18 JUNE 1968 IN  
THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE AND SON LA PROVINCE  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). ACCORDING TO THE TWO  
ELDERS, [REDACTED] WAS DETAINED FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME BUT  
WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED AFTER HE HAD BEEN "REFORMED". [REDACTED]  
COMMENT: THE TWO ELDERS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT [REDACTED] CONTINUES  
TO LIVE IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA UNDER HIS OWN VOLITION. THE ELDERS DID  
NOT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE EVER HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] OR  
ANY OTHER POW PURPORTEDLY STILL IN THE AREA).

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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7 April 1992

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Chairman  
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in further response to the letter from the Committee dated January 17, 1992 requesting copies of all CIA intelligence reports on American prisoners or detainees in Vietnam after March 29, 1973. In our previous letter dated March 14, 1992, we provided the Committee with declassified CIA intelligence reports, marked as Tabs A and B. We have restored those intelligence reports to classified format. We hope these new versions prove more useful to the Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley M. Moskowitz  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

21 September 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral V. P. de Poix  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Sighting of Two Captured U.S. Personnel in South  
Vietnam, One of Whom May Have Died in Captivity,  
and Reported Suicide of a Third Prisoner

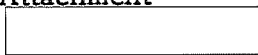
1. The attached report concerns three U.S. Army personnel allegedly captured while serving as advisors to a Montagnard Special Forces unit in Pleiku Province, South Vietnam. The source of the information heard that one of the two prisoners he talked to died in captivity while the other survived. He was told that a third American had killed himself shortly after capture. MACV/JPRC has identified the surviving prisoner and commented on the possible identities of the deceased.

2. Since this report deals with a possible suicide and may have a bearing on the status of POW/MIAs, it is being forwarded in this special channel to insure proper handling.

  
George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

## Attachment

  
cc: Admiral Rectanus  
Admiral Whitmire  
Admiral Murphy  
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23 DEC 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Americans Allegedly Held as POW's in Cambodia  
REFERENCE : 10 November 1975 CIA Memo to [redacted]  
[redacted] on American POW's in Cambodia

1. As indicated in Reference, [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding two American  
servicemen missing in Cambodia. [redacted]  
[redacted] replied in a memorandum dated 12 December 1975 that  
it had no information on [redacted]  
or any other American POW's in Cambodia.

2. One of [redacted] also queried a  
[redacted] regarding  
Americans allegedly held as POW's in Cambodia. The [redacted]  
[redacted] reported that he had not seen or heard anything  
on this subject during his approximately [redacted]  
[redacted]

3. We have levied the requirement on additional contacts  
[redacted] and will keep you apprised of any information devel-  
oped on this matter.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

[redacted]  
Theodore G. Shackley

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BY JEAN THORAVAL

(TEXT) HANOI, DEC. 21 (APP)--NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS TODAY CALLED A LAST-MINUTE HALT TO A CEREMONIAL HANDOVER OF THE REMAINS OF THREE AMERICAN PILOTS KILLED IN VIETNAM TO FOUR AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, SAYING THEY WISHED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAD BEEN HELD EARLIER OVER CUPS OF TEA AT HANOI AIRPORT. THE THREE SMALL COFFINS CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF

HAD ALREADY BEEN LOADED ABOARD THE SPECIAL AIR LAO CARAVELLE JET AIRLINER THAT WAS DUE TO FLY THEM TO HANOI. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT NO "TECHNICAL HITCHES" WERE INVOLVED IN HALTING THE CEREMONY.

IT COULD BE POSSIBLE TO TALK SOME MORE," THE CONGRESSMEN WERE TOLD. NO HARD TO GREET THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S FOREIGN MINISTRY.

CHAIRMAN GILESPIE MONTGOMERY (DEMOCRAT, MISSISSIPPI) AND HIS COMMITTEE HELD TALKS ON DEC. 6 WITH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN PARIS THAT COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL TOPICS INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM.

THEY WERE THE FIRST POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND VIETNAMESE SINCE THE 1973 PARIS PEACE AGREEMENTS AND, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT COMMIT PRESIDENT GERALD FORD'S ADMINISTRATION, THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN BRIEFED EARLIER BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

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THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE PAUL MCCLOSKEY (REPUBLICAN, CALIFORNIA), RICHARD OTTINGER (DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK) AND BENJAMIN GILMAN (REPUBLICAN, NEW YORK).

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE BODIES OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN KILLED IN VIETNAM HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. OTHER BODIES WERE DELIVERED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF PACIFIST ORGANISATIONS OR TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN 1972 AND 1973. 210934 [REDACTED] DK 21/1024Z DEC

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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI S 8 APRIL 1967

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A DOWNED U.S. PLANE IN NGHE AN PROVINCE,  
NORTH VIETNAM

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1. AT ABOUT 1030 HOURS ON ABOUT 3 APRIL 1967, [REDACTED] SAW A U.S. AIRPLANE HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE FROM AN ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNIT BASED IN PHUONGTICH VILLAGE, NGHI LOC DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE PLANE WAS FLYING WITH OTHER U.S. AIRPLANES AND THEY WERE BOMBING THE PHUONG TICH BRIDGE (WF651786) ON ROUTE 71, PHUONG TICH VILLAGE. THE PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES AND CRASHED INTO A RICEFIELD NEAR TRUNG HAU VILLAGE (WF657784), NGHI LOC DISTRICT.

2. ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER, [REDACTED] SAW A MAN RIDING A BICYCLE ON ROUTE 1-A AT WF688775 IN NGOC DINH VILLAGE, NGHI LOC DISTRICT. THE MAN WAS COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF PHUONG TICH VILLAGE OVER ROUTE 71 AND 1-A AND HEADING TOWARD VAN HANH VILLAGE (WF694761), NGHI LOC DISTRICT. HE WAS CARRYING A LEG OF A CAUCASIAN ON THE REAR OF HIS BICYCLE. THE LEG WEIGHED ABOUT 15 KILOGRAMS, APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED, AND CUT OFF BY SHARP METAL. THE MAN SAID THAT THE PLANE WHICH HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN THAT DAY WHILE BOMBING THE PHUONG TICH BRIDGE, HAD CRASHED IN TRUNG HAU VILLAGE. THE PLANE BROKE INTO PIECES, AND THE MAN WAS ONLY ABLE TO FIND THE LEG OF THE PILOT AND THE WRECKAGE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

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(JCRG) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: " THIS REPORT POSSIBLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
THESE MEN WERE IN AN A6A AIRCRAFT ON A COMBAT MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 31 DECEMBER 1967 WHEN THEIR PLANE WAS DOWNED AT WF659675. HEAVY AAA FIRE AND SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE DETECTED IN THE AREA. THE AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARED FROM RADAR COVERAGE AND NO EMERGENCY SIGNALS WERE HEARD. BOTH MEN ARE LISTED AS MIA."

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRG REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRG REPRESENTATIVE ONLY) WY  
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POSSIBLE U.S. POWS IN LAOS  
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~~SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR BEING HELD~~  
~~IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS AND SVAY RIENG~~  
~~PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA~~

~~1. IN OR ABOUT FALL 1981~~

RECEIVED REPORTS OF  
 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) IN THE COURSE OF CROSSING LAOS TO  
 ENTER VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS 11 POW'S, INCLUDING  
 THREE U.S. AIR FORCE (USAF) PILOTS, WERE BEING HELD IN  
 SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE IN CENTRAL LAOS. (b)(3)(b)(6)

POW'S WERE MOVED EVERY MONTH OR TWO AND WERE BEING HELD IN  
 UNDERGROUND BUNKERS TO HAMPER ANOTHER U.S. ATTEMPT TO FREE  
 POW'S. COMMENT: THE MISSION TO FIND U.S. POW'S

ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS, OCCURRED IN  
 SPRING 1981.) (b)(3)(b)(6)

WHICH LED HIM TO CONCLUDE POSITIVELY THAT 200-300 POW'S,  
 PRIMARILY U.S. POW'S, WERE BEING HELD IN A HIGHLY SECURE AREA  
 NEAR MO VET, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA, WHICH IS CLOSE TO  
 THE BORDER WITH VIETNAM. THIS AREA IS NEAR TWO LARGE RUBBER  
 PLANTATIONS ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF MO VET, WHICH HE  
 WOULD BE ABLE TO PINPOINT. THE U.S. MISSION TO FIND (b)(3)(b)(6)

THE POW'S IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE FAILED BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN  
 MOVED IN ADVANCE. COMMENT: NO LARGE RUBBER  
 PLANTATIONS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE. (b)(3)(b)(6)

2. ABOUT 1 JANUARY 1982 TO HAVE RECEIVED  
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. POW'S. HE SAID THAT  
 DURING THE EIGHT YEARS HE HAD BEEN HELD A PRISONER BY THE NORTH  
 VIETNAMESE, WHEN HE HAD AT ONE POINT SHARED A CELL WITH U.S.  
 POW. HE HAD PERSONALLY BURIED SEVERAL U.S.  
 POW'S WHO HAD DIED IN CAPTIVITY. WHILE HE DID NOT KNOW THE  
 NAMES OF THESE POW'S, HE DID KNOW THE LOCATIONS OF THE BURIAL  
 SITES, WHICH HE WOULD BE WILLING TO POINT OUT TO U.S. AUTHORI-  
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COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEDGED PHOTOGRAPH AND LETTER OF A LIVE  
AMERICAN POW IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS, RECEIVED  
IN MAY 1987

DOI: UNKNOWN

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. ON 27 MAY 1987, A [REDACTED] FROM NAKHON  
PHANOM PROVINCE, THAILAND, [REDACTED] RECEIVED A ROLL OF FILM~~SECRET~~

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FROM LAOS WHICH CONTAINED A PHOTO OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR (POW) IN LAOS. [ ] RECEIVED THE PHOTO AND LETTER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO RESIDENT. [ ] COMMENT: [ ] PROBABLY KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE LAO BUT WAS NOT WILLING TO REVEAL THE NAME.) IN ADDITION TO THE FILM, [ ] ALSO RECEIVED, FROM [ ] A LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY THE POW TO HIS MOTHER. THE SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER WAS [ ] (SIC). THE PHOTO OF THE POW WAS TAKEN ON AN UNKNOWN DATE AT A LOCATION ABOUT 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LAO (XD 5857) IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE POW WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM'S 576TH BRIGADE. THE UNIDENTIFIED LAO WAS ASKING 50,000 BAHT FOR INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN POW. THE PHOTO OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BLACK AND WHITE AND SHOWS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EMACIATED CAUCASIAN SITTING ON THE GROUND ON A MAT. HE IS WEARING ONLY A PAIR OF DARK TROUSERS. HIS FEET APPEAR TO BE SWOLLEN. THE AGE OF THE PERSON IN THE PHOTO IS CIRCA EARLY FORTIES. [ ] COMMENT: THE PHOTO SHOWS INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHOTOGRAPH. HOWEVER, THE NEGATIVE WAS OBTAINED FROM [ ] AND DEVELOPED. THE PRINT FROM THE NEGATIVE MATCHES [ ] PHOTO, BUT IS MUCH BETTER QUALITY AND DOES NOT SHOW THE INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTO OF A PHOTO. THE NEGATIVE FILM WAS THE BRAND "ORWO" WHICH IS NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN THAILAND BUT IS AVAILABLE IN LAOS. THE LETTER FROM [ ] TO HIS MOTHER TO HELP GET HIM OUT OF JAIL, CONTAINS MANY ERRORS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE MADE BY A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER.) [ ] COMMENT: THE EXISTENCE OF A PAVN 576TH BRIGADE IS UNCONFIRMED.)

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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EZ2:

SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]  
1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED ON 31 JULY 1991 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE OBTAINED IT FROM THE  
DEBRIEFING [REDACTED] THIS REPORT  
WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH AND IS NOW BEING SENT FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION

3. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED ALL MIA/POW MATERIALS TO  
INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH, A SET OF FINGER PRINTS AND A TAPE RECORDING  
FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
RETAINS GOOD ACCESS TO VIETNAM. [REDACTED] CURRENT POSITION/JOB IS  
UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT [REDACTED] OBTAINED THE ABOVE MIA/POW MATERIALS  
FROM A [REDACTED] WHO INTERROGATED ALLEGED  
MIA/POW [REDACTED]  
REPORTEDLY WROTE [REDACTED] BIOGRAPHY AND LAD [REDACTED] SIGN THE PAPER  
WHICH ALSO CONTAINED HIS FINGERPRINTS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE RECORDED THE TAPE BASED ON COMMENTS  
[REDACTED] WANTED MADE TO HIS FAMILY IN THE U.S.

4. [REDACTED] PASSED THE ABOVE MATERIALS TO [REDACTED]

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[ ] THEN PASSED THE MATERIALS [ ] ON 9 NOVEMBER 1990. ON 14 NOVEMBER 1990, [ ] GAVE THE DOCUMENTS TO [ ] CIRCA 22 NOVEMBER 1990, [ ] MAILED THE PHOTOGRAPH TO [ ] THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. [ ] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [ ] PASSED THE PHOTO TO [ ] WHEN THE LATTER ARRIVED AT THE [ ] ADDED THAT ALL RELATED MATERIAL WAS PASSED TO [ ] AT THAT TIME). [ ] THE FINGERPRINT PAPER WAS NOT PASSED, BUT SHE GAVE ONE RECORDED TAPE [ ] IN APRIL 1991 WHEN HE VISITED [ ] AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, [ ] ARRIVED AT [ ] AT THE BEHEST OF [ ] WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE PREVIOUSLY PASSED MATERIALS. ACCORDING TO [ ] THE PHOTO WAS NOT OF AMERICANS BUT POSSIBLY FRENCH OR RUSSIANS. ON 14 JUNE 1991, [ ] CLAIMS THAT SHE AND [ ] MAILED A PACKET CONTAINING THE PHOTO AND TAPE RECORDING TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT, HOPING IT WOULD BRING RESULTS.

5. [ ] STATED THAT SHE WORKED [ ] AND HAD A NETWORK OF SOURCES REPORTING TO HER. INCLUDED IN [ ] NETWORK WERE THE FOLLOWING:

[ ]

[ ]

[ ] CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE IN PHNOM PENH. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH [ ] [ ] STATED THAT SHE MET HIM WHEN HE PASSED HER TWO NAMES OF ALLEGED MIA/POW'S IN LATE DEC 1990 OR EARLY JAN 1991. THE TWO NAMES WERE [ ] (SIC). [ ] ADDED THAT SHE WAS CURIOUS AS TO HOW [ ] KNEW THE TWO NAMES AS THEY WERE TWO OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PHOTO, AND THAT PERHAPS THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL. SHE THEN GAVE BAHT 5,000 TO [ ] TO HIRE SOMEONE TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION. [ ] THAT HE HAD A CONTACT NAMED [ ] LIVING IN PHNOM PENH WHO COULD HANDLE THE TASK. [ ] CLAIMS THAT [ ] CHEATED HER OUT OF BAHT 5,000 BECAUSE [ ] HAS REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED. [ ] HAS SINCE BROKEN CONTACT [ ]

7. WHEN ASKED IF SHE KNEW [ ] [ ] REPLIED THAT SHE DID AND THAT [ ] WORKS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [ ] ACCORDING TO [ ] FLED TO THAILAND IN 1975 AND IS NOW A THAI CITIZEN. HE

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[REDACTED]  
INSIDE CAMBODIA. SHE FIRST MET [REDACTED] IN 1989 WHEN SHE CAME TO THE  
[REDACTED] OFTEN IN AN EFFORT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO HAD ACCESS TO THE  
U.S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. [REDACTED] CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE HAD ANY FURTHER  
CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] SINCE ARRIVING [REDACTED] IN EARLY 1990. SHE  
CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] ALL SECRET

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY DEBRIEFING OF

1. BECAUSE DIA DEBRIEFER HAS BEEN ON TDY [REDACTED] CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY DEBRIEFING OF RECENTLY ARRIVED [REDACTED] ON 15 OCTOBER 1987.
2. IN COURSE OF HIS DEBRIEFING, [REDACTED] BROKE INTO TEARS AND ADMITTED THAT HE IS NEITHER AN AMERICAN NOR A FILIPINO. HE NOW CLAIMS THAT HE IS A BAHNAR MONTAGNARD FROM NEAR PLEIKU. HE STATED THAT HE SERVED WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN [REDACTED] SOMETIME BEFORE 1975. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO [REDACTED] SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, BUT NOT SINCE AUGUST 1986. ALTHOUGH HIS STORY BECAME SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT, HIS TALKS WITH [REDACTED] APPARENTLY CAUSED SOME UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS FOR EITHER [REDACTED] OR HIMSELF.
3. DIA DEBRIEFER, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN CIRCA 16 OCTOBER, WILL HAVE ACCESS TO [REDACTED]
4. NOT RELEASABLE [REDACTED]
5. DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED]

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TO: DIA//PW-MIA (COL JOE SCHLATTER).

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SUBJECT: SIGHTINGS OF ALLEGED AMERICANS IN VIETNAM

1. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 WAS OBTAINED IN THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER AREA ON 3 AND 10 APRIL 1989 AND WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH.

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IN TRAT PROVINCE, AN AMERICAN NAMED "THOM" (A FRENCH NATIONAL BUT AMERICAN CITIZEN) WAS ARRESTED IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, VIETNAM, CIRCA NOVEMBER 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED ALONG WITH SEVEN THAI NATIONALS FOR DRUG INVOLVEMENT. AS OF EARLY APRIL 1989, THE AMERICAN WAS STILL IN JAIL IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE.

3. AN [REDACTED] AT THE BAN THAD CAMP OF SITE TWO REFUGEE CENTER REPORTED HEARSAY INFORMATION ON A U.S. NAVY PERSON BEING HELD IN CUU LONG PROVINCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1986. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO FORMER ARVN OFFICERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO PHOTOGRAPH ONE BLACK AND ONE WHITE AMERICAN LIVING IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS FROM THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

4. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 5 WAS OBTAINED [REDACTED] WHO RECEIVED IT FROM A RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEE.

5. CIRCA MARCH 1989 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOWED THE RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEE A BLACK AND WHITE PICTURE OF "FORMER AMERICAN PILOTS" LIVING IN A "HMONG" VILLAGE IN THE JUNGLE. [REDACTED] DID NOT PINPOINT THE LOCATION. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST 10 TO 12 EX-PILOTS LIVING IN THE HMONG VILLAGE, SOME OF WHOM WERE BLIND. [REDACTED] GAVE THE NAME OF ONE AS BEING [REDACTED] AND PROVIDED ALSO THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION: ARMY [REDACTED]

SAID THAT HE WANTED TO HELP THE U.S. AND DESIRED U.S. AID TO ENABLE HIS FAMILY AND A HMONG FAMILY (OR FAMILIES) TO GET OUT OF VIETNAM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO SEND THE PHOTOGRAPH TO THE U.S. VIA THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) POSTAL SYSTEM. (NOTE: NO SIGNIFICANT HMONG SETTLEMENTS ARE KNOWN IN SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT THERE ARE HMONG POPULATED AREAS IN NORTH VIETNAM NEAR THE BORDERS WITH CHINA AND NORTHERN LAOS.

6. SHOULD THE ABOVE MENTIONED PHOTOGRAPH EVER REACH US, IT WILL BE PASSED ON TO YOU.

7. [REDACTED]

8. DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] ALL SECRET.

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COUNTRY: NORTH VIETNAM

DOI: MAY/JUNE 1972

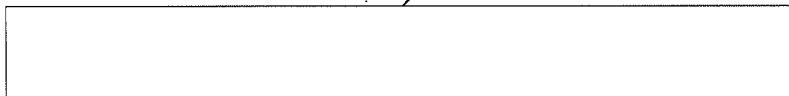
SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF DOWNING OF U.S. AIRCRAFT IN NORTH  
VIETNAM AND DEATH OF U.S. PILOT IN EARLY MAY 1972

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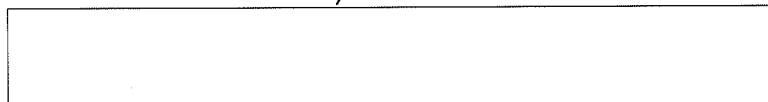
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[REDACTED]

1. AT ABOUT 1300 HOURS IN EARLY MAY 1972, WHILE STAYING AT A SMALL HAMLET NEAR MUANG KWANG BINH IN NORTH VIETNAM, DEFECTOR [REDACTED] SAW FOUR U.S. AIRCRAFT BOMBING THE ROAD BETWEEN MUANG KWANG BINH AND THE LAO BORDER. [REDACTED] HEARD THE NORTH VIETNAMESE (NVN) SOLDIERS IN CHARGE OF HIS PARTY OF TRAVELERS CALL THE PLANES "PHANTOMS". ONE OF THE PLANES WAS HIT BY NVN ROCKETS AND BURST INTO FLAMES. ONE PILOT PARACHUTED FROM THE PLANE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: DEFECTOR [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE TRAVELLED THROUGH LAOS ON THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND ENTERED NVN VIA EITHER THE MU GIA PASS OR THE BAN KARAI PASS. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHICH ONE. THE AIR ATTACK OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER HE ENTERED NVN. SO MUANG KWANG BINH SHOULD BE NEAR ONE OF THE TWO PASSES.)

2. AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS ON THE SAME DAY, [REDACTED] LEARNED FROM A NVN OFFICER THAT THE U.S. PILOT WHO HAD PARACHUTED FROM HIS PLANE IN THE AFTERNOON HAD ALREADY BEEN SHOT DEAD BY NVN SOLDIERS, BECAUSE HE HAD TRIED TO RESIST THE NVN SOLDIERS WHO RUSHED TO ARREST HIM. IN HIS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE ARREST, THE U.S. PILOT KILLED TWO NVN SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED A THIRD.

3. THE NVN SOLDIERS WHO WERE WITH [REDACTED], AT THE TIME THE U.S. PILOT BAILED OUT OF HIS PLANE, TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE

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PILOT MUST BE A MAJOR. THEY EXPLAINED THAT IF THE COLOR OF THE PARACHUTE WAS RED AND WHITE, THE PILOT WOULD BE AN OFFICER BETWEEN THE RANK OF A MAJOR AND COLONEL. IF THE PARACHUTE WAS A PLAIN COLOR, SUCH AS WHITE OR BROWN OR CAMOUFLAGED, THEN THE PILOT WAS A RANK BETWEEN FIRST LIEUTENANT AND CAPTAIN. /2

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IN MID-DECEMBER 73, THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE ABOVE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: THIS REPORT POSSIBLY DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT INVOLVING NAVY

[REDACTED] ON 6 MAY 1972, [REDACTED] WAS PILOTING AN A7E AIRCRAFT ON A COMBAT MISSION OVER THE DONG HOI AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE FLIGHT LEADER OBSERVED [REDACTED] FULLY DEPLOYED CHUTE AND OBSERVED HIM LANDING IN A POPULATED AREA. [REDACTED] IS LISTED AS MISSING. THIS IS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT INCIDENT NEAR THE BAN KARAI PASS IN 1972. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AROUND THE MU GIA PASS IN 1972.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY), USSAG, SAIGON AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).  
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GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF E.O. 11652. EXEMPTION  
CATEGORY 5B (1) (2). IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATE OF AUTOMATIC  
DECLASSIFICATION.

Agree with JCRC comment on the possibility that the incident  
described by source relates to [REDACTED] A discrepancy  
exists, however, in that [REDACTED] was downed at 0910L and [REDACTED]  
relates that the incident occurred at 1300L. Another problem in  
positively correlating the incident with a known individual is  
that [REDACTED] is not certain where the incident actually occurred.

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COUNTRY CAMBODIA

DOI APRIL 1970 - MAY 1971

SUBJECT TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS EXECUTED BY KHMER INSURGENTS IN  
KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

ACQ VIETNAM. SAIGON (1 MARCH 1974)

SOURCE

1. BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY 1971, <sup>Source</sup> SAW TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS ABOUT FOUR TIMES IN TUOL TA KAO VILLAGE, SROK KROCH CHHMAR DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, WHERE THEY WERE BEING HELD PRISONER BY THE KHMER COMMUNISTS (KC) IN A STILLHOUSE AT ABOUT WU748412. THE KC SOLDIERS WHO GUARDED THE TWO JOURNALISTS TOLD THAT THEY WERE CAPTURED BY THE KC IN APRIL 1970 WHEN THEY WERE TRAVELING BY CAR FROM KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE TO PHNOM PENH.

2. <sup>Source</sup> DESCRIBED THE JOURNALISTS AS CAUCASIANS; ONE WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.72 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 70 KILOS AND HAD A THIN BUILD AND BROWNISH HAIR. THE OTHER WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, HAD BLACK HAIR AND, ALTHOUGH HE HAD A HEAVY BUILD, WEIGHED ONLY ABOUT 60 KILOS. THEY HAD NO VISIBLE WOUNDS BUT WERE VERY THIN AS THOUGH THEY WERE MALNOURISHED. THEY WORE BLACK PAJAMAS AND SLIPPERS.

COMMENT: <sup>Source</sup> WAS SHOWN BOTH VOLUMES OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY EITHER ONE.)

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3. WHEN [ ] WENT TO THE VILLAGE IN JUNE 1971 HE LEARNED FROM THE VILLAGERS THAT THE TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS HAD BEEN SHOT BY ORDER OF T A SAM BON, COMMANDER OF THE KC SROK KROCH CHHMAR DISTRICT FORCE, AND THAT THEIR BODIES WERE BURIED AT ABOUT 4U750440 IN TUOL SNOUL VILLAGE, SROK KROCH CHHMAR DISTRICT.

4. IN JULY 1971, [ ] MET AN OLD CHINESE COUPLE WHO USED TO [ ] VILLAGE AND HE BELIEVED THEY KNEW THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE THE BODIES WERE BURIED. [ ] SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO LEAD A SEARCH TEAM BACK TO THE VILLAGE IF HE WERE GIVEN FULL SECURITY PROTECTION.

5. [ ] COMMENT: JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "THIS REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING MR ALLEN HIRONS, AN AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN, AND [ ], AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN. THE PUEGOT AUTO THEY WERE TRAVELING IN WAS FOUND ON HIGHWAY 1 AT WT270580 ON 26 APRIL 1972 AT THE SITE OF A FORMER VC ROADBLOCK. THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION GIVEN IN THIS REPORT CLOSELY CORRELATES TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO MEN. BOTH MEN ARE CARRIED *by [ ] TCHC* IN A CAPTURED STATUS."

6. [ ] 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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UNLESS [ ] WAS MISTAKEN ON 1971 AS THE YEAR HE SAW THE PRISONERS AND IN WHICH THEY WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED, THE REPORT MORE CLOSELY FITS THE CASE OF TWO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS NAMED [ ]

NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT [ ] DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO DID NOT REFLECT THE STRIKING FACT THAT [ ] WAS ALMOST A FOOT TALLER THAN [ ] QUESTIONED AGAIN, [ ] RECONFIRMED THE DATES IN HIS ORIGINAL REPORT AND ALSO IDENTIFIED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF [ ] IN VOLUME I OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS VAGUELY SIMILAR TO THE TALLER OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS HE SAW. ASKED HOW MUCH TALLER, THE [ ] SAID ABOUT 20 CENTIMETERS. THUS, IT IS LIKELY THAT [ ]

THE [ ] STONE [ ] AS CAN [ ] DATE [ ]

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COUNTRY - SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA  
 DOI - JULY 1966 - MARCH 1970  
 SUBJECT - THREE SEPARATE SIGNINGS OF U.S. PRISONERS IN  
 TAY HINH PROVINCE, ONE OF WHOM CAPTURED ALONG  
 CANADIAN BORDER

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SOURCE

1. RALLIER [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD SEEN U.S. PRISONERS  
 OF THE VIET CONG (V) ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WHILE HE WAS WITH  
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THE VC. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO THE PRISONER GUARDS IN EACH CASE AND HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PRISONERS WERE BEING TAKEN TO A LARGE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN) PRISON CAMP LOCATED IN THE DANBE AREA OF KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. ALL THREE OF THE U.S. PRISONERS WERE SEEN IN TAY NINH PROVINCE.

SAID HE SAW THE FIRST PRISONER IN JULY 1966 IN THE VICINITY OF TAPANG SALEUL (TA LOT) AT XT015500, THIEN NGON DISTRICT, TAY NINH PROVINCE. THE PRISONER HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GUERRILLA UNIT OF VC SOC THIET VILLAGE, THIEN NGON DISTRICT, AND WAS HELD IN THIS AREA FOR THREE DAYS. THE GUERRILLAS TOLD [ ] THAT THE PRISONER WAS FROM THE BAU RAU MUONG SWAMP AREA OF THIEN NGON DISTRICT AND HAD BEEN CAPTURED WHEN HE BECAME LOST WHILE ON AN OPERATION WITH HIS UNIT. THEY SAID THEY HAD TAKEN ONE M-16 RIFLE AND TWO GRENADES FROM THE PRISONER, BUT THAT THE CHAMBER OF THE RIFLE WAS BLOCKED AND WOULD NOT FUNCTION. THE PRISONER WAS ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD, CAUCASIAN, HAD A LIGHT COMPLEXION, WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL, HAD BLONDE HAIR, CUT SHORT, DARK BLUE EYES, A HIGH FOREHEAD, HIGH NOSE, WAS CLEAN-SHAVEN, AND HAD THIN LIPS AND WHITE TEETH. HE WORE NO WATCH OR RING. HIS STEEL HELMET WAS COVERED WITH CLOTH CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL, AND HE WORE A FATIGUE UNIFORM AND BLACK BOOTS.

[ ] SAID THE PRISONER WAS PICKED UP ON THE FOURTH DAY BY A FOUR-MAN ESCORT GUARD FROM A COSVN ARMED PUBLIC SECURITY (APS) UNIT TO ESCORT HIM TO THE PRISON CAMP.

2. [ ] SAID HE SAW THE SECOND U.S. PRISONER IN ABOUT JULY 1967 IN THE VICINITY OF XT132333, NEAR CHUOI NUOC HAMLET, KUNG DAU FOREST, TAY NINH PROVINCE, WHILE HE WAS ACCOMPANYING A REAR SERVICE DELEGATION TO THE BA THU, CAMBODIA AREA. THE PRISONER WAS ESCORTED BY ABOUT TEN MEMBERS OF THE UNIT OPERATING THE COSVN V-27 COMMO LIAISON FORCE, AND THEY ONLY STOPPED FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES. [ ]

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Said the members of the escort group told him the prisoner had been captured in Laos province by the VC group 10 in June 1967. The U.S. prisoner was about 27 years old, a Negro about 1.80 meters tall, thin, had short, black curly hair, a high forehead and was clean shaven. [ ] did not see any watch or ring and the man was wearing black pajamas and no undershirt. He looked very sad and kept his head down, looking at the ground, all of the time. When he was allowed to smoke he was very careful to cup his hands so the light could not be seen. He was not injured.

3. While [ ] was a cadre of Rear Services Group 100 of COSVN, he saw the third U.S. prisoner in about March 1970. [ ] said he saw the prisoner, a U.S. pilot, in the Ho Ba Tay area near Chuoi Muek Hamlet, Long Khanh Village, Tay Ninh Province (XT164346) in the custody of troops from the 1st Regiment of the 9th North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division. The guards told [ ] the man was a pilot whose helicopter had been shot down nearby by ground fire. The prisoner was about 26 years old, Caucasian, about 1.80 meters tall, heavy set, had short blond hair, a high forehead, blue eyes, was clean-shaven, and had thick lips and a sharp chin. No scars were visible. He wore a wrist watch with a black face and luminous dial but no ring. He had a broken leg, and his boots had been removed while the NVA medics treated his broken leg. He wore a one-piece pilot's fatigue uniform. The following day, a platoon of Kmer communists arrived in the area and carried the prisoner away without saying where they were going. The NVA guards said they had no choice but to give up the prisoner as he crashed on the Cambodian border.

4. [ ] COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC), WHICH HAS NO RECORD OF THE PRISONER. [ ]

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 FOLLOWING [REDACTED] RECORDS AT THIS OFFICE INDICATE ONLY ONE  
 POSSIBILITY FOR EACH OF THESE SIGHTINGS. SIGHTING NO. 1: THIS  
 COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] WHO  
 WAS CAPTURED NEAR XIETK24 ON 24 APRIL 1966. THE PHYSICAL  
 DESCRIPTION IS REASONABLY CLOSE, AND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN DRESSED  
 LIKE THE [REDACTED] SAM. SIGHTING NO. 2: THIS MIGHT BE [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] WHO WAS CAPTURED 29 JUNE 1967 AT XI865035.  
 [REDACTED] WAS IN HIS EARLY 30'S, WAS WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES  
 WHEN CAPTURED, BUT WAS CAPTURED WITH HIS VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER  
 /WHO WAS LATER RELEASED/ AND WAS INTERNEED WITH SOME VIETNAMESE  
 PRISONERS AT LAST REPORT. SIGHTING NO. 3: THE ONLY INCIDENT  
 RECORDED BY THIS OFFICE WHICH INVOLVED CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE THOSE  
 DESCRIBED WAS THE ONE INVOLVING [REDACTED]  
 WHO WAS CAPTURED ON 27 NOVEMBER 1968 AFTER HIS HELICOPTER WAS  
 SHOT DOWN. HE SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG IN THE CRASH. HE WAS  
 TREATED BY THE VC/NVA AND THEN TURNED OVER TO THE CAMBODIAN  
 AUTHORITIES, WHO RELEASED HIM ON 6 JANUARY 1970.")

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE USARV NAVFURY  
 325TH MI GP 1021ST FAS OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT  
 PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED] VIENTIANE [REDACTED]  
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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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7 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT

: Activities of [redacted] and  
[redacted]

1. The Vientiane Embassy officer in charge of prisoner of war matters has asked that the following information passed to him by our station also be furnished to you:

A. [redacted] is associated with Mr. [redacted] who was the organizer of a California-based group who offered to exchange themselves with U. S. POWs in North Vietnam. [redacted] and four other U. S. citizens, including [redacted] went to Vientiane in mid-1971 to discuss exchange proposals with the North Vietnamese Embassy officials there. [redacted] both met Nguyen Van Tanh, who turned them down. [redacted] and three other U. S. citizens then returned to California, while [redacted] remained as [redacted] representative.

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C. In summary form, this is what [ ] claims to have accomplished since mid-1971.

(1) Four trips to Hanoi. Two trips were arranged by "Ky," assistant to North Vietnam Embassy First Secretary Nguyen Van Tanh [ ]. One trip was made 29 July 1971 from Pakse. [ ] was accompanied by Ky, who arranged for a "small plane" to fly them to Hanoi. The trip took 165 minutes. The two men were met at the Hanoi airport by a limousine. No customs or immigration checks were made. [ ] was put in a "hotel for foreigners." The next morning Ky took [ ] to the office of General Vo Nguyen Giap. Ky made the introduction, departed, and [ ] had a two-hour conversation with Giap about POWs.

(2) It is unclear when, but [ ] claims he met Giap for a second time in Hanoi. On the basis of conversations with Giap, [ ] described Giap as "leftist," rather than "rightist," and the leader of a North Vietnamese faction wanting POWs released now. Giap was very helpful and sent some of his aides to Laos to try to locate a missing U.S. pilot named [ ] who was shot down over Laos. (A [ ] was shot down near Khe San, South Vietnam, on 3 February 1966.) The pilot is allegedly the son of an OSS major who saved the lives of Ho Chi Minh and Giap in 1943, and Giap was trying to repay an old debt.

(3) During one trip to Hanoi, [ ] went by jeep to Dien Bien Phu, which he described as being in Laos -- just a few miles from the North Vietnam border! Dien Bien Phu is a "screening area for POWs in Laos and the PL have a pretty nice little headquarters there."

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(4) During one visit to Hanoi, [ ] met a Roman Catholic priest, "Father Binh," who at one time was a member of the North Vietnamese peace negotiations delegation in Paris (No record). Father Binh has a parish of about 300 in Hanoi.

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(6) Vientiane journalists and Embassy officials want to debrief [ ] but he refuses. [ ] has said that [ ] "has had a few conflicts with [ ] and did this purposely because he feels by doing these things he can get close to the enemy and get more news for us here regarding POWs and MIAs."

(7) [ ] learned all about the "PL underground" in Vientiane from two taxi drivers stationed at the Lane Xang Hotel. Weapons for the PL are smuggled into the Vientiane area from Thailand.

(8) [ ] has solid, confirmed information on two POW camps in Laos in addition to "Dien Bien Phu." One is "Muy San," near Sam Neua.

D. [ ] claims that [ ] telephoned him from Laos on 24 January 1972 to impart the following: PL and North Vietnamese sources stated that 61 U. S. prisoners were sent from Laos to Peking in early or mid-December 71. "This is fact," said [ ] Rumor has it that POWs will be displayed in Peking chained and shackled wearing placards around their necks requesting President Nixon to set a withdrawal date on Vietnam and have the POWs released. The POWs will be exposed to the President during his Peking visit.

[REDACTED] Nevertheless, given the highest interest in POW affairs, on 18 February we requested our station to provide the full story to the Embassy officer charged with POW responsibilities. We asked that the Embassy officer sit [REDACTED] down and attempt to sort the wheat from the chaff on the outside chance that there is any wheat at all. There has been no response.

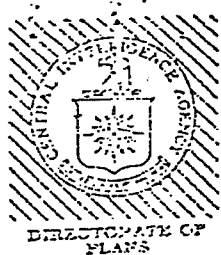
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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI 1 - 12 SEPTEMBER 1972

SUBJECT

DOWNING OF A U.S.

AIRCRAFT AND A MIG FIGHTER PLANE, BOMBING  
 OF PAUL DOUMER BRIDGE, AIR ALERTS IN HANOI,  
 AND AIR, RAIL AND ROAD TRAFFIC

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VIETNAM, SAIGON (13 SEPTEMBER 1972) CX #

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(a) He STATED ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1972 THAT AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON OR ABOUT 9 SEPTEMBER 1972, THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT AFTER IT HAD CRASHED IN A BAMBOO GROVE IN A PARK WITHIN THE CITY, THAT HE HAD SEEN THE PILOT WHO WAS STILL STRAPPED IN HIS SEAT, AND THAT THE PILOT HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE CRASH. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH HAD A LARGE LETTER "A" ON THE TAIL, WAS DESTROYED BUT HAD NOT BURNED. NORTH VIETNAMESE CAMERAMEN WERE PHOTOGRAPHING THE SCENE.

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] A MIG FIGHTER PLANE CRASHED ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT THE AMERICAN PLANE WAS DOWNED. THE MIG APPARENTLY WAS SHOT DOWN BY AMERICAN PLANES AND DROPPED ON THE RAILWAY LINE RUNNING FROM HANOI TO HAIPHONG, APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS NORTH OF GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ON 10 SEPTEMBER, AMERICAN AIRCRAFT HAD BOMBED AND SCORED FOUR HITS ON THE PAUL DOUMER BRIDGE IN HANOI ABOUT 100 METERS FROM ITS EASTERN END, RENDERING THE BRIDGE UNUSABLE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAD BEEN ESTIMATING THAT CONSIDERING THE PROGRESS OF REPAIR WORK ON THE BRIDGE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OPEN TO LIGHT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON OR ABOUT 15 SEPTEMBER.

4. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THERE WERE FIVE AIR RAID ALERTS IN HANOI ON 9 SEPTEMBER AND 6 ON 10 SEPTEMBER.

5. ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1972, DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS, GIA LAM AIRPORT APPEARED TO BE DEVOID OF CIVIL AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AND THERE APPEARED TO BE NO ACTIVITY IN THE YEN VIEN RAILROAD YARD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CANAL DES RAPIDES.

6. THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS OF 12 SEPTEMBER IN THE HANOI AREA:

A. ROUTE 1A - TRAFFIC WAS HEAVY GOING SOUTHWEST TOWARD HANOI PAST GIA LAM AIRPORT. TRAFFIC MOVING SOUTH FROM HANOI APPEARED TO BE PROCEEDING IN CONVOYS, WAS MODERATE, AND WAS NOT AS HEAVY AS THAT OBSERVED ON ROUTE 6.

B. ROUTE 5 - TRAFFIC ALSO WAS HEAVY GOING SOUTHWEST PAST GIA LAM AIRPORT TOWARD BOTH HANOI AND HAIPHONG.

C. ROUTE 6 - VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WAS MOVING SOUTH.

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IN END-TO-END CONVOYS FROM THE HANOI CITY LIMITS TO A POINT AT LEAST TEN MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST OF HANOI. THE SOUTH-BOUND CONVOYS EACH APPEARED TO BE COMPOSED OF ABOUT SIX TRUCKS, WERE USING BLACKOUT LIGHTS, AND WERE SOME 50 TO 100 METERS APART. TRAFFIC ALSO WAS PROCEEDING NORTHEAST OVER THE SAME STRETCH OF ROUTE 6, BUT WAS NOT MOVING IN CONVOYS, WAS MUCH LIGHTER, AND WAS USING WHAT APPEARED TO BE ORDINARY HEADLIGHTS.

7. [ ] DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE NAVFORV COMSEVENTHFLT CTF 77 AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC ARPAC PACFLT PACAF [ ] VIENTIANE.

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM  
DOI MARCH-JULY 1971  
SUBJECT CAPTURE OF TWO U.S. MILITARY ADVISORS BY  
NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY UNIT IN KONTUM PROVINCE

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1. IN LATE MARCH 1971, THE K8 BATTALION OF THE  
NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 66TH REGIMENT CAPTURED TWO AMERICAN  
PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF NGOC DINH DUA NEAR HILL 935 IN  
KONTUM PROVINCE, WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE 47TH

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER COMMENTS THAT IN AN INCIDENT ON 31 JANUARY 1971 [REDACTED] WAS LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION IN KONTUM PROVINCE; HE WAS, HOWEVER, THE ONLY AMERICAN MISSING FROM THIS INCIDENT. THE DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY SOURCE IS IN GENERAL CLOSE TO THAT OF [REDACTED] SEVERAL OTHER AMERICANS WERE MISSING IN FEBRUARY-APRIL 1971 BUT THE ONLY ADVISOR WAS [REDACTED] WHO HAD VERY REDDISH BLONDE HAIR. THUS, THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DISCREPANCIES WHICH MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM FAULTY MEMORY OF [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV USAID CORDS 7TH AF JUSPAO (MR. LINCOLN ONLY) USARV NAVFORV 1021 FAS 525 MI GP OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI LATE MAY 1974

SUBJECT PRESENCE OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN A  
KHMER COMMUNIST DETENTION CAMP IN KOMPONG  
CHAM PROVINCE OF SOUTHEASTERN CAMBODIA

ACQ CAMBODIA, PHNOM PENH

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1. AS OF MAY 1974, TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) WERE BEING HELD BY THE KHMER COMMUNISTS (KC) IN A DETENTION CAMP NEAR THE VILLAGE OF MEMUT (XU 3006) IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE OF SOUTHEASTERN CAMBODIA. THE DETENTION CAMP WAS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF A COFFEE PLANTATION ABOUT 4 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF KAMPOAN VILLAGE (XU 210180) AND ABOUT 2.5 KILOMETERS EAST OF LOU VILLAGE (XU 1602).

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THE TWO AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG (VC) IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO MEN WERE REFERRED TO AS B U L L E R (PHONETIC), A BLACK AMERICAN, AND C H A I G A R (PHONETIC), A WHITE AMERICAN WITH RED HAIR.

2. THE POW KNOWN AS BULLER WAS IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES, HAD A LARGE BUILD, BUT WAS THIN AND HAD CURLY HAIR, THICK LIPS AND A WELL TRIMMED MOUSTACHE AND BEARD. HE WAS MARRIED TO A KHMER WOMAN, AND THEY HAD ONE SON FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. THE SON HAD A DARK COMPLEXION AND SLIGHTLY CURLY HAIR. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE RALLIER NEVER SPOKE WITH BULLER, BUT BULLER'S WIFE INFORMED THE RALLIER THAT SHE, HER HUSBAND AND HER SON WERE CAPTURED BY THE VC IN SOUTH VIETNAM MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. THEY WERE MISTREATED BY THE VC AND FORCED TO LIVE WITH THE VC. THEIR REQUEST WAS HEARD. [REDACTED] WAS A SOLDIER IN THE U.S. ARMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HE WAS FAIRLY FLUENT KHMER.

3. THE POW KNOWN AS CHAIGAR WAS OVER SIX FEET TALL, SLENDER, AND PROBABLY IN HIS EARLY TWENTIES. HE HAD SOFT, SHORT RED HAIR, AN ERECT POSTURE, A SHARP NOSE, AND MANY MOLES OR FRECKLES ON HIS FACE. HE SPOKE VIETNAMESE.

4. BULLER WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK AS A FARMER AT THE CAMP. [REDACTED]

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MAY 1974, HE WAS TRANSFERRED ALONG WITH A KC MILITARY TEAM TO SANGKUM MEANCHEY VILLAGE (XU 2406) TO GROW VEGETABLES THERE. CHAIGAR WORKED AS A TRUCK MECHANIC AT THE COFFEE PLANTATION. BOTH POWS WERE IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH AND HAD BEEN AT THE DETENTION CENTER FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS.

5. THE MEMUT DETENTION CAMP CONSISTED OF TEN BAMBOO AND THATCH BUILDINGS EACH MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 10 X 3.5 METERS. THE CAMP HAD NO FENCE BUT WAS GUARDED BY ABOUT 30 MEN ARMED WITH AK-47, SKS AND M-16 RIFLES. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 30 FANK AND 200 CIVILIAN PRISONERS AT THE CENTER. THE FANK PRISONERS WERE FROM THE 53TH AND 64TH BRIGADES AND HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE AREA OF NATIONAL ROUTE ONE. THE CIVILIAN PRISONERS WERE SERVING ONE TO TWO YEAR TERMS FOR BREAKING KC REGULATIONS. ALL THE PRISONERS WERE LOCKED UP AT NIGHT IN THE BUILDINGS OF THE CAMP AND INDIVIDUALLY CHAINED.

6. THE TWO AMERICAN POWS WERE SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE PRISONERS. BULLER LIVED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A TWO-STORY HOUSE LOCATED IN MEANCHEY VILLAGE ABOUT 2.5 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MEMUT MARKET AND APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS EAST OF THE CROSS-ROAD ON NATIONAL ROUTE SEVEN. HE AND HIS FAMILY LIVED WITH 20

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GUARDS. FOUR KC OFFICIALS LIVED ABOVE THEM ON THE SECOND FLOOR. THE LAND BULLER WORKED WAS ABOUT 15 METERS BEHIND HIS HOUSE. CHAIGAR SLEPT ALONE IN A SHED NEAR THE GARAGE WHERE HE WORKED. THE GARAGE AND SHED WERE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS EAST OF THE DETENTION CAMP. TEN ARMED GUARDS LIVED IN TWO SHEDS NEXT TO CHAIGAR'S.

7. THE AMERICAN POWS WORE FATIGUE AND CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORMS, WITH NO INSIGNIA, BLACK BOOTS AND NO HATS. EACH HAD ABOUT TWO OR THREE SUCH UNIFORMS.

8.  COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

"A. THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS 'BULLER' IN THIS REPORT PROBABLY RELATES TO  A NEGRO CARRIED IN DESERTER STATUS.  HAD REPORTEDLY ESCAPED FROM THE REFERENCED CAMP (XU 437025), WITH HIS KHMER WIFE AND FIVE-YEAR OLD SON IN OCTOBER 1973. AN ARVN ESCAPEE REPORTED SEEING  AND HIS WIFE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1973 IN THE VICINITY OF XU 437025. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT ON  SINCE THE OCTOBER 1973 REPORT OF HIS ESCAPE.

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"B. A CORRELATION COULD NOT BE MADE TO THE INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO AS 'CHAIGAR'. BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DETENTION AS RELATED IN THE REPORT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS ALSO A COLLABORATOR. IF THIS IS THE CASE, JCRC CAN NOT PROVIDE A CORRELATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS OFFICE DOES NOT MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN, NOR DOSSIERS ON, DESERTERS/COLLABORATORS.")

9. [ ] DISSEM: EMBASSY AT PHNOM PENH (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY). SENT TO: SAIGON (DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE) [ ] (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY) CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).

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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM  
DOI NOVEMBER 1967  
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN QUANG YEN DISTRICT,  
QUANG NINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

ACO VIETNAM, SAIGON (4 FEBRUARY 1974)

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1. AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS ONE DAY BETWEEN 20 AND 30 NOVEMBER 1967, WHILE TRAVELING BY TRUCK ALONG ROUTE 10 FROM TIEN YEN DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, TO THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN), [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE BODY OF A U.S. PILOT NEXT TO THE WRECKAGE OF A U.S. F105 JET AIRCRAFT ABOUT 100 METERS WEST OF ROUTE 10 AND VU TUONG MOUNTAIN IN THE KHOAI LAC AREA, QUANG YEN DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE. FROM 0930 TO 1030 HOURS THAT DAY, A LARGE NUMBER OF JET AIRCRAFT HAD CONDUCTED HEAVY BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST THE UONG BI POWER PLANT AND THE ADJACENT WATER PLANT NEAR XJ859270 IN QUANG YEN DISTRICT, AND AT THE SAME TIME OTHER U.S. AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE HAI PHONG CITY AREA. AFTER THE BOMBING [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE PLANE WRECKAGE AND THE PILOT'S BODY.

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2. ABOUT 20 MILITIAMEN AND CIVILIANS SURROUNDED THE AIRCRAFT AND REMOVED THE BODY FROM THE WRECKAGE.  OBSERVED THE PILOT'S BODY FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES FROM A DISTANCE OF TWO METERS. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN WITH A LIGHT COMPLEXION, 35 TO 40 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.8 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOS, HAD AN AVERAGE BUILD, A STRAIGHT NOSE, HIGH FOREHEAD, ROUND CHIN AND A RATHER LONG FACE. HE WORE A LIGHT GRAY FLIGHT SUIT AND A WHITE HELMET. THE PILOT'S HELMET AND SKULL HAD BEEN CRUSHED, APPARENTLY FROM THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH, AND  OBSERVED PROFUSE ORAL AND NASAL BLEEDING. THE NOSE OF THE PLANE WAS EMBEDDED IN THE GROUND AND THE COCKPIT WAS CAVED IN AND PARTIALLY COVERED WITH EARTH AND ROCK. THE TAIL OF THE PLANE WAS MISSING AND THE WINGS HAD BEEN TORN OFF BY THE CRASH.

3. SOON AFTER 1100 HOURS THAT DAY, FOUR CADRE FROM THE QUANG YEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE ARRIVED IN A JEEP AND TOOK THE PILOT'S BODY IN THE DIRECTION OF QUANG YEN DISTRICT TOWN NEAR XJ878160.  COMMENT:  WAS SHOWN BOTH PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS OF PERSONNEL KILLED AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION.)

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4. [ ] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RECOVERY CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

"1. DUE TO A LACK OF MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION, A REVIEW OF JCRC RECORDS HAS PRODUCED FIVE POSSIBLE CORRELATIONS TO THE REPORTED INCIDENT. ALL INCIDENTS INVOLVE NAVY PERSONNEL, THESE ARE:

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"2. THE MOST PROBABLE CORRELATION IS TO THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THOSE PERSONS IN A. AND B.

"A. [ ]

[ ] WERE FLYING AN F4B ON 19 NOVEMBER 1967 DURING A STRIKE ON A HAIPHONG RAILROAD HIGHWAY BRIDGE BYPASS AT XH717933, WHEN THEY WERE DOWNED BY A MIG. [ ] WAS RELEASED ON 14 MARCH 1973. DURING HIS DEBRIEFING HE SAID [ ] COULD NOT VERIFY [ ] POSSIBLE EJECTION. [ ] THE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND STILL INTACT WITH THE FORWARD

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PORTION IN FLAMES, BUT HE COULD NOT RECALL IF THE FORWARD CANOPY WAS STILL INTACT. [REDACTED] GOT A GLIMPSE OF ANOTHER POW. AT FIRST, HE BELIEVED IT TO BE [REDACTED] BUT LATER HE THOUGHT IT WAS [REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN A CAPTURED STATUS BASED ON A CABLE PHOTO FROM WARSAW ON 21 NOVEMBER 1967 REFERENCING THE CAPTURE OF [REDACTED] IN HAIPHONG, HOWEVER, THIS PHOTO IS NOT OF [REDACTED] BUT OF HIS I.D. CARD, [REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN A STATUS OF CAPTURED.

"B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE FLYING AN F4B ON

19 NOVEMBER 1967 ON THE SAME MISSION AT XH717933 WHEN THEIR PLANE WAS HIT BY MIG FIRE, DESTROYING ONE WING. [REDACTED] EJECTED AND DURING HIS DESCENT HE SAW TWO OTHER PARACHUTES, ONE OF WHICH HE BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF [REDACTED] HOWEVER, [REDACTED] WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN AND THE ONLY INFO IS HEARSAY UP UNTIL THE TIME OF [REDACTED] RELEASE. AS WITH THE EARLIER CASE, PICTURES OF I.D. CARDS WERE RELEASED, BUT NOT PICTURES OF THE POW'S THEMSELVES. [REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF CAPTURED.

"3. OTHER INCIDENTS WHICH CORRELATE CLOSELY TO THIS

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"C. [ ] WAS PILOTING HIS A4C ON A BOMBING RUN AGAINST A PETROLEUM STORAGE SITE NEAR HAIPHONG AT XJ612024 ON 9 JULY 1967 WHEN HIS PLANE WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE. THE AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN IN FLAMES AND NO PARACHUTE WAS SEEN OR BEEPER HEARD. [ ] IS CARRIED IN A MISSING-IN-ACTION STATUS.

"D. [ ] WAS PILOTING HIS A4E AGAINST A TARGET AT XJ716080 ON 10 OCTOBER 1967 WHEN HIS PLANE WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. NO PARACHUTE WAS OBSERVED AND NO SIGNAL WAS HEARD. [ ] IS CARRIED IN A STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

"E. [ ] WAS PILOTING AN F8B ON A COMBAT PATROL ON 4 JANUARY 1968. WHILE EXITING FROM THE TARGET AREA, XJ866377, HIS PLANE TOOK A DIRECT HIT FROM A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE. AFTER THE HIT, A RADIO COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED, BUT AFTER THE LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, NO FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED. NO EJECTION WAS OBSERVED. [ ] IS CARRIED IN A STATUS OF MISSING IN ACTION.

"4. THE FIRST INCIDENT, ITEMS A. AND B., BOTH INVOLVED

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TWO-SEATER AIRCRAFT, WHILE THE LAST THREE ITEMS DESCRIBED INCIDENTS INVOLVED ONLY ONE MAN PER AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] REPORTS ON AN F105. THIS PLANE COULD BE EITHER A ONE SEATER OR TWO SEATER, DEPENDING ON A SERIES LETTER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE DESIGNATOR, SUCH AS F105C. [REDACTED] DID NOT MENTION EITHER THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ANOTHER SEAT."

[REDACTED] COMMENT: WHEN ASKED FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF SEATS IN IT. HE COULD ONLY ADD THAT THE COLOR OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS GRAYISH WHITE.)

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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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Forwarding to Hanoi of a Report of Interrogation of a  
Captured U.S. Prisoner Through the North Vietnamese  
Embassy in Phnom Penh

SOURCE:

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1. In early March 1970, (FNU) Thong, chief of Cum 3, Intelligence Section, Military Intelligence Office (MIO), Military Staff Department of the South Vietnamese Liberation Army, called a member of his unit [ ] to his home in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and told him that he had just received an interrogation report from MIO headquarters, located in the jungle of Cambodia, with instructions that it be delivered to the North Vietnamese Embassy in Phnom Penh for forwarding by air pouch to Hanoi. The interrogation report was on a U.S. Major (sic) who had been assigned to Headquarters Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV). [ ] was instructed to take the report to (FNU) Hai, a Vietnamese resident of Phnom Penh who was a local employee of the North Vietnamese Embassy. Hai would then turn the report over to the proper authorities for sending to Hanoi.

2. On the way to Hai's house on Youkantho Street, near the Prombayon Theater [ ] stopped briefly to look over the interrogation report. A quick scanning of the information revealed that it concerned mainly the organizational structure of MACV. Attached was a photograph of the major who provided the information; he was wearing black pajamas.\*

\*When [ ] was shown the "Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) Photographs of Missing and Captured Personnel in SEA," he first said that photograph [ ] might be the captured major. JPRC, however, suggested that [ ] be shown photograph [ ] which [ ] identified as the same photograph he had seen attached to the interrogation report. Photograph [ ] is that of [ ] [ ], who was reported captured near Long Toan, Vinh Binh province, Military Region 4, on 15 November 1969.

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REPORT CLASS ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

COUNTRY : LAOS  
DOI : 4 MAY 1965  
SUBJECT : SIGHTINGS OF TWO U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO FORCES IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE  
ACQ : LAOS, VIENTIANE (26 NOVEMBER 1971) ~~FILED NO.~~  
SOURCE :

SHE OBSERVED THE U.S. PILOT WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE CAVE.

SUMMARY. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS NEAR THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS CAVE. HE WAS INTERROGATED AND THEN DETAINED AT UNKNOWN LOCATIONS IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE. ANOTHER U.S. PILOT WAS LATER CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG POUA AND BROUGHT TO THE SAME DETENTION AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS ON THE THIRD DAY OF A BOMBING ATTACK IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS) CAVE. WHILE APPROXIMATELY TEN U.S. JET AIRCRAFT CIRCLED OVER THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT HAD LANDED AFTER PARACHUTING FROM HIS BURNING AIRCRAFT, A U.S. HELICOPTER ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM. PL SOLDIERS, HOWEVER, CAPTURED THE PILOT BEFORE THE HELICOPTER ARRIVED. THE PILOT WAS OVER 68 INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, AND CLEAN SHAVEN. HE HAD A LONG FACE AND SHORT, LIGHT COLORED HAIR. HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HQS CAVE AND THEN TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION FOR INTERROGATION. THE INTERROGATION WAS

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CONDUCTED BY A LAO WHO USED AS AN INTERPRETER A FOREIGN STUDENT WHO SPOKE ENGLISH AND WHO WAS BORROWED FROM THE NLHS CENTER. AFTER THE INTERROGATION THE PILOT WAS DETAINED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE.

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COMMENT:

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IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND CAVE AT VH-194565 FROM PHOTOGRAPHS. ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1971 HAS REVEALED A CAVE LOCATED AT VH-194565. THIS CAVE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS THE HEADQUARTERS.)

3. COLONEL CHANH-KOR, AT THAT TIME DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMAND HQS AND CHIEF OF THAT OFFICE'S PERSONNEL SECTION, SAID IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION THAT WHEN THE PILOT WAS ASKED ABOUT TACTICAL MILITARY INFORMATION, HE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING. HE TOLD THE INTERROGATOR TO ASK THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WAS THINKING ABOUT WITH REGARD TO HIS CAPTURE, THE PILOT SAID THAT HE THOUGHT MOSTLY ABOUT HIS WIFE AND SON. HE GAVE HIS AGE AS 36 AND SAID THAT HIS SON WAS 15 YEARS OLD. COMMENT: CHANH-KOR IS PROBABLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH MAJOR (CHAN) KOR WHO WAS IDENTIFIED BY A RALLIER IN SEPTEMBER 1968 AS THE THIRD DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF PERSONNEL OF THE POLITICAL DIVISION AT SAM NEUA.)

4. TWO OR THREE MONTHS LATER ANOTHER U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG POUA. COMMENT: A MUONG POUA IS LOCATED AT VH 2264.) COLONEL CHANH-KOR SAID THAT THIS PILOT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SAME DETENTION AREA AS THE FIRST PILOT. COMMENT: WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF APPROXIMATELY 30 AMERICANS IN THE OFFICIAL POW PHOTOGRAPH BOOK, INCLUDING CAPTIAN DAVID LOUIS HRDLICKA WHO CRASHED IN AN F105 ON 18 MAY 1965 IN THE VICINITY OF VH 200539 AND WHO CRASHED IN AN RF101C AT UG 991632 ON 29 MAY 1965. SHE COULD IDENTIFY NO PHOTOGRAPH AS THE PILOT SHE SAW IN 1965. WHEN ASKED IF ANY OF THE FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE PAGE WITH HRDLICKA'S PHOTOGRAPH LOOKED SIMILAR TO THE PILOT SHE SAW, SHE GAVE A NEGATIVE REPLY. WHEN ASKED IF ANY PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE PAGE WITH PHOTOGRAPH RESEMBLED THE PILOT, SHE POINTED TO BUT SAID THAT THE MAN SHE SAW HAD A VERY FLAT NOSE BRIDGE AND THAT WHILE HAIR AND FACE SHAPE WERE SIMILAR, HE WAS NOT THE PILOT SHE REMEMBERED.)

5. ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER THE SECOND PILOT WAS CAPTURED, PL CAPTAIN KU-THONG, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPRISONED PILOTS, CAME TO THE SUPREME COMMAND HQS CAVE AND WAS OVERHEARD TO TELL SAMAN, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS 1ST DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF PL FORCES AND CHIEF OF THE SUPREME COMMAND POLITICAL OFFICER, THAT THE PILOTS WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY ADJUSTING TO A DIET OF LAO FOOD. SAMAN TOLD KU-THONG TO TRY DIFFERENT FOODS IN ORDER TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PILOTS COULD EAT. HE SUGGESTED CHICKEN, SUGAR AND MILK. HE TOLD KU-THONG TO ASK THE PILOTS WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EAT AND THEN TO REQUISITION THE FOOD FROM THE QUARTERMASTER OFFICE. COMMENT: HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PILOTS.) COMMENT: KU-THONG MAY BE IDENTICAL

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WITH THONGKHAM WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN POLICE CHIEF IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE AND WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO HOUA PHAN PROVINCE IN LATE 1968. IN LATE 1971 THONGKHAM REPORTEDLY WAS CHIEF OF THE SECURITY OFFICE IN THE NAKAY AREA (VH 1865). SAMAN MAY BE SAMAN VIRAKHET WHO IS CONFIRMED AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH LAOS REGION (SLR) HQS AND WHO SUCCEEDED GENERAL P H O M M A DOUANGMALA IN PROBABLY MAY 1971. SAMAN VIRAKHET FORMERLY WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE HQS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AND CHIEF OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE XIENG KHOUANG REGIONAL HQS.)

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28 April 1972

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Photographs of Five Captured U.S. Officers Introduced  
at a Press Conference in Hanoi, North Vietnam, on  
19 February 1972

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] of 2 March 1972

SOURCE: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. Attached are color photographs of the five captured U.S. officers interviewed at the 19 February 1972 press conference in Hanoi described in [REDACTED]. The photographs, when detached from this report, are classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

2. In regard to the injuries of one of the officers, [REDACTED] we note that a New York Times correspondent who claims to have interviewed [REDACTED] 25 days after the attached photograph was taken has stated that his condition "was vastly improved when interviewed." (New York Times 24 March 1972)

3. Copies of the attachments, one each set of photographs, are being provided to Admiral Whitmire and to the representative of the parent service of the officers.

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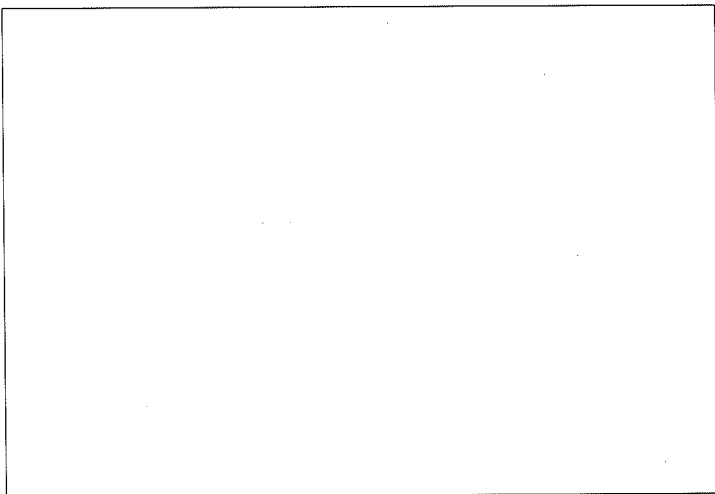
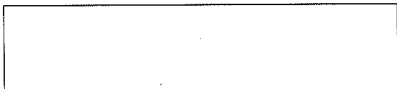
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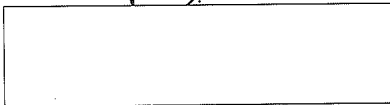
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22 September 1972

## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Photographs of U.S. POWs Introduced at the  
29 June 1972 Press Conference in Hanoi

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. Attached for your information are four sets of seven photographs of U.S. POWs taken at the 29 June press conference in Hanoi. The personnel in the photographs were tentatively identified by comparison with the following Vietnam (Communist) News Agency (VNA) radiophotos:

- A. No. 816, 29 June 1972, using identifications announced by DIA
- B. No. 815, 30 June 1972, with VNA captions
- C. No. 813, 30 June 1972, with VNA captions
- D. FBIS Daily Report, 30 June 1972, pages K16-K19
- E. AFP report datelined Hanoi, 29 June 1972, byline Jean Thorval
- F. DRV Foreign Ministry list provided to those attending the press conference

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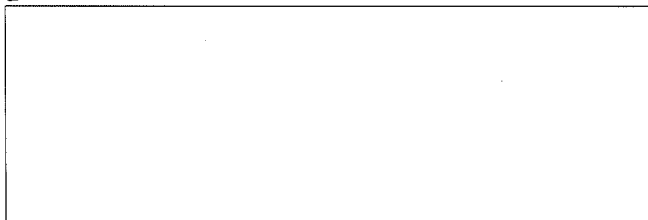
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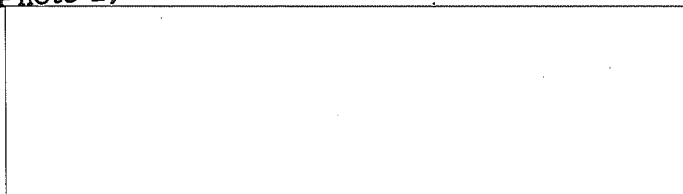
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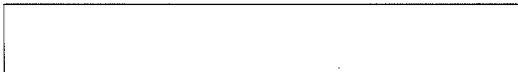
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C. Photos 3 and 4:



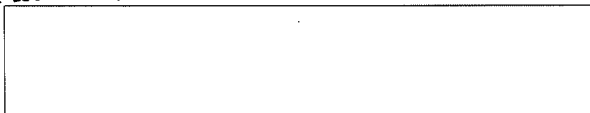
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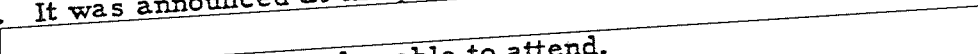


E. Photo 6:



F. Photo 7, left to right:



3. It was announced at the press conference that two other USAF officers,  were still hospitalized and unable to attend.

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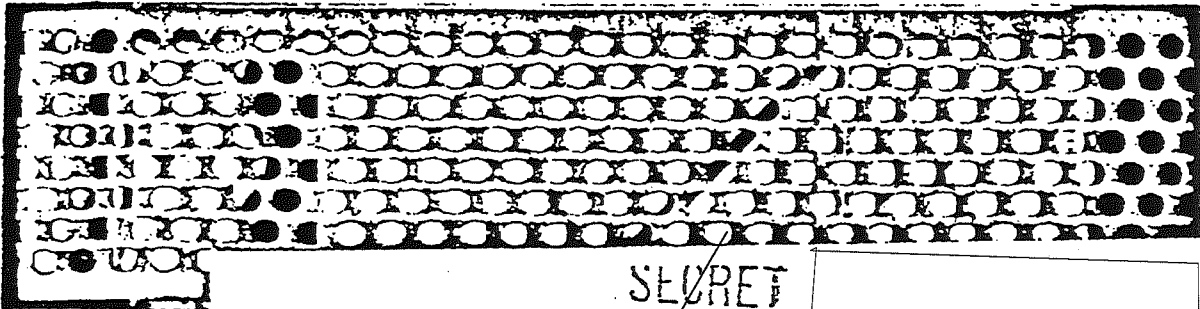
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4. Because of the sensitivity of the source, it is requested that the [redacted] classification/control be retained and that the photos not be shown to next-of-kin at this time. One each of the four sets of photographs are being provided DIA (with negatives), Navy, Air Force and State.

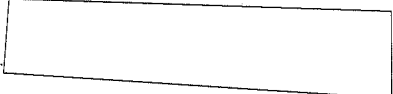
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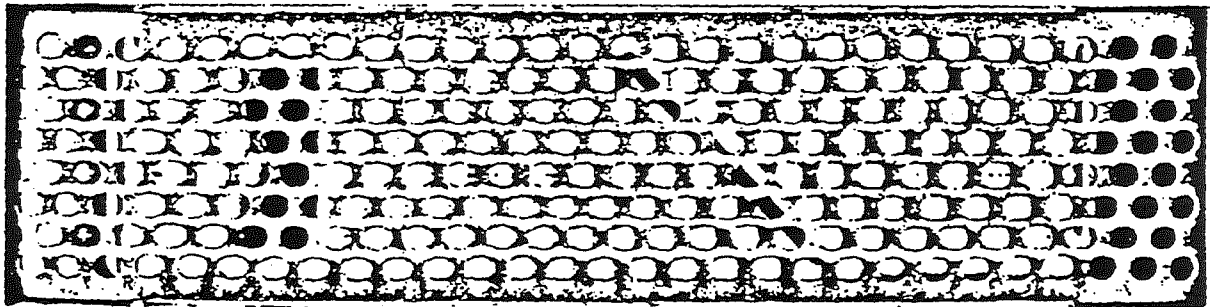


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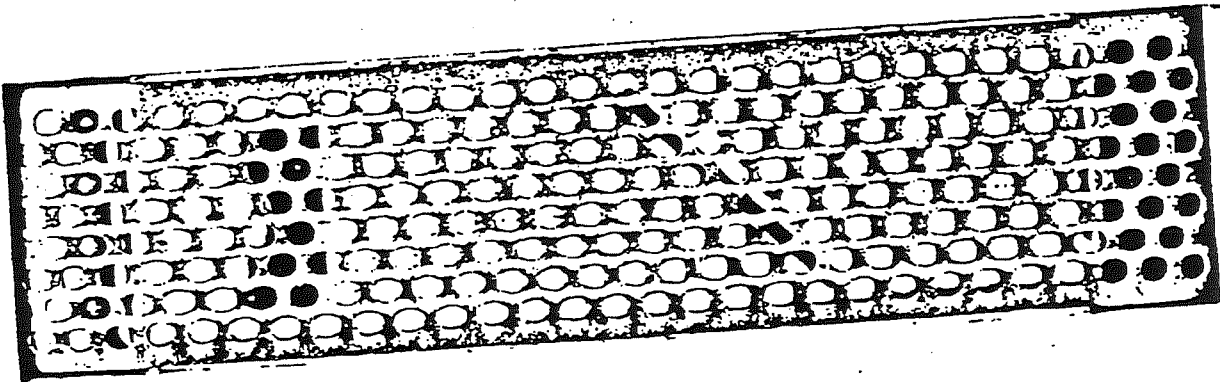
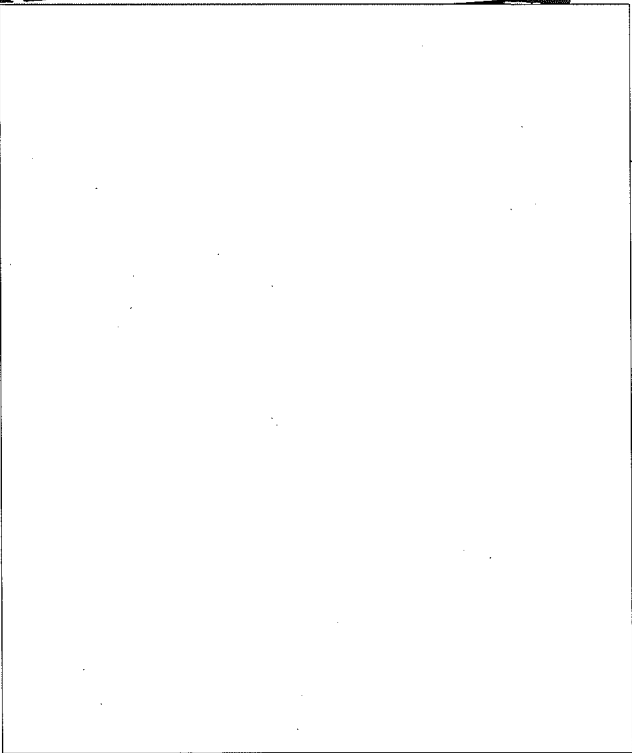
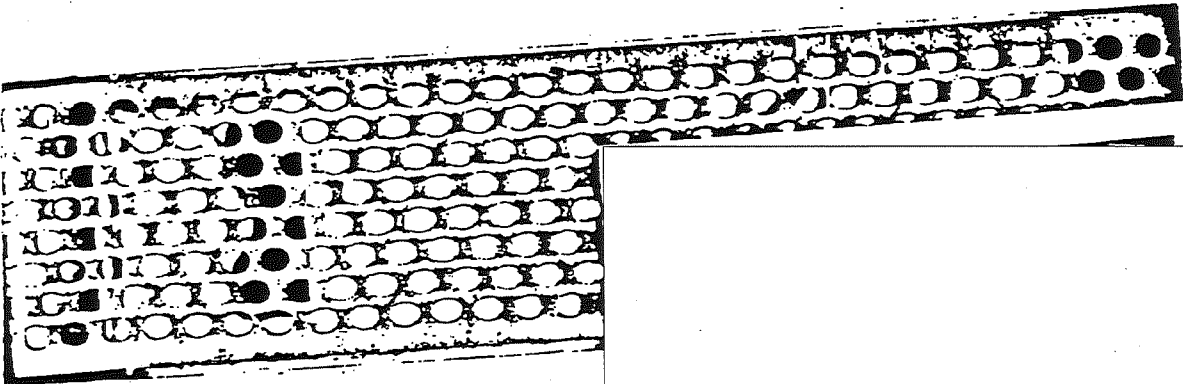
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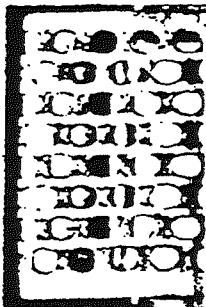
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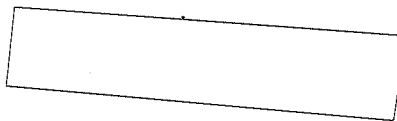
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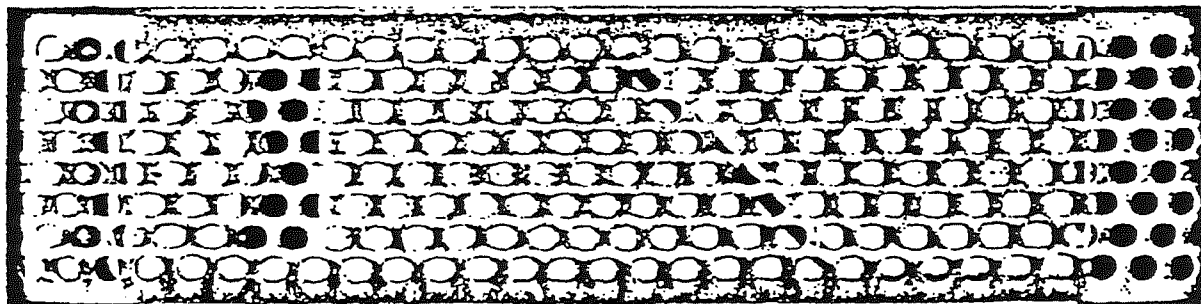


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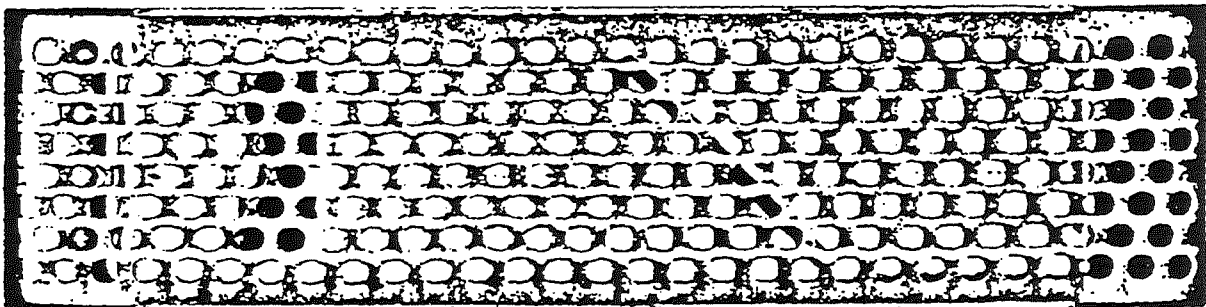
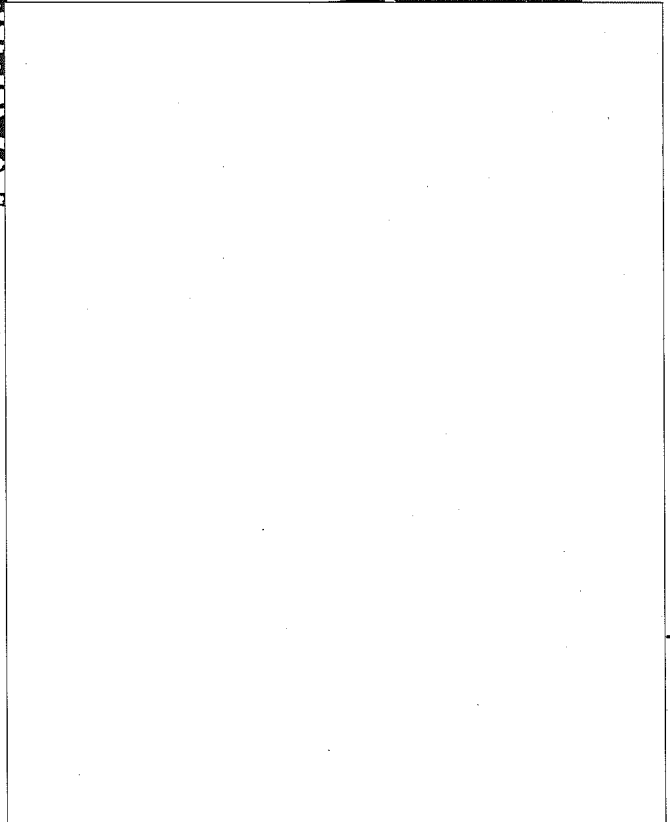
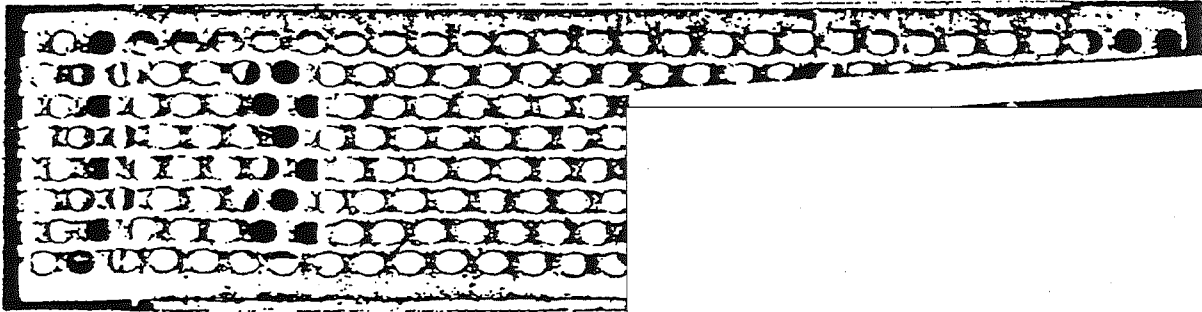
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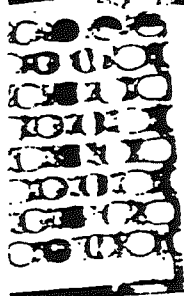
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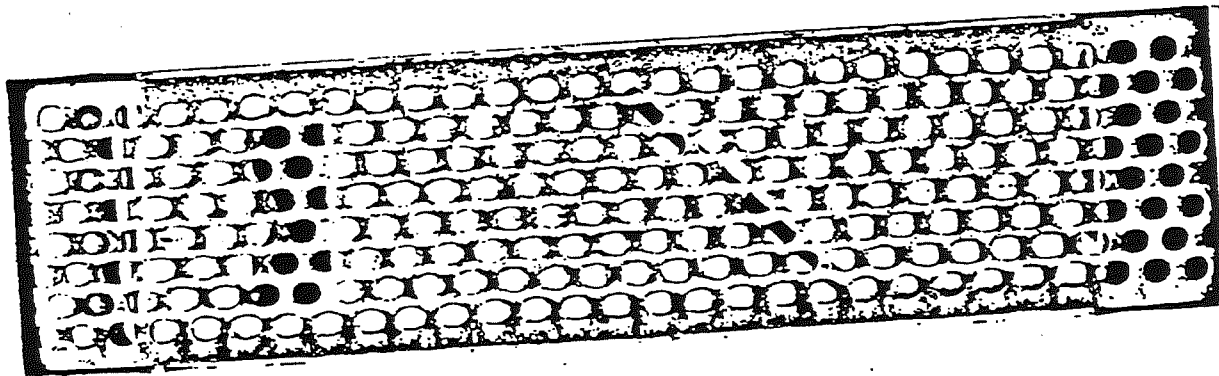
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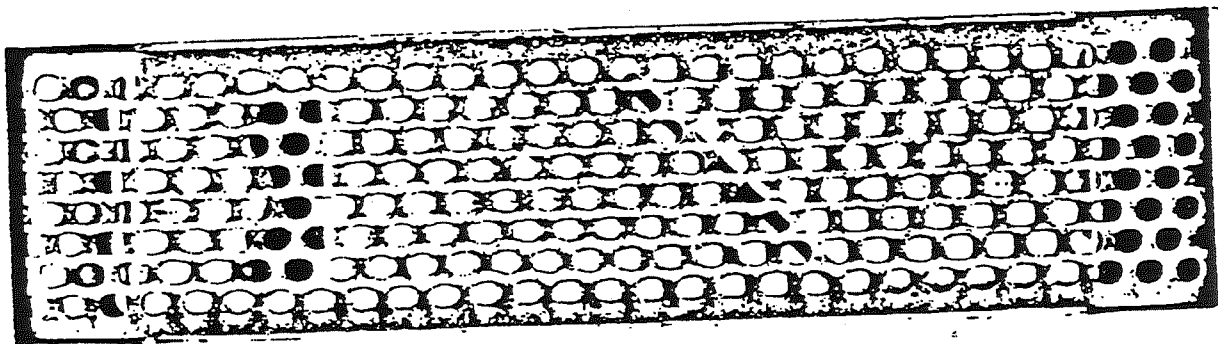
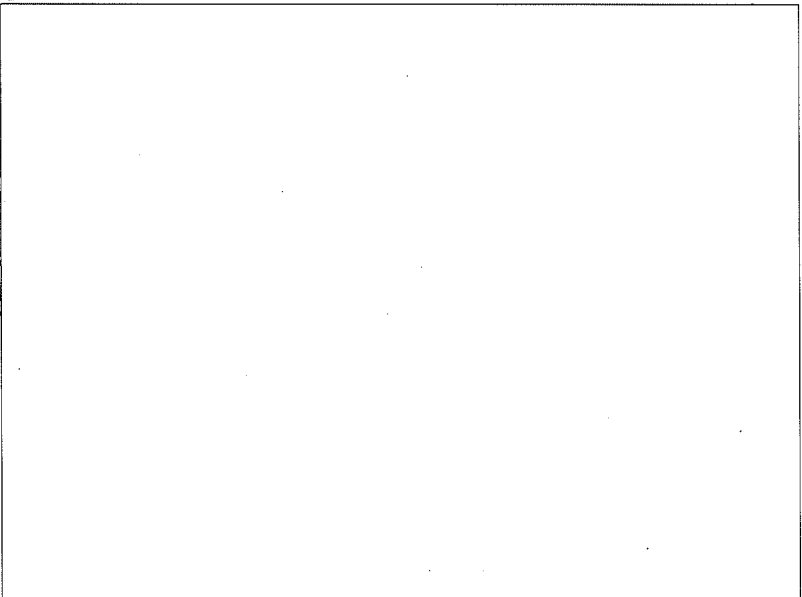
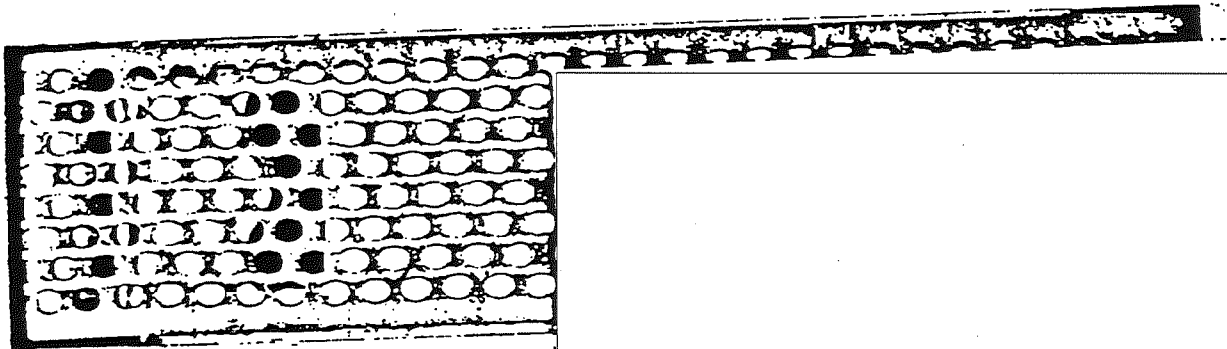
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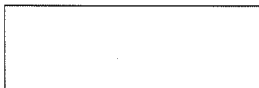


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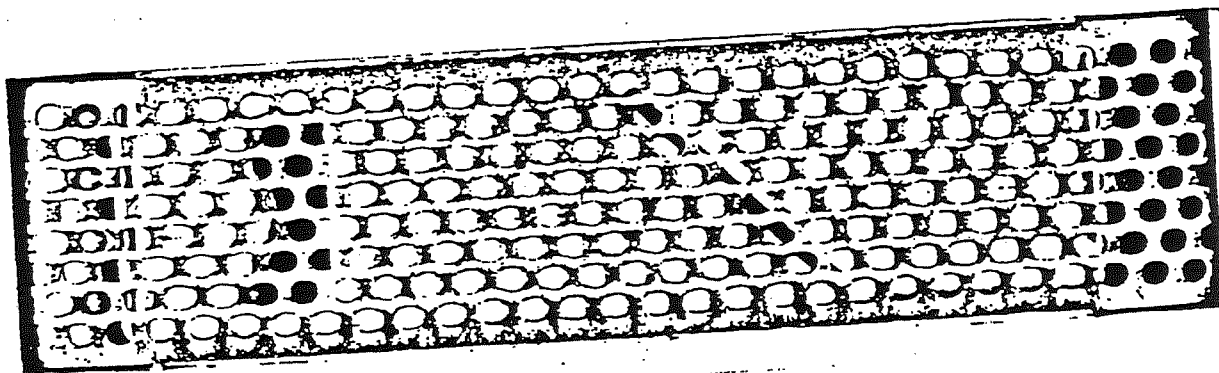
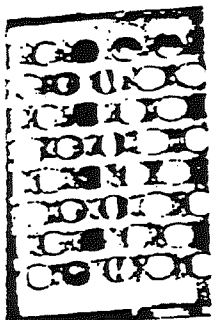
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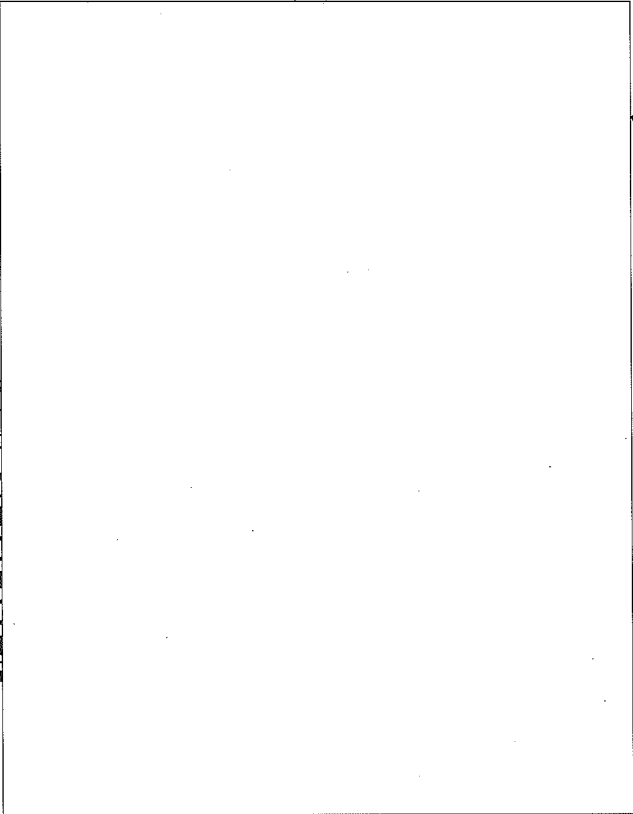
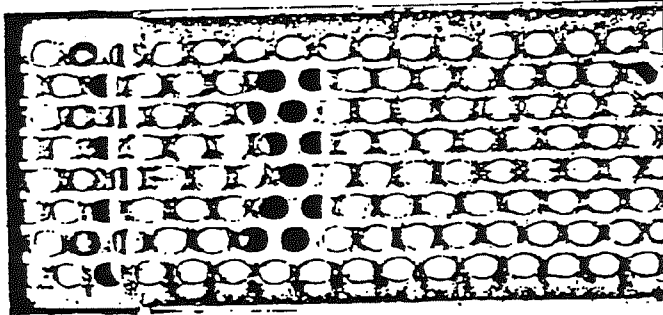
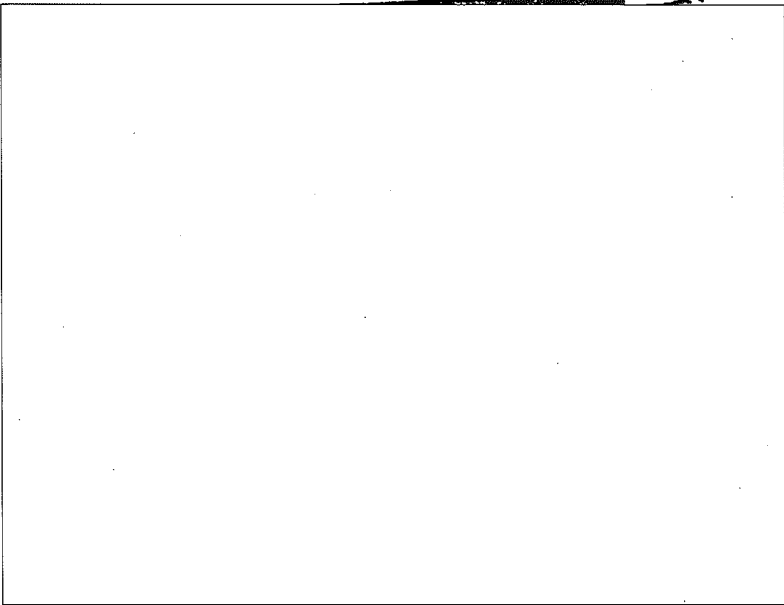
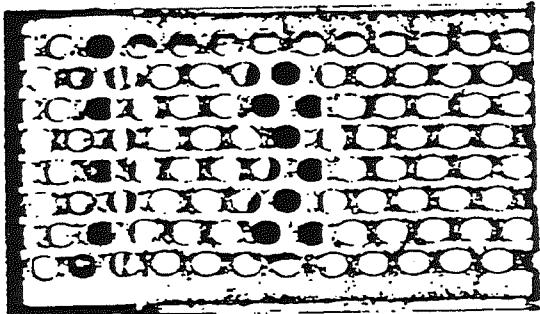
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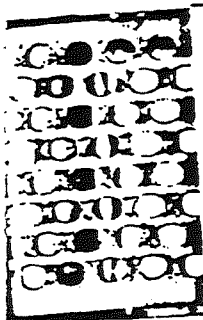
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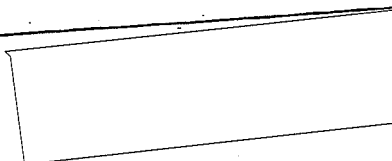
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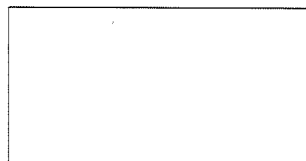


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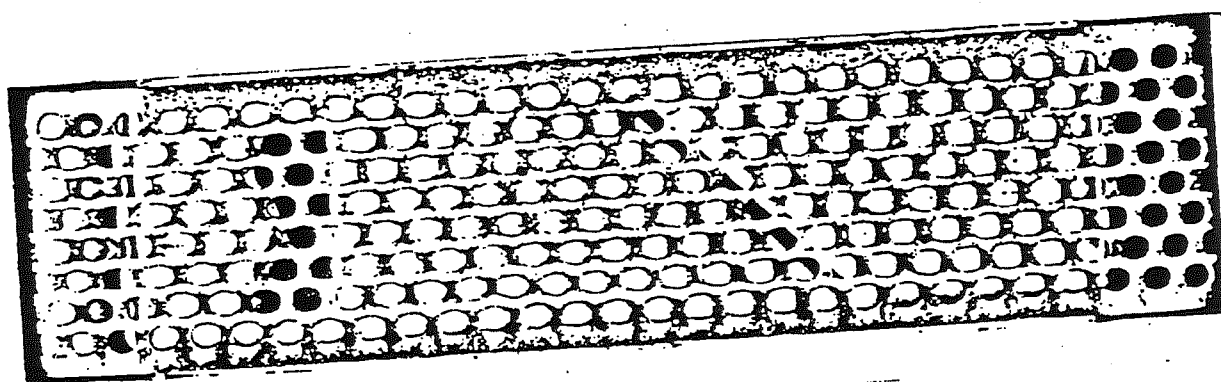


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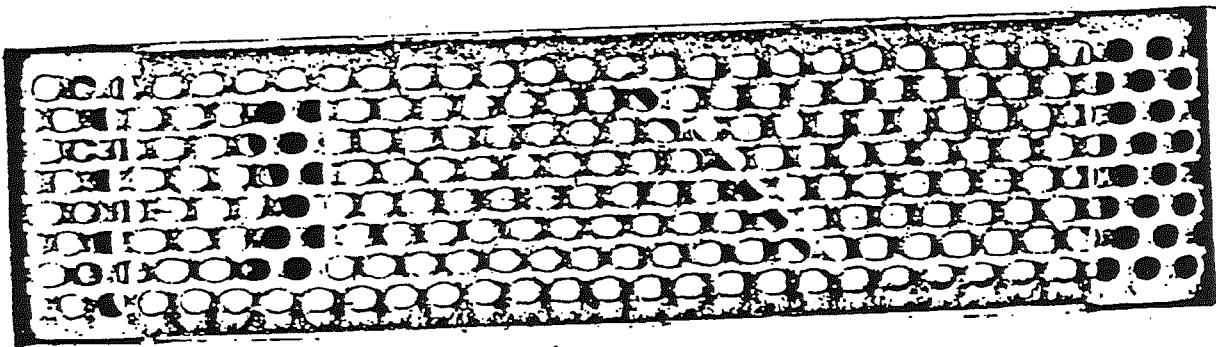
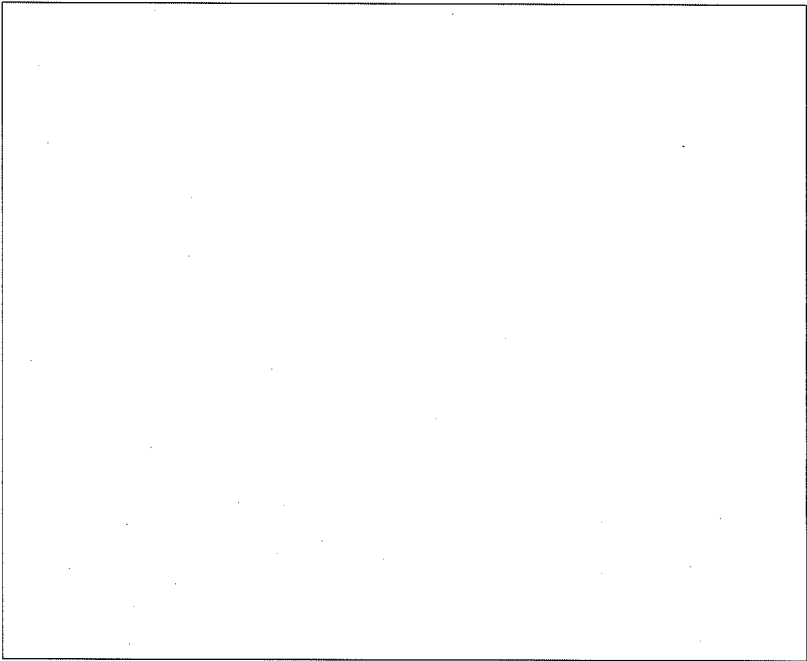
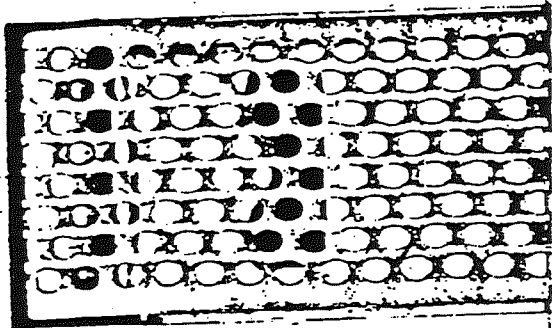
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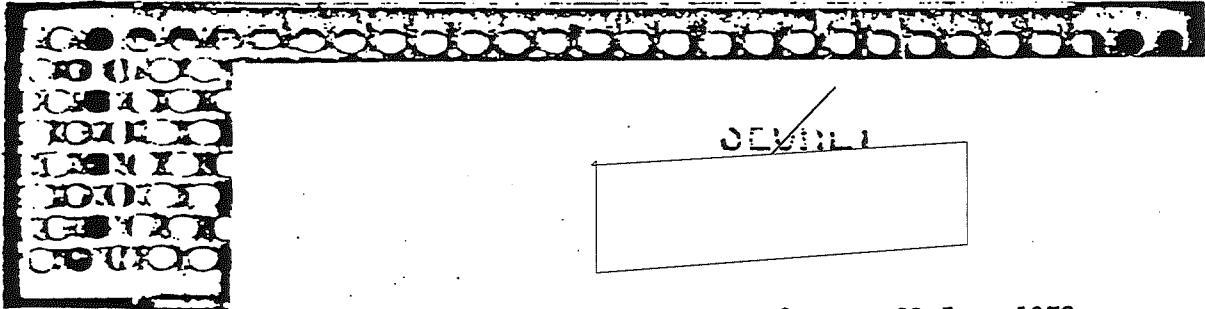
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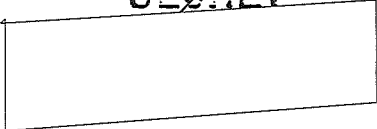
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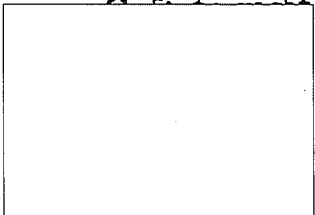


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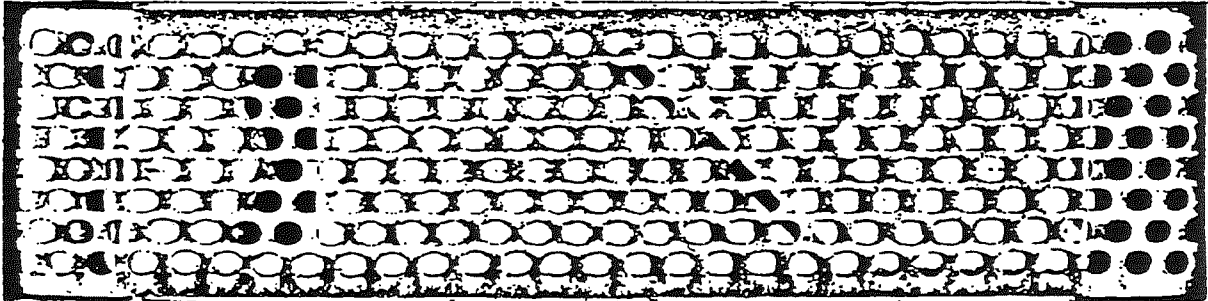


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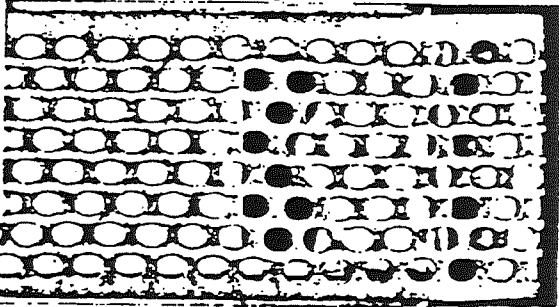
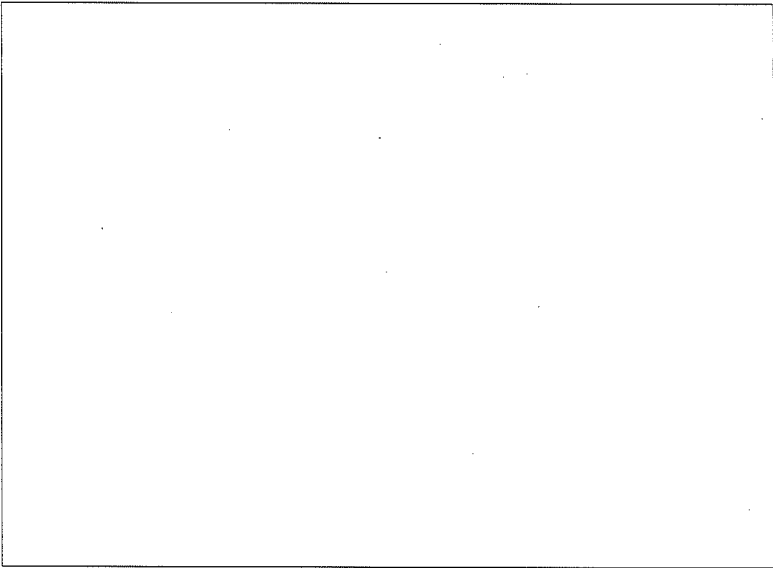
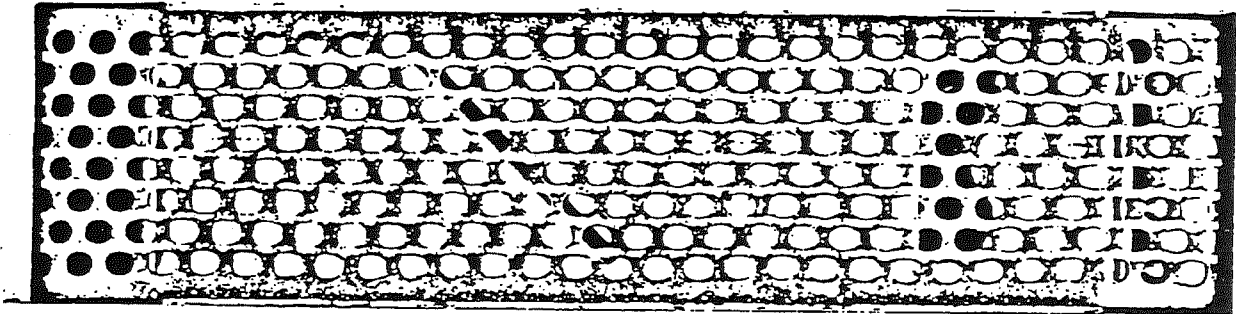
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SUBJECT: DEATH OF TWO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PILOTS SHOT DOWN  
NEAR BAN NA KAY IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACC:

SOURCE:

1. IN EARLY JUNE 1966 A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR BAN NA KAY (VH 196573). THE PILOT PARACHUTED AND WAS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED IN ONE OF THE CAVES IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WHO ON ABOUT TEN DIFFERENT OCCASIONS GAVE THE PILOT ANTI-MALARIA AND OTHER INJECTIONS, THE PILOT HAD BLUE OR GREEN EYES, THINNING DARK BROWN HAIR AND NO DISCERNIBLE TATTOOS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS. THE INTERPRETER PRESENT WHEN [REDACTED]

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HAVE THE INJECTIONS SAID THAT THE PILOT'S NAME WAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND THAT HE HAD THREE SONS. IN MID-JULY 1966 THE PILOT AND  
ONE OF HIS GUARDS WERE KILLED WHEN A RELIEF GUARD FIRED IN THEIR  
DIRECTION. [REDACTED] DID NOT SEE THE KILLING BUT HEARD THE SHOTS.  
THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM FROM AN AK SET ON AUTOMATIC. THE SHOT  
WHICH KILLED THE GUARD ALSO KILLED THE PILOT. THE RELIEF GUARD  
FLED BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED. AT THE INVESTIGATION HE SAID  
HIS WEAPON HAD DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY. THE PATHET LAO EXECUTED  
HIM.

2. [REDACTED] HAD HEARD THAT THE PILOT OF A UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE PLANE, SHOT DOWN WITH 37MM FIRE IN THE NA KAY AREA IN LATE  
1965, WHO HAD PARACHUTED SAFELY AND BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PATHET  
LAO, HAD DIED OF MALARIA IN AUGUST 1966.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE  
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Dear

Despite the rumors of defection I was spreading in Vientiane in August, here I am learning about Laos again. I'm also learning about bureaucracy, which is even more entertaining.

Mark and I appreciated Nick's 345 very much. It gives us a more rounded picture of a unified front than we have been able to assemble from the jigsaw of [redacted]. If I recall correctly, the front was also on the front burner when I left Laos for the jungle a little over a year ago. I'm happy to see that the fire is being turned up again. I'm also happy to be out of the jungle.

FBIS, citing AP from Tokyo, recently quoted Souvanna as saying that the PL have had North Vietnamese troops withdrawn from communist-held territory in Laos, a sign that the Pathet Lao would discontinue resistance against the Lao neutralist government. [redacted] registered a possible decrease of North Vietnamese troops in North Laos. Some [redacted] that I can't track down also mentioned a similar disappearing act in the South. But the monthly CIA OB wrap-up at the end of August still showed some 45,000 NVN soldiers on hand.

The Viet-Nam desk informs us that there have been some modest withdrawals of Chinese troops from northern

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North Viet-Nam. The desk is speculating about who will replace them. We are thus both curious about whether there really has been a North Vietnamese exodus from Laos, and if so, what it means.

Mark telephoned [redacted] yesterday about the hopeful news from Sot. We are anxious to see, now that the ice has cracked, whether we can do any fishing for news on other POW's. I'm enclosing a DIA report on prisoners which you may not have received. It is maddeningly unspecific about location, but the last sentence is intriguing, especially in view of [redacted] being downed in Laos in March and now being reported in a POW camp near Hanoi.

Knowing your dearth of reading material in the cultural isolation of Vientiane, I've also enclosed a six page effusion of armchair philosophy on pacification. It really should be termed jet-chair, since much of it was composed in a 707 over Corfu and assorted Mediterranean islands. I don't think it will move anyone to volunteer for Viet-Nam.

All the best,

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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED REMAINS OF A U.S. AIRMAN COLLECTED  
IN 1984 ON PHUONG HOANG MOUNTAIN IN THE HIGHLANDS OF  
SOUTH VIETNAM KEPT IN VINH LONG, CUU LONG PROVINCE,  
AS OF EARLY 1986

DOI: 1984-EARLY 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. IN 1984 THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF A U.S. AIRMAN WERE FOUND  
ON PHUONG HOANG MOUNTAIN, ALSO KNOWN AS DOC LAP HILL, IN THE  
HIGHLANDS IN EITHER DAC LAC OR GIA LAI-CONG TUM PROVINCE (EXACT  
LOCATION NOT KNOWN). THE LAST DIGITS OF THE AIRMAN'S DOG TAG WERE  
OR HIS NAME-CONTAINED THE LETTER "F" AND HE WAS  
ALLEGEDLY A COMPANY GRADE OFFICER. AS OF EARLY 1986 THE REMAINS  
WERE KEPT BY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC),  
-ONE OF THE ADDRESSES HAD THE  
HOUSE NUMBER: NO OTHER INFORMATION IS KNOWN.

2. COMMENT: THE REFUGEE CLAIMED THAT  
WHO COLLECTS THE REMAINS OF AMERICANS  
MISSING IN ACTION, TOLD HIM THE INFORMATION AND GAVE HIM THE ALLEGED  
REMAINS AND THE DOG TAG TO TAKE OUT OF VIETNAM IN '85. THE REFUGEE  
RETURNED THE REMAINS AND DOG TAG TO AFTER HIS ATTEMPT TO FLEE  
VIETNAM FAILED. THE REFUGEE SAYS HAS SEVERAL OTHER REMAINS WITH  
THEIR DOG TAGS. RECENTLY WROTE THE REFUGEE AT THE CAMP SAYING HE  
INTENDED TO MOVE THE REMAINS TO VINH LONG TOWN, CUU LONG PROVINCE,  
IN ORDER TO TRY TO SNEAK THEM OUT OF VIETNAM.  
WAS RE-EDUCATED SOMEWHERE IN THUAN HAI PROVINCE. HE IS A DISTANT  
RELATIVE OF THE REFUGEE AND HAS TWO WIVES AT THE ABOVE ADDRESSES IN  
HCMC.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral V. P. de Poix  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Observation of Three U. S. Prisoners of  
War in South Vietnam

The attached report is forwarded in this channel because it concerns the possible capture of a U. S. Army enlisted man who is currently carried as Missing by his service. The two other enlisted men reportedly observed are possibly identical with two servicemen who are carried as captured. Copies of the report were made available in the field to the following organizations:

U. S. Embassy, COMUSMACV/JPRC, 7th Air Force, USARV, NAVFORV, 525th MI Group and 7602nd AIG/OSI at Saigon; CINCPAC, PACFLT, ARPAC and PACAF at Honolulu.

George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment

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[REDACTED] gathering jungle vegetables near the Suong River  
 [REDACTED] of Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, they  
 [REDACTED] American in the company of one male and one female  
 [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] could not indicate the  
 [REDACTED] of this and subsequent sightings of the American.)  
 [REDACTED] approached the American and [REDACTED] carried on a third  
 [REDACTED] conversation with him: The American spoke Vietnamese very  
 [REDACTED] He claimed to have learned the language  
 [REDACTED] after his capture in Dai Loc District in 1969. The  
 [REDACTED] gave his name, but he claimed to have been a  
 [REDACTED] Marine Corps Officer and said he was now serving as  
 a voluntary member of the VC Dai Loc District Transportation Unit.  
 His duties involved carrying food and other supplies from various  
 points along the Suong River to the mountains of Dai Loc District.  
 The American stated that the VC had offered to release him on many  
 occasions since his capture, but that he had declined because he  
 [REDACTED] a Communist Party member. He offered to work in  
 [REDACTED] to remain with the VC. He also stated that he preferred  
 Vietnamese food and cigarettes to American. He wore a green fat  
 uniform, green hat, black canvas boots, and carried a green field  
 pack on his back. He wore a gold ring with a single rectangular  
 shaped gem set in the middle finger of his right hand. He wore  
 [REDACTED] since he wore long sleeves. [REDACTED] described the  
 [REDACTED]

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Race: Caucasian  
 Age: About 30  
 Build: Medium  
 Complexion: Light  
 Height: 1.75 Meters 58  
 Weight: 60 Kilograms 130  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Hair: Brown and short  
 Teeth: Perfect and very white.  
 Face: Thin  
 Nose: Small and straight  
 Mouth: Small with thin lips  
 Chin: Square  
 Ears: None  
 Mustache: None  
 Beards: None  
 Distinguishing Characteristics: None. However,

described the American as handsome.

2. From early April through late July 1971, [ ] saw this woman approximately fifteen times at different places along the [ ] River in Dai Lac District. The last time [ ] saw the woman was in late July 1971, and again she was with [ ] in Dai Lac District gathering jungle vegetables. [ ] again engaged the American in a conversation of about fifteen minutes duration, during which the American said he would be going to North Vietnam [ ] soon. The American was dressed as he had been in April. [ ] stated she noticed no varying features. [ ] stated she did not know if [ ] was either a prisoner of the VC or was with the [ ].

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Alleged Reactions of the U. S. Participants in the  
17-25 September POW Release Activities in  
North Vietnam

## 1. According to [redacted]

who has been covering the activities of the three U. S. POWs and their families in North Vietnam since the prisoners were released on 17 September 1972, [redacted] released POW [redacted] refused to travel to Haiphong on an official tour to view damage caused by U.S. bombing there. /1/

[redacted] also said that during dinner at the Hoa Binh Hotel on 24 September, [redacted] threw away his chopsticks ("Il a jete les batons") and that later that evening in their room, [redacted] heard [redacted] tell her son that he should restrain himself, especially when he returns to the United States. /2/

2 [redacted] also claimed that People's Coalition for Peace and Justice delegate [redacted] told him she was not entirely happy with the selection of the POWs. [redacted] said [redacted] was happy with

/1/The reluctance of [redacted] and the other members of the POW party to continue the "road show" was reported in Amembassy Vientiane 7267 (LIMDIS) 270940Z SEP 72.

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[redacted]  
(See FBIS Daily Reports of 25 and 26 September, for example.)

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[redacted] but entertained grave doubts about [redacted] with regard to future statements they might make concerning their captivity. [redacted] claimed [redacted] said that in the future she would like to be consulted on the selection of POWs to be released.

3. On 25 September [redacted] said that he expected to send film out of North Vietnam without difficulty via the ICC flight. He also said that he was overwhelmed by the cooperation of the North Vietnamese and that they must, therefore, want earnest exposure on news media. [redacted] said that he had been allowed to photograph seven POWs on the afternoon of 25 September after the POWs had been interviewed by the Coalition delegation. Among those interviewed were [redacted]

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/3/ [redacted] is probably referring to the 25 September interview with seven POWs! [redacted]

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REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

"Ref passed to Ambassador Bunker 22 December. After studying ref Ambassador Bunker initiated action to seek appointment with President Thieu so that inclusion of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] prisoner exchange package could be discussed. Ambassador Bunker is now waiting for firm appointment from President Thieu. Will advise regarding results which stem from Ambassador Bunker's discussion with Thieu. It is expected that Ambassador's meeting with Thieu will not take place until 23 December."

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1) WE ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE [REDACTED]

ON 10 DECEMBER REPEAT 10 DECEMBER AT 1600 HOURS  
AT 1600 HOURS AT TAN GANG ROBON IN EXCHANGE FOR

[REDACTED] ARE YOU PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH  
THIS EXCHANGE?

V. YOU SEE WE HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR PROPOSAL LAST  
TIME AND WE EMPHASIZE ON THE GOOD WILL THIS TIME  
AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE DISCUSSION, NO  
BARGAINING THIS TIME. I HAVE TO SAY CATEGORICALLY  
THIS TIME THAT YOU HAVE TO RELEASE IN ONE TIME

[REDACTED] AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PRISONER OF WAR  
AND WE SHALL GO AHEAD NEXT TIME. IF NOT, WE  
STOP ALL DISCUSSION ON POW THIS TIME.

A. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE REST. AGAIN, AS I  
STATED, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE [REDACTED] FOR  
[REDACTED] ON 10 DECEMBER AND GO AT THIS STEP  
BY STEP. HAVE YOU RECEIVED OR ARE YOU WILLING  
TO PROVIDE US WITH A LIST OF AMERICANS, FOREIGNERS  
AND VIETNAMESE OFFICERS FROM MR. TRAN BACH DANG?

V. NO, NO, NO, NO. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THIS TIME.  
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING, THAT IS, YOU RELEASE

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[REDACTED]

V. I'M SORRY. YOU SEE BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF ONE MAN OR TWO MAN, ONE IMPORTANT CADRE OR TWO IMPORTANT CADRE. IT IS A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE YOU SEE. AND THIS TIME THE PRINCIPLE IS ON GOOD WILL. YOU SEE, FOR BOTH SIDES THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF EXCHANGE IN THE FUTURE. SO, WE EMPHASIZE ON THE PRINCIPLE AND NOT THE BARGAINING OF ONE OR TWO OR UPON THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE. I HAVE SAID LAST TIME THAT WE ARE, FOR US SACRIFICE IS DAILY USE. YOU SEE. SO, THIS TIME YOU HAVE TO ANSWER US THAT IF OR NOT YOU RELEASE IN ONE TIME AND NO BARGAINING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IF NOT, WE STOP EVERYTHING TODAY.

A. OKAY. LET ME CONTINUE HERE, PLEASE, LET ME CONTINUE. THERE IS A POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT WE CONSIDER AN IMPORTANT POINT. IN YOUR TELEPHONE CALL OF 27 NOVEMBER YOU KEPT REFERRING TO AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF [REDACTED] WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU RELEASED [REDACTED] ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE WITHOUT GIVING US ANY FORE- WARNING OR WITHOUT ANY PRIOR DISCUSSIONS,

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[REDACTED]

NOTIFICATIONS OR AGREEMENTS. WE BELIEVE IT IS  
IMPORTANT THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THE RELEASE  
OF [REDACTED] WAS THE BEGINNING, THE  
BEGINNING, OF THIS SERIES OF SECRET EXCHANGES  
BUT IT IN NO WAY REPRESENTS ANY PART OF AN  
AGREEMENT REACHED IN ADVANCE. DO YOU UNDER-  
STAND THIS POINT.

A. NO, NO. YOU HAVE BEEN NOT, YOU HAVE NOT  
BEEN FAIR PLAYING FOR THE TIME [REDACTED]

YOU HAVE MAKE, MAKE, SO MUCH PROPAGANDA AND  
YOU HAVE RELEASED THE [REDACTED]  
INSTEAD OF [REDACTED]

WE HAVE AGREED THAT AFTER THAT, AFTER THIS  
FIRST STEP FOR US WE RELEASE [REDACTED] AND HIS  
COMRADE AND YOU [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND INSTEAD OF THIS YOU HAVE RELEASED

THE [REDACTED] THAT WAS NOT A FAIR PLAY,

YOU SEE. ABOUT THE RELEASE OF [REDACTED]

WE HAVE AGREED THAT TO KEEP SECRET AND YOU HAVE  
MADE SO MUCH PROPAGANDA ON THIS.

A. NO. NOW JUST A MOMENT NOW. I DIDN'T UNDER-  
STAND WHAT YOU MEAN WE MADE SO MUCH PROPAGANDA

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ON [REDACTED] WE MADE ABSOLUTELY NO  
PROPAGANDA ON [REDACTED] WOULD YOU  
EXPLAIN THAT TO ME BECAUSE AGAIN YOU KNOW IN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE PRESS IS FREE  
AND WHEN HE RETURNED, NATURALLY, THE PRISONER  
OF WAR ISSUE IS A VERY BIG ISSUE IN OUR COUNTRY  
AND THE PRESS PLAY THAT [REDACTED] RECEIVED  
GOING BACK TO THE UNITED STATES WAS A PERFECTLY  
NORMAL THING IN OUR SOCIETY, AND THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT AGAIN MADE ABSOLUTELY NO....

V. (INTERRUPTING). I SEE. BUT ALL THIS ARE OF  
THE PAST, AND NOW FOR THE FUTURE. [REDACTED] COMMENT:  
WE BELIEVE SWITCH TO PROPAGANDA ASPECT IN  
EFFECT IS ADMISSION BY INTERMEDIARY THAT THEY  
RECOGNIZE THERE WAS NO PREVIOUS AGREEMENT AND  
THAT EARLIER REFERENCE TO "PREVIOUS AGREEMENT"  
WAS SIMPLY PLOY ON THEIR PART:) THERE IS ONLY  
ONE THING, EH? YES OR NO YOU RELEASE THIS TIME  
[REDACTED] AND IF NOT,  
WE STOP TODAY.

A. NOW. MAY I CONTINUE ON OUR POINT OF VIEW  
AGAIN?

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V. NO. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE YOU SEE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR US.

A. OKAY. BUT LET ME JUST CONTINUE TO READ TO YOU  
ANOTHER POINT OR SO THAT WE HAVE. WE SUGGEST IN  
ORDER TO HAVE SINCERITY ON BOTH SIDES WE MUST  
START FROM THE SAME POINT, THEREFORE, WE  
RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER OUR PROPOSALS AS  
WE PUT THEM FORTH NAMELY THE EXCHANGE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] AND THE LIST ON 10 DECEMBER  
AS THE FIRST STEP. AND THEN, WE IN TURN WILL  
CAREFULLY STUDY EACH OF YOUR SUBSEQUENT PROPOSALS  
AND WHEN THESE ARE SOUND WE WILL KNOW WHAT TO  
DO. WE WILL ACT PROMPTLY AND WITH SINCERITY. DO  
YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? WE ARE CONVINCED THAT OUR  
RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IF WE  
COULD COMMUNICATE IN A MORE SATISFACTORY MANNER.

• IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER A DIRECT FACE-  
TO-FACE MEETING WITH US IN SAIGON? ONCE THIS IS  
ACCOMPLISHED WE CAN FURTHER IMPROVE THE SECURITY  
AND EFFICIENCY OF THIS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAN YOU AGREE TO A MEETING IN  
SAIGON? WE CAN GUARANTEE YOUR SECURITY ON THIS.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
AND IF NOT IN SAIGON, WHERE CAN WE MEET YOU?

V. NO, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS BECAUSE IT IS NOT  
IN OUR PLAN. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WE FEEL THAT THIS  
REACTION BY INTERMEDIARY IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT  
WE KNOW ABOUT THEIR PREFERENCE FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND RELUCTANCE TO GO BEYOND IT. BELIEVE  
HIS COMMENT ALSO INDICATES NARROW CONFINES  
WITHIN WHICH INTERMEDIARY WAS WORKING.) FOR THIS  
TIME, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING, TO RELEASE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WE,  
[REDACTED] AND SOME OF HIS COMRADES. AND WE  
SHALL GO AHEAD AFTER THIS TIME. AND IF NOT, WE  
STOP EVERYTHING TODAY.

A. WELL, AGAIN I REGRETFULLY MUST SAY I HAVE  
GIVEN YOU OUR POSITION, AND OUR POSITION IS FIRM.  
WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL RECONSIDER IT AND CALL US  
BACK AND LET US KNOW IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.

V. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SORRY.

A. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND PLEASE DO CALL US  
AGAIN.

V. THANK YOU. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INTER-  
MEDIARY MADE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER CALL, WE

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Text of [REDACTED]

1. In sixty minute session with President Thieu on 23 December, Ambassador Bunker reviewed full scope of recent dialogue with other side over issue of prisoner exchange involving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. President Thieu indicated he understood and endorsed all actions taken to date. President Thieu was sympathetic to idea of trying to move negotiations on this exchange forward to successful conclusion as rapidly as possible. In this spirit President Thieu made following points.

A. If exchange takes place it must be outside of village of Ta Gang Robon so that other side cannot subsequently claim they occupy this area and thus had used it as site for implementing exchange transaction. (COMMENT: We see no difficulty with this point.)

B. Whatever actions were required to reopen dialogue with other side could be taken as promptly as we desired. Other side could be told in next contact that in principle our side was prepared to release [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and others. In this context President Thieu stressed that other side should be pressed to identify how many others would be involved, for it essential we receive fair value for exchange of senior cadre like [REDACTED]. If other side would not spell out what others would be included in exchange, then we were to make clear that exchange would be at least two chopper operation. On first chopper would be [REDACTED]. This chopper would land and [REDACTED] would be released when other side released [REDACTED]. If others came with [REDACTED] fine. Then [REDACTED] and others would board first chopper and lift off. Second chopper would then bring in [REDACTED] and release him. If on first chopper landing [REDACTED] was exchanged for [REDACTED] only, then after lift off of first chopper with [REDACTED] on it was completed, second chopper would come in. It would not contain [REDACTED]. This approach envisions that if others do not come out on first chopper, second chopper that went in would not contain [REDACTED]. It would land and if no others appear it would take off. If others appear, third chopper with [REDACTED] on it would subsequently land and exchange would be completed.

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C. When final exchange details were worked out with other side, these should be reviewed with General Quang and Colonel Binh who would brief President Thieu on the arrangement. At that time Thieu would give his final blessing to the exchange.

2. In terms of atmospherics it worth noting that Thieu did not like idea of exchanging [ ] for others who unknown in terms of numbers, names or nationalities. He finally agreed to para 1 scenario, however, out of sympathy in humanitarian and political terms for dilemma which POW issue poses to United States Government.

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF AN ALLEGED FORMER U.S. MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN BEING HELD PRISONER IN BIEN HOA AREA.

SUMMARY: IN MID-APRIL 1981 A FOREIGNER BEARING A NAME TAG WITH AN APPARENTLY RUSSIAN NAME WAS OBSERVED IN A PARKED JEEP NEAR BIEN HOA. WHEN THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) PERSONNEL LEFT TEMPORARILY, THE FOREIGNER REVEALED THAT HE WAS NAMED "WILLIAM", AND WAS A FORMER U.S. MILITARY COMMUNICATOR FROM BOSTON WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED 12 YEARS EARLIER. A PAVN SOLDIER WHO HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PRISONER SAID THAT "WILLIAM" WENT TO A PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AT BIEN HOA FOR SEMI-MONTHLY TREATMENT. IN AUGUST 1981 "WILLIAM" WAS OBSERVED UNDER CUSTODY IN HO CHI MINH CITY. SOVIET PERSONNEL IN THE BIEN HOA AREA STAYED AT TWO SRV-OPERATED HOTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON 18 APRIL 1981, A JEEP CONTAINING THREE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) JUNIOR CAPTAINS, A PAVN ENLISTED MAN DRIVER, AND A FOREIGNER WAS OBSERVED STOPPED FOR REPAIRS ON THE BIEN HOA AIRPORT ROAD NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE BIEN HOA-HO CHI MINH CITY HIGHWAY. THE FOREIGNER, WHO WORE BLACK PANTS AND A WHITE SHIRT BEARING THE NAME TAG "NICOLAI IVANOVICH KETTY," WAS ABOUT 1.76 METERS IN HEIGHT, HAD MEDIUM-LENGTH LIGHT BLOND HAIR, AND WAS CLEAN SHAVEN AND THIN. HE APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT SICKLY AND HAD A WIDE UP-SIDE DOWN "T" SHAPED SCAR ABOUT SIX CENTIMETERS LONG ON THE RIGHT CHEEK, WHICH IMPEDED HIS ABILITY TO SMILE. ( [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE SCAR APPEARED TO BE TWO YEARS OLD.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH "KETTY" IS NOT A RUSSIAN OR SOVIET SURNAME, IT COULD REPRESENT A VIETNAMESE TRANSLITERATION OF A SOVIET NAME.)

2. WHEN THE THREE OFFICERS WENT INTO A NEARBY SHOP, THE ENLISTED MAN, NAMED DANG TRAN L O N G, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY STOPPED A FORMER SCHOOLMATE,

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WITH A REQUEST TO AID IN REPAIRING THE JEEP, REVEALED [REDACTED] THAT THE FOREIGNER WAS A FORMER U.S. MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN CAPTURED ABOUT 1969. IN TALKING WITH THE FOREIGNER SAID HIS NAME WAS "WILLIAM" AND THAT HE WAS FROM BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. UPON RETURNING TO THE JEEP, THE THREE OFFICERS SCOLDED [REDACTED] SEVERELY FOR TALKING TO THE FOREIGNER, WHO WAS THEN MOVED BACK INSIDE THE JEEP.

3. UPON MEETING A FEW DAYS LATER, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT "WILLIAM" LIVED AND WORKED AS A RADIO REPAIRMAN AT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, MILITARY REGION 7 (MR 7), WHERE [REDACTED] WAS A PRIVATE 2ND CLASS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE MR 7 COMMAND IS LOCATED JUST OFF THE BIEN HOA-HO CHI MINH CITY HIGHWAY IN THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY MR 3 HEADQUARTERS.) [REDACTED] SAID THAT "WILLIAM" WAS TAKEN TWICE A MONTH TO THE BIEN HOA PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY (DUONG TRI VIEN) LOCATED ON ROUTE 1, WHERE HE RECEIVED SEDATIVES FOR AN UNSPECIFIED MENTAL PROBLEM. AN ACQUAINTANCE OF [REDACTED], [REDACTED] WHO WAS A [REDACTED] AT THIS FACILITY, ALSO STATED THAT "WILLIAM" RECEIVED TREATMENT TWICE A MONTH AND THAT PAVN AUTHORITIES REGISTERED HIM UNDER A VIETNAMESE NAME, NGUYEN VAN K I E T. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: PAVN APPARENTLY SOUGHT TO CONCEAL THE FOREIGNER'S TRUE NAME AND NATIONALITY BY THE USE OF SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE ALIASES.)

4. IN AUGUST 1981 [REDACTED], WHILE WITH A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) CIVIL AVIATION STEWARDESS, [REDACTED] SPOTTED "WILLIAM" WITH FOUR SRV POLICEMEN AT A COFFEE HOUSE ON NGUYEN DU STREET IN HO CHI MINH CITY. THE POLICE LATER TOOK "WILLIAM" TO AN SRV OFFICE IN THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ON THE SAME STREET. [REDACTED] WAS LATER ASKED IF A LISTING OF SOVIET PERSONNEL MAINTAINED BY THE SRV CIVIL AVIATION CONTAINED THE NAME OF KETTY, BUT SHE SAID SHE FOUND NO TRACE OF IT.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET ALIAS GIVEN "WILLIAM," SOME UNIDENTIFIED SOVIETS AS OF MID-1981 WERE RESIDING AT THE SRV DONG NAI PROVINCE TOURIST CORPORATION HOTEL NO. 57 NEAR THE BIEN HOA AIRPORT AND AT HOTEL NO. 77 LOCATED AT 77 CONG LY STREET IN BIEN HOA. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THESE SOVIETS WAS UNKNOWN, AND THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE TRANSIENTS, RATHER THAN PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED, IN THE BIEN HOA AREA.)

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6. ( [REDACTED] ) COMMENT: THE SOURCE OF THIS  
INFORMATION IS [REDACTED], MENTIONED ABOVE, WHO WAS  
DEBRIEFED [REDACTED]  
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PERTINENT DETAILS AND SCHEDULED A FOLLOW-UP MEETING FOR 1500 HOURS ON  
24 NOVEMBER IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. THE INFORMATION WRITTEN ON THE  
SCRAP OF PAPER IS AS FOLLOWS:

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN IN  
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 11 NOVEMBER 1986

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. ON 11 NOVEMBER 1986, [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE MET WITH

[REDACTED] TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
ON THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. AIRMEN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE MET  
ON 11 NOVEMBER AT ABOUT 0900 HOURS ON AN ISLAND IN THE MEKONG RIVER  
LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF VD 7273, OPPOSITE THAT PHANOM DISTRICT,  
NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE, THAILAND. [REDACTED] GAVE [REDACTED] 4,000 BAHT  
WHICH WAS TO BE PAID TO THE PERSONS IN LAOS HOLDING THE REMAINS.  
[REDACTED] COMMENT: SEE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
WHICH REPORTED THE INITIAL CONTACT OF THE [REDACTED] AND THE  
EXISTENCE OF THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF TWO U.S. AIRMEN IN LAOS, ABOUT 26  
BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.)

2. UPON RECEIPT OF THE MONEY, [REDACTED] GAVE [REDACTED] A SCRAP  
OF PAPER ON WHICH WERE WRITTEN THE NAMES AND APPARENT "DOG TAG"  
INFORMATION OF THREE PERSONS. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THERE  
WAS A SMALL FAMILY NOTEBOOK WITH THE REMAINS OF THE THIRD PERSON. THE  
[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT ASK [REDACTED] WHERE THE REMAINS WOULD BE  
DELIVERED, BUT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO LOCATE A DELIVERY SITE AND OTHER

ACTION DIA/ [REDACTED] (8)  
INFO CJCS(4) SECDEF-(1) USDP-(5)  
+CHS-GRID/OCJCS

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COMMENT: NONE OF THE NAMES LISTED ABOVE, OR REASONABLE  
SPELLING VARIATIONS, APPEAR IN THE APRIL 1983 JOINT CASUALTY  
RESOLUTION CENTER ALPHABETIC POW/MIA LISTING.)

ACQ: [REDACTED] (19 NOVEMBER 1986) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Release of Study on Vietnamese Policy on POWs

1. The release of a 1975 counterintelligence study, entitled "North Viet-Nam: The Responsibilities of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Intelligence and Security Services in the Exploitation of American Prisoners of War [REDACTED] to cleared congressional personnel does not appear to present problems of revealing sources or methods. However, the study's introduction contains a paragraph that is inaccurate and seriously misleading on both US and French POWs. [REDACTED]

2. The paragraph reads:

"While no specific examples are known, it is possible that some American captives were not released [in 1973]. There are over 300 French Foreign Legion personnel, captured during the French Indochina War (1945-54), who are still being held in the DRV. For years, many of these French POWs were held at the BA VI State Farm in HA TAY Province, DRV. [REDACTED]

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declared that the DRV planned to keep some

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Americans secretly because of their technical knowledge or usefulness for political purposes in the distant future." [ ]

3. Unlike the body of the CI study, neither this paragraph nor the introduction as a whole is footnoted to sources. A covering letter with the study said this paragraph was based on [ ]

4. [ ]

[ ] Some of his information was about American prisoners, and it is used in the body of the CI study. However, an extensive file search failed to find any report of his that contained the information in the paragraph quoted above. [ ]

5. The paragraph parallels information in a report of a 1970 interrogation conducted by an American who was later found to be an unreliable reporter. The person interrogated, [ ]

[ ] whose considerable--but hardly prolific--reporting was of unknown reliability. [ ]

6. This [ ] linked the alleged holding of French Foreign Legion prisoners with prospects for American prisoners in the same way that the CI study does. The study adds a detail about the legionnaires' having been held at a state farm that the study's author remembers getting from [ ] reports. [ ]

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7. In any event, the CI study's paragraph in question is wrong on key points. According to the interrogation report, ☐ did not say the DRV planned to keep some Americans secretly. He said he had been told that some French POWs with technical or scientific abilities had not been repatriated, and American POWs were considered of much greater value. The summary of the report jumps to the conclusion that American POWs were to be retained just as some French POWs allegedly had been. The CI study further distorts the part of the report directly attributed to ☐ ☐ by saying Americans would be held secretly for political purposes as well as technical knowledge. ☐

8. Moreover, a 1982 DIA study found that the French government believed all French prisoners were released in 1954, with the exception of two men returned later. Many Foreign Legion deserters chose to stay in Vietnam; they apparently were the basis of the third-hand information in the interrogation report. ☐

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SUBJECT : Sighting of About 30 Caucasian Prisoners in  
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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED  
FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET  
PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF 26 MARCH 1987, AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN REPORTEDLY NAMED [ ] WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE, SALEO CANTON, SAMOI DISTRICT (XD 9416) SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). [ ] WHO REPORTEDLY PARACHUTED FROM AN AIRCRAFT IN 1973, WAS BEING CARED FOR BY ETHNIC HMONG INHABITANTS OF THE AREA. ONE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON HAD ATTEMPTED TO GIVE A PIECE OF PAPER TO [ ] WHICH CONTAINED QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AND CALLED FOR A SIGNATURE, BUT [ ] REFUSED TO COMPLETE OR SIGN THE PAPER WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF [ ] HIS CARETAKER, THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY WANTED 150 BAHT-WEIGHT OF SILVER AND [ ] TAKEN AWAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CARING FOR HIM DURING THE PREVIOUS DECADE. COMMENT: ONE SILVER BAHT-WEIGHT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 200 BAHT, OR A TOTAL OF 30,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY KEPT AND RAISED ANIMALS AND THEY SAW NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT CARE FOR A HUMAN BEING. [ ] HAD ATTEMPTED TO WRITE A LETTER HOME, BUT THE VILLAGERS REFUSED TO ALLOW IT.

2. THE STORY OF [ ] CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF A SAVANNAKHET TOWN VILLAGER WHO CLAIMED ACCESS TO THE AREA [ ]

[ ] CLAIMED TO HAVE FIRST TRAVELED TO THE SALEO VILLAGE AREA TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT [ ] SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE [ ] BUT THAT VILLAGE CHILDREN KNEW OF HIM.

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MATERIAL-PASS TO [REDACTED] CONTROL OFFICER ONLY

SUBJECT: DOG TAG INFORMATION FROM VIETNAMESE [REDACTED]

1. IN OCTOBER 1986 [REDACTED] PROVIDED  
INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MISSING IN  
ACTION (MIA) DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. [REDACTED] WAS  
APPROACHED BY A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO HAD VISITED RELATIVES IN  
[REDACTED] IN JUNE 1986. HE CLAIMED THAT TWO RELATIVES  
KNEW AN UNIDENTIFIED THIRD PARTY WHO HAD FOUND MIA REMAINS IN A  
DOWNED AIRCRAFT. THE DOG TAGS ALLEGEDLY FOUND THERE READ AS  
FOLLOWS:

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2. IN PROVIDING THE ABOVE INFORMATION THE VIETNAMESE  
REFUGEE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN RETURN HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE  
FAVORABLE TREATMENT ON HIS REQUEST FOR THE ADMISSION OF TWO  
RELATIVES TO THE U.S. OR CANADA.

3. THE ABOVE NAMES WERE CHECKED WITH YOUR OFFICE ON  
29 OCTOBER 1986, AND THEY WERE NOT SHOWN TO BE ON THE LIST OF  
MIA'S

4. FILE: [REDACTED] DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] ALL  
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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM  
DCI FEBRUARY 1971  
SUBJECT SIGHTINGS AND REPORTED CASUALTIES OF U.S. PRISONERS IN  
BIEN HOA AND BINH DUONG PROVINCES, SOUTH VIETNAM  
ACO VIETNAM, SAIGON (6 SEPTEMBER 1974)

SOURCE

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1. AT ABOUT 0630 HOURS ONE DAY IN FEBRUARY 1971, TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE SHAVING AT ABOUT XT925325 IN THE AREA OF XOM XINH, TAN UYEN DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, UNDER THE GUARD OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, VIET CONG (VC) DONG NAI REGIMENT. THE GUARDS SAID THAT THE 1ST BATTALION HAD CAPTURED THE TWO POW'S IN AN UNIDENTIFIED AREA OF CHAU THANH DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, WHEN THEY WERE DRIVING IN A JEEP WITH ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN. THE GUARDS SAID THAT THE LAST-MENTIONED AMERICAN WAS WOUNDED IN ONE LEG AT THE TIME OF CAPTURE AND LATER COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE GUARDS ALSO SAID THAT THE TWO POW'S WERE CORPORALS WHO COULD SPEAK A LITTLE VIETNAMESE. [ ] COMMENT: [ ] SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE BURIAL SITE OF THE AMERICAN WHO DIED.)

2. AS OF APRIL 1971, TWO U.S. POW'S WHO HAD BEEN KEPT AT THE C-24TH DETENTION CAMP HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE. ONE WAS SHOT TO DEATH AND THE OTHER FLED INTO THE WOODS. [ ] COMMENT: BELIEVED THAT THESE WERE THE SAME POW'S HE HAD SEEN PREVIOUSLY

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BECAUSE ONLY TWO U.S. POWS WERE CAPTURED BY THE THU BIEN REGIONAL UNIT IN 1970-71.)  COMMENT: UPON THE DISBANDMENT OF VC E-5 IN EARLY 1971, VC THU BIEN SUBREGION WAS ESTABLISHED. IT BECAME VC BIEN HOA AND BINH DUONG PROVINCES IN EARLY 1973.)

3. THE TWO POWS WERE CAUCASIAN. ONE WAS ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD. HE WAS ABOUT <sup>65"</sup>1.65 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT <sup>123lb</sup>56 KILOGRAMS, HAD A SMALL BUILD, WAVY BLOND HAIR, A STRAIGHT NOSE AND A RATHER SQUARE JAW. THE OTHER WAS ALSO ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD, ABOUT <sup>65"</sup>1.65 METERS TALL, <sup>119lb</sup>WEIGHED ABOUT 54 KILOGRAMS AND HAD A RUDDY SKIN, WAVY AUBURN HAIR, BROWN EYES, A CROOKED NOSE AND A POINTED CHIN.  COMMENT:

6 REVIEWED VOLUMES I AND II OF "PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" AND IDENTIFIED THE PHOTO OF WALTER W. ECKES, E046, 03, MC, 660510, EE, A-069, VOL. 1, AS BEARING SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THE FIRST POW DESCRIBED. HOWEVER, THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH SEEMED TO HAVE A SHORTER FACE, THICKER LIPS AND TO BE A LITTLE OLDER THAN THE ONE OBSERVED.)

4.  COMMENT: JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "THIS REPORT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THE INCIDENT INVOLVING

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THE ONLY GROUND INCIDENT RECORDED IN THE JCRC DATA BASE FOR THE CHAU THANH DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, THAT INVOLVED THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN A VEHICLE OCCURRED ON 23 JUNE 1970 AT XT801340. THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED THE THREE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ABOVE.

[REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN A MISSING STATUS. THE OTHER TWO ARE CARRIED AS CAPTURED.")

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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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI 1962 - FEBRUARY 1968

SUBJECT AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIET CONG INTER-REGION 2

VIETNAM SAIGON (8 NOVEMBER 1971)

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1. ~~SOME AMERICAN PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG IN QUANG NAM~~

~~WERE CAPTURED BY A Sapper UNIT OF THE VIET CONG IN QUANG NAM~~

PRO LONE UNIT IN LAM THANH HAMLET, HOA LUONG VILLAGE, HOA VANG

DISTRICT, AND TURNED OVER TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF

QUANG NAM PROVINCE. AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SECTION IN CHARGE OF

PRISONERS OF WAR, MAJOR LE CAN DECIDED TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS

BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ADEQUATE DETENTION CAMP NEARBY AND TO TAKE

THEM TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY INTER-REGION

5. WOULD TAKE BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MONTHS. COMMENT: VIET

CONG MILITARY INTER-REGION 5. INCLUDED GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN)

QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN, QUANG NGAI, BINH DINH, PHU BON, KONTRUM AND

PAR LAC PROVINCES.)

2. ONE OF THE PRISONERS RELEASED WAS CALLED [ ] AND HELD THE

RANK OF EITHER PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OR SERGEANT; HE WAS AN ADVISOR TO

THE GVN REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY IN HOA VANG DISTRICT. HE WAS BE-

TWEEN 19 AND 26 YEARS OF AGE, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED

ABOUT 75 KILOGRAMS; HE HAD GREY EYES, BLOND HAIR, A LARGE FORE-

HEAD, STRAIGHT NOSE AND PALE COMPLEXION. THE OTHER PRISONER WAS

[ ] AND HELD THE SAME RANK AND POSITION AS THE

OTHER PRISONER. HE WAS ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS BROWN AND WAS ABOUT

1.85 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 85 KILOGRAMS. HE ALSO HAD

BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, A STRAIGHT NOSE BUT HAD A TANNED COMPLEXION.

3. ~~IN JUNE 1964~~ CAN SAY A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE KONTRUM

MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF

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AN AMERICAN MEDICAL OFFICER WHO HELD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

COMMENT: THIS PRISONER MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH

WHO WAS REPORTED TO BE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE IN DECEMBER 1978 AND WAS A CAPTAIN AND A MEDICAL DOCTOR.)

MADE SEVERAL RADIO BROADCASTS FOR THE VC. THE PRISONER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY INTER-REGION 5 WHICH PUT HIM INTO A DETENTION CAMP WHERE HE LATER CONTRACTED DYSENTERY AND DIED; HE WAS BURIED IN TRA MI DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, BUT THE EXACT LOCATION WAS NOT KNOWN. HE WAS ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD.

4. IN FEBRUARY 1966

WAS ON A TRIP TO DIEN TIEN VILLAGE, DIEN BAN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WHERE HE MET (FNU) THANH, A CADRE OF THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE. THANH TOLD HIM THAT AN AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR HAD BEEN RELEASED IN 1966 BUT HAD REFUSED TO RETURN TO HIS UNIT; THE AMERICAN INSTEAD HAD VOLUNTEERED TO WORK AS A PROPAGANDA CADRE FOR THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY INTER-REGION 5. WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT THOUGHT THE NAME OF THE PRISONER WAS BOBBY. COMMENT: THIS PRISONER MAY BE

IDENTICAL WITH THE ONE DESCRIBED IN

HE MAY BE A U.S. MARINE

CAPTURED BY THE VC IN 1965 WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE DEFECTED IN (MAY 1967.) ACCORDING TO PRISONER WAS A PRIVATE FIRST CLASS; AFTER HE DEFECTED, HE USED A LOUDSPEAKER TO BROADCAST U.S. CONG PROPAGANDA TO THE U.S. 5TH MARINE REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE DO HO MILITARY CAMP, DIEN TIEN VILLAGE, DIEN BAN DISTRICT.

5. PRIOR TO 1964, THERE WAS NO CLEAR POLICY ON THE DISPOSAL OF THE BODIES OF DEAD AMERICAN PRISONERS. USUALLY, THEY WERE BURIED BY THEIR CAPTORS WHERE THEY DIED. IN 1964, THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM ISSUED A DIRECTIVE, NUMBER NOT KNOWN,

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 [REDACTED] OFFICIALLY ORDERED THE PRISONERS BURIED WHERE THEY DIED;  
 THE CAPTURING UNITS, HOWEVER, WERE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A  
 SKETCH OF THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE GRAVE. THIS SKETCH, PLUS  
 ALL IDENTITY PAPERS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF THE PRISONERS  
 WERE SENT TO THE NEXT HIGHER UNIT, WHICH WOULD THEN FORWARD THEM  
 TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY INTER-REGION 5.  
 AS OF JANUARY 1969, THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION CONSISTED  
 OF COLONEL (FNU) T R I, CHIEF OF THE SECTION AND ALSO IN CHARGE  
 OF PENETRATION ACTIVITIES; LIEUTENANT COLONEL (FNU) T H A I,  
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SECTION AND ALSO IN CHARGE OF PROPAGANDA  
 ACTIVITIES; MAJOR (FNU) S A U, PENETRATION CADRE; MAJOR L E C A N,  
 PENETRATION CADRE; MAJOR (FNU) K E Y, PENETRATION CADRE; AND MAJOR  
 (FNU) N I M H, ADMINISTRATIVE CADRE.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, 7TH AIR  
 FORCE, USARV, NAVFORV, 525TH MI GP, 1021ST KAS, OSI, CINCPAC,  
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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Captured U.S. Personnel in South Vietnam,  
One of Whom May Have Died in Captivity, and Possible  
Suicide of a Third Prisoner

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. In mid-July 1967, [REDACTED] went to interview three U.S. prisoners of war (POWs) at the 1st North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division field hospital near Chu Be Mountain (near YA810360), Le Thanh District, Pleiku Province, South Vietnam. The Americans had reportedly just been captured in a forested area about eight kilometers west of Duc Co Village (near YA838253), Le Thanh District, by the 2nd Company, 7th Battalion, 66th Regiment, 1st NVA Division. The NVA Company had been encircling the Duc Co Special Forces camp when it clashed with a Montagnard Special Forces Unit to which the Americans were attached as advisors.

2. [REDACTED] met and talked with only two prisoners, a Caucasian and a Negro; he learned that the third American had committed suicide by biting his tongue shortly after he was captured. [REDACTED] obtained very little infor-

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mation from the prisoners because they were wounded, exhausted and unwilling to talk. The Caucasian prisoner died of dysentery at the hospital three days after he was captured. The Negro was evacuated to a detention camp of the Central Office for South Vietnam (COSVN) [ ] had no information about the detention camp.

3. [ ] description of each of the three American prisoners follows:

A. The prisoner who reportedly committed suicide was a lieutenant according to his identification card, but his name and serial number were not recalled. Among the personal effects taken from this American, was a photograph reportedly of him with a woman. The man in the photograph appeared to be about 30 years old, Caucasian, with a square face and light complexion. According to his captors, the American had been wounded in the right thigh during the engagement and they had evacuated him to a site nearby where he committed suicide. He was later buried at this site. /1/

B. The Caucasian prisoner who later died in the field hospital was about 18 years old. He weighed about 60 kilos, was about 1.70 meters tall and had an oval face, light brown hair, brown eyes, a long straight nose and a fair complexion. When captured he was slightly wounded in the neck. Through a VC interpreter this prisoner said that he was a corporal attached to a mortar element and that he was a third-year university student majoring in chemistry when he was drafted. /2/

C. The Negro prisoner weighed about 75 kilos and was of medium build; he had black, curly hair, an oval face and black eyes. He had been wounded slightly in the left shoulder. He said he was an E4 attached to a mortar element. /3/ /4/

/1/ [ ] Comment: [ ] was shown the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) POW photo album and said that the individual listed as [ ] resembled most the man whose photograph he had seen.)

/2/ [ ] Comment: According to [ ] the photo listed as [ ] in the JPRC POW photo album resembled this prisoner most.)

/3/ [ ] Comment: JPRC commented that the action which [ ] cites in this report commenced on 12 July 1967 near YA850131 and involved elements of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. According to JPRC, among those men who were

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carried as Missing In Action (MIA) out of this incident were [redacted]

[redacted] JPRC says that [redacted] information on the three prisoners appears to be enough evidence to identify only one of the men with any degree of certitude. JPRC's comments on [redacted] descriptions of the prisoners are provided below:

(A. The first man described could possibly be [redacted] who is married and who meets the same general physical description and age, though not the rank of lieutenant. [redacted] is listed as MIA.

(B. Identification of the second man is sketchy at best. [redacted] bear a resemblance to the photo which [redacted] identified and both these men are carried as captured. The age, 18, cited for the prisoner by [redacted] is of little value since the remaining five personnel were all 19 to 21 years of age. None of these men was a university student in his third year, but [redacted] had completed three years of high school education, took academic courses and preferred algebra and general science.

(C. The third man seen by [redacted] can be identified because of his race. [redacted] was the only Negro among those missing in this action. His physical description agrees with that given by [redacted] but not his age or grade. [redacted] is listed as captured.)

/4/ [redacted] Comment: [redacted]

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 1. Sighting of a Captured U.S. Officer in Quynh Luu District, Nghe An Province, North Vietnam, and  
2. Hearsay Information on the Death of Another Officer

At about 1100 hours one day in late December 1967, saw four U.S. fighter planes bombing Quynh Luu District Town, Nghe An Province, North Vietnam. Two of the planes were shot down and local militiamen later told [ ] that one pilot was dead and the other had bailed out. The militiamen also said that the U.S. prisoner of war (POW) whom [ ] saw at 1200 hours on the same day, was the pilot who had bailed out. [ ] saw the POW, escorted by five armed guards, in a jeep heading north on National Route 1 in Quynh Luu District. The POW was Caucasian, approximately 25 years old; he weighed about 80 kilograms, was about 1.75 meters tall and had a moustache. He did not have any visible wounds and was wearing a yellow flight suit. /1/ and /2/

/1/ [ ] was shown the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) album of missing and captured personnel in Southeast Asia, but was unable to identify [ ] whom he saw. [ ] account was shown to JPRC which [ ]

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as follows: "This report correlates quite well with other information concerning the incident in which [REDACTED] were lost. The men are still carried as MIA by their parent service. All contact was lost when [REDACTED] aircraft went in for a strike on his target. There were other aircraft in the area but none reported seeing the aircraft go down. No chutes were seen; no beepers were heard. [REDACTED] description of the time and area is almost identical to the actual incident. There were no other aircraft lost at these coordinates during 1967. It is very possible the POW [REDACTED] observed was [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY CAMBODIA

DOI JANUARY - JUNE 1971

SUBJECT CAPTURE, CONTAINMENT AND EXECUTION OF TWO AMERICAN  
JOURNALISTS BY KHMER COMMUNISTS IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE,  
SOUTHEASTERN CAMBODIA

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1. TWO MALE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE DELIVERED TO THE KHMER COMMUNIST (KC) ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER IN SANGKE KAONG VILLAGE (WU 751331) OF TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE OF SOUTHEASTERN CAMBODIA, IN JANUARY 1971 AND WERE EXECUTED IN THAT DISTRICT IN JUNE 1971. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE JOURNALISTS WHO HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY KC AUTHORITIES IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, TO THE SOUTH OF KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ONE AMERICAN, WHOSE NAME SOUNDED LIKE L O V E R Y (KHMER PHONETICS), WAS APPROXIMATELY

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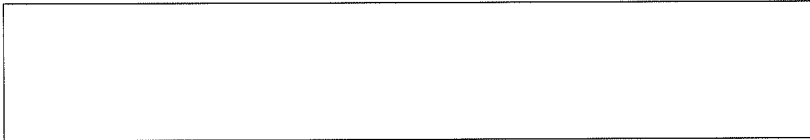
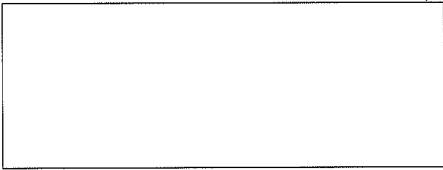
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1.90 METERS TALL. HE WAS THIN AND HAD A LONG, THIN FACE. HE SPOKE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND KHMER AND WORE A PLATINUM NECKLACE WHICH HAD A ROUND MEDALLION ATTACHED TO IT THAT LOOKED LIKE A COIN. THE OTHER AMERICAN, WHOSE NAME WAS FORGOTTEN, APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD, 1.90 METERS TALL, HAD A LARGE BUILD AND BLOND HAIR AND BLUE EYES. HE SPOKE FRENCH AND ENGLISH. BOTH AMERICANS HAD CAMERAS WITH THEM.

2. DURING THEIR STAY AT SANGKE KAONG, THE AMERICANS WERE NOT IMPRISONED AND THEY WERE GIVEN A HOUSE TO LIVE IN BY S A B U N, THE TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN. THEY WERE GUARDED, HOWEVER, BY SEVERAL KC SECURITY CADRE WHO KEPT THEM UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. THEY WERE GIVEN GOOD FOOD TO EAT AND WERE NOT INTERROGATED OR MISTREATED.

3. IN MARCH OR APRIL 1971, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (ARVN) LAUNCHED OPERATIONS IN TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT AND THE KC ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT WAS FORCED TO FLEE TO KRAUCH CHHMAR DISTRICT TO AVOID CAPTURE. THE KC UNIT FORCED THE AMERICANS TO GO WITH THEM. AS THEY WENT FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE, THE AMERICANS WERE FORCED TO CARRY AMMUNITION CASES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE KC. DURING THESE TRAVELS, THE KC TBAUNG KHMUM ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT RESTED IN POEUS

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VILLAGE (WU 755546) AND OTHER VILLAGES IN ROKAR KNOR SUBDISTRICT, KRAUCH CHHMAR DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. TWO MONTHS LATER, AFTER ARVN CEASED ITS OPERATIONS IN TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT AND RETURNED TO SOUTH VIETNAM, THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE RETURNED TO TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT AND SET UP ITS HEADQUARTERS ON THE WESTERN FRINGE OF THE TAPAO RUBBER PLANTATION IN THE VICINITY OF WU 749417.

4. UPON THEIR RETURN TO TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT, THE AMERICANS WERE REQUIRED TO EAT THE SAME, OR LESS THAN, THE KC SOLDIERS BECAUSE THE ARVN TROOPS HAD CONFISCATED MOST OF THE KC FOOD STOCKS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE AMERICANS COMPLAINED THAT THEY WERE UNDERNOURISHED AND REQUESTED THAT THEY RECEIVE THE SAME FOOD AS THE KC CADRE. THEIR REQUESTS WERE IGNORED SO THEY WENT ON A HUNGER STRIKE FOR A DAY AND HALF, BUT THE KC CADRE WERE NOT MOVED BY THIS ACTION. ULTIMATELY THE AMERICANS TRIED TO LEAVE THEIR RESIDENCE TO FIND FOOD AND CIGARETTES IN ANOTHER VILLAGE, BUT WERE STOPPED BY THE KC SECURITY GUARDS. WHEN THEY PERSISTED IN LEAVING, CHAN SENG, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT, HAD THEM BOUND AND INCARCERATED.

5. THE JOURNALISTS WERE SENT TO THE KC PRISON CAMP AT WU 749417 WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR TWO WEEKS. DURING THAT TIME

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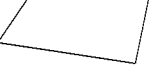
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THEY WERE HARSHLY INTERROGATED BY U K SAREN, THE CHIEF OF SECURITY OF TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT, WHO ACCUSED THEM OF BEING SPIES. WHEN THEIR INTERROGATION WAS OVER, THE JOURNALISTS WERE SUMMARILY EXECUTED AS SPIES BY SAREN AND HIS SECURITY CADRE. IN JUNE 1971.

6.  COMMENT: FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION:

"1. REFERENCE:

A. COMUSVACV 191235Z MAY 70 MSG, SUBJ:   
REPORT OF FOUR CAUCASIAN MALES IN CAMBODIA.

B.  1 MARCH 1974"

"2. A RECORDS SEARCH REVEALED THAT DURING THE YEAR 1970, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, HAD SIX, POSSIBLY SEVEN INCIDENTS WHICH INVOLVED 15 OR 16 JOURNALISTS."

"3. ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE REFERENCED REPORT IS DEFICIENT IN SPECIFIC INFORMATION, IT HAS PRODUCED TWO INCIDENTS THAT MAY CORRELATE. IT IS STRESSED THAT JCRC RECORDS INDICATE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THESE JOURNALISTS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE."

  
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"A. [REDACTED]

INFORMATION MAY CORRELATE TO GEORG GENSLUCKNER, AUSTRIAN CIVILIAN, AND DIETER BELLENDORF, WEST GERMAN CIVILIAN, BOTH MISSING, REFNOs 1588-0-01 AND 1589-0-01, RESPECTIVELY. BOTH INDIVIDUALS DEPARTED PHNOM PENH AROUND 0700, 8 APRIL 1970 IN A HIRED CAR (MERCEDES LICENSE NUMBER 2-12754) DRIVEN BY A MR. UNG LIN YIENG. THEY TOOK NATIONAL ROUTE 1 IN THE DIRECTION OF SVAY RIENG. WITH SEVERAL MILITARY CONTROL POSTS NOTING THE LICENSE NUMBER, THE CAR PASSED THE PRASUAT CONTROL POST AT APPROXIMATELY 0930. IT WAS LATER REPORTED BY UNKNOWN CAMBODIAN VILLAGERS THAT TWO EUROPEANS DRIVING A CAR HAD BEEN ARRESTED AROUND 1030, 8 APRIL 1970, BETWEEN CHI PHU AND BAVET, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. A REPORT (REF A) REVEALS MR. BELLENDORF'S PHOTO WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE FOUR CAUCASIAN MALES HELD CAPTIVE IN A BUNKER DURING MAY 1970. THE LAST PORTION OF MR. GENSLUCKNER'S NAME, LUCKNER, SOUNDS LIKE LOWRIE (KHMER PHONETICS). THOUGH BOTH MEN ARE NOT 1.90 METERS TALL, THEY ARE BOTH THE SAME HEIGHT OF 1.70 METERS. WHEN THEY DISAPPEARED, MR. GENSLUCKNER WAS AGE 28 AND MR. BELLENDORF WAS 31. MR. BELLENDORF

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HAS BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, AND HIS PHOTO SUGGESTS A MEDIUM BUILD. THE PHOTO OF MR. GENSLUCKNER INDICATES A THIN APPEARANCE AND A MEDIUM THIN FACE."

"B. [REDACTED] INFORMATION MAY CORRELATE TO [REDACTED] U.S. CIVILIAN, AND [REDACTED] U.S. CIVILIAN, BOTH CAPTURED, REFNO [REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY. THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT COMPARE TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B ABOVE. ON 6 APRIL 1970, BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE TRAVELING ON A RED MOTORCYCLE ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE 1 WHEN CAPTURED, APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETERS EAST OF CHI PHU, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE. IT IS NOTED THAT THE [REDACTED] HEIGHT DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO JOURNALISTS DOES NOT REFLECT THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] AT 1.87 METERS IS APPROXIMATELY 20 CENTIMETERS TALLER THAN [REDACTED] A FAIRLY NOTICEABLE FACTOR. [REDACTED] WAS AGE 29 WHEN CAPTURED, HAS HAZEL EYES, BROWN HAIR, AND HIS PHOTOS REFLECT A LARGE BUILD WITH A LONG THIN FACE. WHEN CAPTURED, [REDACTED] WAS AGE 31, AND HIS PHOTOS DEPICT A THIN PERSON POSSESSING A LONG THIN FACE, AND THE PRESENCE OF A NECKLACE. HIS RECORDS STATED THAT THE NECKLACE IS COMPOSED OF A GOLD CHAIN WITH TWO BUDDHAS ON IT THAT ARE MADE OF DARK METAL.")

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TO: DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA (ATTN: COL. JOE SCHLATTER).

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE IN THAILAND WITH POW/MIA INFORMATION

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. IT IS ALSO BEING PASSED TO STONY BEACH.

2. A 39-YEAR OLD VIETNAMESE FEMALE REFUGEE IN THAILAND SENT A LETTER TO OUR DIRECTOR OFFERING TO PROVIDE POW/MIA INFORMATION. THE LETTER, DATED 15 JUNE 1999, STATES THAT THE WRITER HAD IN HER POSSESSION LETTERS WRITTEN BY AMERICANS BEING HELD IN VIETNAM, WHICH SHE WAS TO CARRY TO THAILAND. UNFORTUNATELY SHE WAS FORCED TO DESTROY THESE LETTERS WHEN SHE WAS CAPTURED IN KOMPOK SOM, CAMBODIA, WHILE EN ROUTE TO THAILAND. SHE ADDED THAT "FRIENDS" TOLD HER THAT U.S. MIA REMAINS STILL EXIST IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. SHE OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO: DIA/PW-MIA (COL JOE SCHLATTER).

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SUBJECT: POW CAMPS NEAR KONTUM

1. [ ] TRAVELS PERIODICALLY TO VIETNAM PROVIDED INFORMATION ON POW'S AND MIA'S THAT HE OBTAINED THERE IN EARLY 1989. HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM [ ]

2. [ ] STATED THAT TWO CAMPS WITH POW'S ARE LOCATED NEAR KONTUM IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, ABOUT 400 MILES (SIC) NORTH OF HCMC. ONE CAMP HOLDS ABOUT 185 AMERICANS AND THE OTHER HOLDS ABOUT 135. THESE CAMPS ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE AIR BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDERGROUND.

3. [ ] PROVIDED TWO PIECES OF PAPER WITH INFORMATION SUPPOSEDLY ABOUT TWO INMATES IN THESE CAMPS. BOTH ARE POOR PHOTOCOPIES OF DOCUMENTS WRITTEN ENGLISH, PROBABLY BY A VIETNAMESE. THE TEXTS ARE AS FOLLOW:

A. APRIL 5TH 1989. SHORT INDIVIDUAL STORY - FULL NAME: [ ]

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B. FULL NAME [ ]

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BEING CAPTURED BY V.C. 1969 (ILLEGIBLE); SIGNATURE (ILLEGIBLE) [ ]

4. SUBSEQUENTLY [ ] PROVIDED ANOTHER NAME, PROBABLY ALSO OBTAINED FROM [ ]

5. WHEN [ ] WAS ASKED WHAT HE WANTED IN RETURN FOR THE INFORMATION, HE REPLIED THAT THE CAMP COMMANDER IS A "NUNG VC," WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO "HELP THE NUNG." THE [ ] SAID THAT HE DECLINED [ ] OFFER TO MEET THE CAMP COMMANDER BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID.

6. [ ] CLAIMED THAT HE WAS SKEPTICAL OF [ ] STORY OF ALLEGED POW'S. [ ] CLAIMED THAT HE LATER RAISED THE ISSUE WITH RETIRED [ ]

[ ] AFTER GIVING A STRONG ENDORSEMENT IN FAVOR OF BUILDING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.. [ ] CLAIMED THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HELD NO POW'S; HOWEVER HE DID NOTE THE POSSIBILITY OF POW'S BEING HELD IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. [ ] DID NOT KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT. [ ] HE ADDED THAT [ ] HOPED TO OBTAIN U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE NUNG MINORITY. [ ] NOTED THAT [ ] OF THE INFORMATION WAS AN UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON COMMANDER WHO HELD THE RANK OF

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MAJOR. [ ] SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD ON THE  
SUBJECT BEYOND THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE.

7. [ ] IS UNEMPLOYED. HE HAS A GIRL FRIEND [ ]

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TO: DIA WASHDC//PW-MIA (ATTMR BOB SHEETZ).

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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF [ ] ON POW PHOTO INCIDENT

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED ON 30 JULY-1 AUGUST 1991

[ ] HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM [ ]

[ ] THIS REPORT WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH AND IS NOW BEING SENT  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

3. WHILE IN CAMBODIA, [ ] JOINED A C. ANDESTINE MISSING IN  
ACTION (MIA) RESEARCH COMMITTEE WHICH WAS INITIALLY FORMED IN 1990

[ ] CLAIMS THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE ARE  
NOT KNOWN TO EITHER THE PRK OR THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

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THE PHARMACY WAS USED AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMITTEE. [ ] FORMED THE COMMITTEE AFTER HEARING A VOA BROADCAST THAT THE U.S. WOULD PAY ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS AS A REWARD FOR FINDING THE REMAINS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LISTED AS MIA. THE BROADCAST DID NOT INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF REWARD FOR FINDING LIVE PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POW). THE COMMITTEE, [ ] HAS NO FOREIGN SPONSORSHIP. SOME MEMBERS JOINED BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE AND OTHERS HOPED TO BE SPONSORED FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S. FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE MEMBERS DID NOT KNOW EACH OTHER, ONLY THE CHIEF [ ] EACH MEMBER WAS REQUIRED TO SPEND HIS OWN PRIVATE FUNDS TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON POW/MIA MATTERS AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. IN THE EVENT THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AWARD MONEY, [ ] CLAIMED HE WOULD SHARE IT WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS. [ ] ASSIGNED TASKS AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO ALL THE MEMBERS. [ ] CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OF THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS [ ]

4. IN DECEMBER 1990, [ ] TO TRAVEL TO THE [ ] REFUGEE CAMP IN THAILAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING AMERICANS WORKING ON THE MIA ISSUE. [ ] A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO DEPICTING THREE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO BE U.S. POW'S, TWO OTHER PHOTOS OF TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE FIRST PHOTO WHICH GAVE NAMES AND RANKS, THE NAMES OF TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN KIA, AND INFORMATION ON MORE THAN 60 INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY ALIVE AND HELD IN A CAMP IN CAMBODIA. [ ] DID NOT TELL HIM THE LOCATION OF THE POW CAMP. [ ] REPORTEDLY TOLD [ ] THAT THE 60 POW'S HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM VIETNAM TO CAMBODIA DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT ((LON)) NOL. [ ] DID NOT INDICATE [ ] THE SOURCE OF ANY OF HIS MIA/POW MATERIALS. [ ] LEFT [ ] IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990 WITH [ ] THEY BOTH ARRIVED SAFELY [ ] ON 7 DECEMBER 1990. [ ] COOPERATED WITH HIM ON MIA MATTERS. [ ]

[ ] BIO DATA OF THE ALLEGED POW'S/MIA'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

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5. [ ] CLAIMS TO HAVE GIVEN THE ABOVE PHOTOS WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS OF HIS ARRIVAL [ ] TO FOUR AMERICANS, TWO OF WHOM WERE FEMALE. ONE OF THE MALES TO WHOM [ ] GAVE THE PHOTOS WAS [ ]

[ ] IN ADDITION TO THE PHOTOS, [ ] PROVIDED THE ABOVE FOUR INDIVIDUALS INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE 60 POW'S IN THE UNIDENTIFIED CAMP IN CAMBODIA AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF ALLEGED U.S. MIA'S:

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6. ON 18 JAN 1991, [REDACTED] BORROWED BAHT 5,000 FROM [REDACTED], AND GAVE THE MONEY TO HIS COUSIN [REDACTED] AT THE BEHEST OF [REDACTED] TASKED HIS COUSIN [REDACTED] TO RETURN [REDACTED] AND CONTACT [REDACTED] FOR ADDITIONAL MIA/POW DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY COPIES OF FINGER PRINTS AND TAPED VOICE RECORDINGS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS COUSIN SINCE HIS COUSIN LEFT [REDACTED] IN JAN 91 AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED] CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO FURTHER BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH WHEN [REDACTED] OCCASIONALLY SEES [REDACTED] SHE ASKS [REDACTED] IF HIS COUSIN RETURNED [REDACTED] REPLIES, "NOT YET." [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM [REDACTED] HAD MIA/POW RELATED PAPERS AND TAPE RECORDINGS IN HER POSSESSION. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HER UNDERGROUND NETWORK OBTAINED THE MATERIALS FROM INSIDE CAMBODIA (NFI). [REDACTED] WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THIS AND SURMISED THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE ARRANGED TO INTERCEPT HIS COUSIN ON HIS RETURN [REDACTED] AND RELIEVE HIM OF THE MATERIALS.

7. [REDACTED] HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE MIA/POW MATERIALS UNTIL HE WAS CONTACTED AT [REDACTED] BY TWO AMERICANS ON 23 JULY 1991. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS REPORTEDLY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE OTHER FROM [REDACTED] THE LATTER SPOKE KHMER. [REDACTED] DID NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS DISPLAYED NUMEROUS MIA/POW RELATED MATERIALS AND ASKED [REDACTED] TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE MATERIALS BELONGED TO HIM. [REDACTED] DID AS REQUESTED AND WAS TOLD BY THE AMERICANS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PHOTOS WERE NOT AMERICANS, BUT COULD BE RUSSIAN OR FRENCH. THEY ADDED THAT [REDACTED] HAD LIED TO THEM IN THE PAST. [REDACTED] BECAME UPSET AND ASKED THE AMERICANS WHY THEY HAD WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY BY COMING TO SEE HIM IF THEY KNEW THE PHOTOS WERE NOT OF AMERICANS. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION TO THE TWO AMERICANS AND SUGGESTED THEY SPE. D THEIR MONEY BY FINDING OUT THE TRUTH THEMSELVES INSIDE CAMBODIA.

8. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE DID NOT WORK FOR OR WITH [REDACTED] BUT KNEW [REDACTED] BETTER THAN [REDACTED] HAS OPTED NOT TO RETURN TO [REDACTED] FOR FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED BY THE PRK.

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TO OBTAIN DETAILS ON THESE THREE REMAINS [ ] ALSO STATED THAT IN 1985 [ ] HAD TURNED OVER FIVE SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS TO THE GOVERNMENT. LATER ON VIETNAMESE RADIO, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD RECENTLY TURNED OVER FIVE SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. [ ] SPOKE EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED HIS RELATIVES HELD THE REMAINS OF TWO AMERICANS IN SAIGON.

7. AS OF 9 JULY 1987, JCRC AND STONY BEACH WERE TO BE PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] HANOI CLAIMED TOLD HIM THAT WHILE IN A REEDUCATION CAMP IN HA NAM NINH PROVINCE CIRCA 1979 OR 1980 HE HAD SEEN AN AMERICAN WORKING NEARBY. [ ] MET THE AMERICAN ONLY ONCE. ON ANOTHER MATTER, A FRIEND OF [ ] CAME TO SEE [ ] TO INQUIRE ABOUT HOW TO OPEN THE CANOPY OF AN F-5. THE AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY WAS LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AREA OF LONG KHANH. IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE PILOT WAS AN AMERICAN OR VIETNAMESE. [ ] WAS AT THE PHANAT NIKHOM CAMP.

B. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN A REEDUCATION CAMP IN 1976 HE WAS SENT TO PERFORM LABOR AT CAM NHAN VILLAGE, YEN BAI, HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE. THERE HE SAW AN AMERICAN WORKING ON ELECTRICAL LINES. THE AMERICAN WAS TALL AND SKINNY. NO CONTACT WAS ALLOWED BETWEEN [ ] AND THE AMERICAN. VIETNAMESE CADRE SAID THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEERED TO STAY IN VIETNAM, HAD ASKED FOR VIETNAMESE CITIZENSHIP, AND WANTED TO MARRY A VIETNAMESE GIRL. THE REEDUCATION CAMP WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF GROUP 776. [ ] WAS AT THE PHANAT NIKHOM CAMP.

C. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] SAID HE WAS IN REEDUCATION CAMP 1, SUB-CAMP 9 IN YEN BAI, HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, IN 1976. WHILE THERE, HE SAW AN AMERICAN WHO WORKED ON GENERATORS FOR THE CAMP AUTHORITIES. THE AMERICAN WENT BY THE VIETNAMESE NAME "NAM," REPORTEDLY HAD A WIFE WHO WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER. THEY RESIDED TOGETHER ABOUT FOUR KILOMETERS FROM THE REEDUCATION CAMP. [ ] FURTHER RELATED THAT IN 1977, WHILE LABORING OUTSIDE THE CAMP, HE MET WITH SOME LOCAL PEOPLE. THEY TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS LUCKY LIVING IN A SPACIOUS JAIL WITH TIME TO LEAVE THE CAMP FOR LABOR, BECAUSE THE AMERICANS SUFFERED MUCH AND WERE CONFINED TO CAVES IN THE MOUNTAINS. ASKED THESE PEOPLE WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD. THEY RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW AND THAT THEY (GUARDS) WERE VERY VICIOUS AND IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THE AMERICANS YOU WOULD BE KILLED RIGHT AWAY. THEY ADDED THAT THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WORE RED AND WHITE STRIPED CLOTHING. [ ] ALSO CLAIMED [ ] AND A FRIEND HELD THE REMAINS AND DOG TAG OF ONE AMERICAN. NO NAME WAS PROVIDED. [ ] ASSUMED THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD HELP HIM RESETTLE IF HE TURNED OVER THE REMAINS.

D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED HE HAD FRIENDS LIVING IN BAO TRANG HAMLET, NHUAN DIE VILLAGE, CU CHI DISTRICT, SAIGON, WHO HELD THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN. THE CORPSE WAS MOSTLY INTACT. THERE WAS A FLAK JACKET WITH THE CORPSE. JUMP BOOTS, AND A HELMET WITH THE NAME [ ] ON IT. [ ] SAW THE CORPSE. ONE OF THOSE KEEPING THE CORPSE STATED THAT THE AMERICAN WAS PERHAPS AN ADVISOR TO THE ARVN 25TH DIVISION WHICH HAD BEEN BASED IN CU CHI. [ ] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM.

E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED A FRIEND APPROACHED HER IN FEBRUARY 1987 TO ASK IF SHE HAD ANY FRIENDS ABROAD. THE FRIEND HAD A DOG TAG OF [ ] A SMALL BONE WAS GIVEN TO FAMILY WHO LIVED IN SAIGON.

F. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[ ] CLAIMED HIS BROTHER BROUGHT THE REMAINS AND DOG TAG OF AN AMERICAN AROUND APRIL 1986 TO THE FAMILY HOME AT [ ] THE ONLY NAME REMEMBERED WAS [ ] HCMC POLICE ARRESTED [ ] TOOK THE REMAINS, AND PROVIDED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE POLICE TOOK THE REMAINS. THE BROTHER WAS RELEASED TWO DAYS LATER. THE POLICE REPORT WAS HELD BY HIS BROTHER. THE REMAINS OF THE AMERICAN WERE REPORTEDLY COLLECTED FROM XUAN LOC, DONG NAI PROVINCE.

G. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED HIS FRIEND [ ] FOUND THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN IN THE AN LAO AREA AND WAS STILL HOLDING THE CORPSE.

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE BOAT AND LAND REFUGEE SOURCE MIA/POW  
REPORTING FROM [ ]

REFERENCE: NONE

[ ] KEPT THE REMAINS IN THE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE TO THE U.S. OR ANOTHER FREE COUNTRY.

H. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] CLAIMED HIS FRIEND [ ] WANTED TO CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND TO RELATE THAT HE WAS HOLDING THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN.

I. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] SAIGON CLAIMED HE MET [ ] BEFORE DEPARTING VIETNAM. [ ] CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF SOME AMERICANS. [ ] SHOWED A COUPLE OF DOG TAGS BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES.

8. AS OF 16 JULY 1987, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE  
[ ] REPORTED A VACILLATING STORY ABOUT [ ] WHO WAS BEING HELD IN GIANG PROVINCE, DONG HUONG TOWNSHIP, AN BIEN DISTRICT, XENH PROVINCE, IN THE U MINH FOREST. ACCORDING TO [ ] WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON 19 JANUARY 1971. THIS STORY WAS REPORTED FROM TWO OTHER REFUGEES. [ ] IN JANUARY 1987. [ ] IS THE FATHER OF [ ] CLAIMED HE GAVE HIS SON A LETTER FROM [ ] TO DELIVER TO THE AMERICANS IN THAILAND. THIS LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE JCRC LIAISON OFFICE IN BANGKOK IN JANUARY 1987.

B. THE [ ] STORY WAS EXPANDED WITH THREE PHOTOGRAPHS, ONE REPORTEDLY OF [ ] WITH ANOTHER UNKNOWN MAN. THE MAN REPORTED TO BE [ ] DOES NOT LOOK WESTERN BUT THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN DOES, POSSIBLY INDIAN OR FRENCH FEATURES. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE REPORTEDLY TAKEN IN JANUARY 1987. THE SECOND PHOTO WAS OF THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN ALONE. THE THIRD WAS A PHOTO OF A PHOTO SUPPOSEDLY OF [ ] AS A YOUNG BOY (15-16 YEARS OLD). THIS THIRD PHOTO WAS TO BE SENT TO [ ] LISTED AS [ ]

A LETTER FROM [ ] WAS ALSO PROVIDED ALONG WITH COPIES OF A LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN (THOUGH THERE WAS NO SALUTATION TO INDICATE SUCH). AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE LETTER PROVIDED IN JANUARY 1987 BY [ ] SON. BOTH LETTERS WERE FULL OF ERRORS AND FLOWERY LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE FIRST LETTER TURNED OVER IN JANUARY 1987. THE PHOTOS AND LETTERS WERE TURNED OVER TO STONY BEACH.

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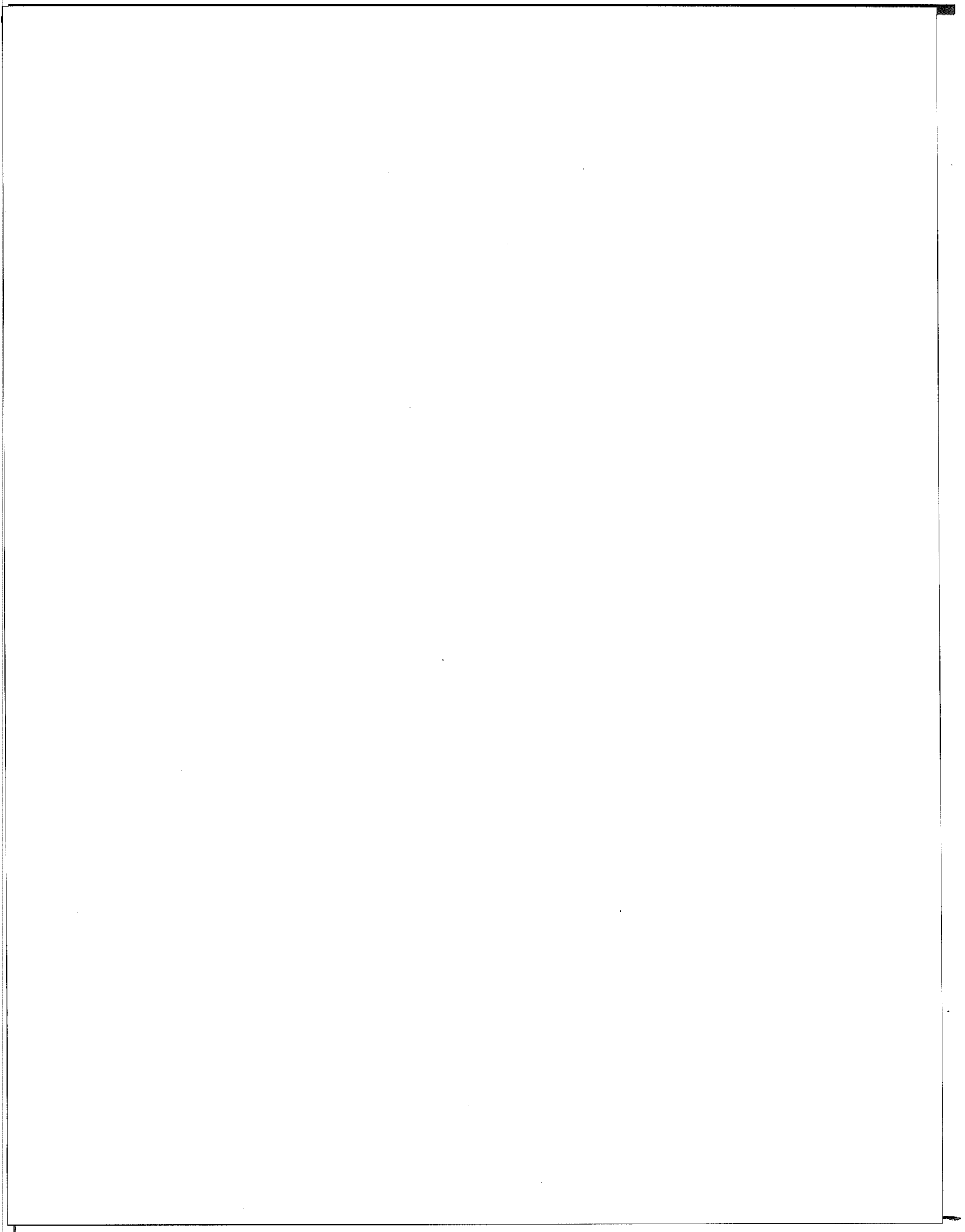
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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

DATE DISTR. 21 September 1970

COUNTRY South Vietnam/North Vietnam

CI Mid-January 1969

SUBJECT U.S. Civilian Prisoner of War in  
Binh Thuan Province Reportedly En  
Route to Hanoi

CQ [REDACTED]

FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

SOURCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and five other members of the Viet Cong (VC) Committee observed a U.S. civilian prisoner of war (POW) at commo-liaison station F-3 in northwestern Binh Thuan Province in mid-January 1969. According to the VC interpreter who was escorting him, and a commo-liaison cadre from Ninh Thuan Province who was carrying their supplies, the American was en route to Hanoi. According to [REDACTED] the assistant leader of the [REDACTED] VC military unit, who was leading [REDACTED] group to VC Binh Thuan Province Headquarters and who did most of the conversing with the American's two escorts, the American had been captured in Ninh Thuan Province approximately three months earlier. He was being taken north to be held until after a cease-fire when he could be exchanged for North Vietnamese prisoners captured in South Vietnam. Comment: VC Binh Thuan Province includes Government of Vietnam /GVN/ Binh Thuan

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and southeastern portion of Lam Dong Province.) The Joint Prisoner Recovery Center reported that this POW could be [redacted] captured on 13 November 1968 at BN688552 with two companions, who are also listed as missing in action: [redacted] and [redacted]

2. [redacted] described the American as Caucasian, male, slim build, approximately six-feet two or three inches tall, in good physical condition, and in unusually good spirits during the 5-hour period she saw him. He spoke to his escort, who was apparently fluent in English. [redacted] stated that [redacted] heard his name mentioned but could not remember it as it made no sense [redacted] Comment: Although [redacted] speaks no English [redacted] can distinguish between French and English.) After a day's rest, [redacted] group departed, leaving the POW and his two escorts at the commo-liaison station. [redacted] stated that although the American's group was heading in the same direction towards VC province headquarters, the POW wanted to rest another day at the F-3 commo-liaison station, and since he had a long trip ahead and there was no need to hurry, they decided to delay their departure.

3. [redacted] Dissem: State, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, Dir/JUSPAO (M2. Nickel only), 7th Air Force, USARV, NAVFORV. 525th MI Gp, 6499 SAG, OSI, CINCPAC, PACFLT, PACAF, ARPAC [redacted]

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## QUAN DOI NHAN DAN EDITORIAL PRAISES HIGH PLATEAU VICTORIES

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 0501 DMT 9 Apr 71 P

[Text] Hanoi VNA April 9--In an editorial today the Hanoi daily QUAN DOI NHAN DAN highly praised the brilliant military successes of the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Army (PLA) which had struck a fatal blow to the U.S.-puppet army for a major operation into the Indo-Chinese tri-border area and ruined further the enemy "Vietnamization" program in this "prime target" area.

The paper quoted incomplete reports from IPA as saying that since the end of March, the liberation forces and people in the high plateau wiped out or destroyed four battalions and 11 companies of the Saigon army main force, destroyed many pacification teams, wiping out or capturing nearly 4,000 enemy troops including over 100 Americans. They also shot down or destroyed nearly 50 aircraft, destroyed or damaged more than 1,000 vehicles, and burnt down many logistical depots and other war material of the enemy.

The paper particularly mentioned the brilliant battles at Ng. T. B. (Vietnam spelling) where one enemy battalion was wiped out and the others were badly defeated in the first days of March. The destruction of an enemy base at Ng. T. B. (Vietnam spelling) was "Six" by the U.S., where a battalion was wiped out and several companies captured, the wiping out of five relief companies near the same place.

Alongside these major attacks, the paper said, the people and their liberation forces in the high plateaux also made repeated assaults on the executive apparatus of the U.S.-puppets.

Typical of these actions was the bold attack on the Phu Khon district town in Darlac Province where the liberation forces wiped out or captured more than 100 enemy, captured or destroyed nearly 50 military vehicles and shot down 10 aircraft. The paper went on to say that the regional forces and guerrillas in the high plateau have also been very active. They shelled and ground assaulted the operational hqs of the puppet 22nd Division in Play Kan, the Vo Dinh military training centre in Kontum, the base camp of the ranger brigade and an "Open Arms" centre in Pleiku town etc.

The paper said: "the sustained drive of attacks of the liberation forces during more than 1 month reflects the strong and victorious position of the liberation armed forces in the high plateaux. It also demonstrates their quick maturity in command, combat skill and organizational capacity which enabled them to take on and wipe out an entire main-force battalion of the puppet army in broad day light under intense bombing and shelling by the enemy."

The recent victories of the PLAF and people in the high plateaux has dealt a mortal blow at the U.S.-puppet plan of launching an operation into the Indo-Chinese tri-border area in order to make up for their heavy losses on the Highway 9-southern Laos front and in northeast Cambodia. They have compelled the enemy to send reinforcements from the plains and reassign to the high plateaux the whole 17th U.S. Brigade to shore up the battered puppet troops."

"Obviously, these victories have further ruined the 'Vietnamization' program of the U.S. in this region of prime importance for them," the paper stressed.

HQDA (DAMI-DOO-H) cmts: This is the 4th radio broadcast to date on the Hill 1001 (AKA Fire Base #6, coord YB 935 185, Kontum (P)) battle where following MIAs were lost on 31 Mar 71:

Note lines 1 and 4, para 2, allude to capture or killing of Americans "since the end of March" (1971). Lines 3, 4, & 5, para 3, positively states:

"...several U. S. advisors captured.. " at "Fire Base Six". This could only pertain to [redacted] both lost at Fire Base #6.

The reference to Kontum Prov battles in early March 71 may be to incidents in which [redacted] and [redacted] were lost. However, there appears no mention of these in the broadcast.

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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

17 December 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett, USA  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Reported Sightings in South Laos of Four -  
Captured American Pilots in Mid-1970 and  
Two Captured American Pilots in Early 1969

1. The attached report gives details on the alleged sighting of four captured American pilots in mid-1970 about 25 kilometers northwest of Tchepone and on the alleged sighting of two captured American pilots in early 1969 approximately 15 kilometers northwest of Muong Phine. The prisoners were described by two Pathet Lao ralliers who claim to have personally observed them during separate visits to the respective areas. Both ralliers have been cooperative during their debriefings, but their reporting reliability has not been established.

2. This report is being given limited distribution in the field. In Washington, copies are being sent only to you and the recipients listed below.

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George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

## Attachment

cc: Admiral Epes  
Admiral Rectanus  
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General Pursley

Colonel Quillian  
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KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

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1. IN MID-JUNE 1970, AT ABOUT 1700 HOURS; (EXACT DATE UNKNOWN) RALLIER [REDACTED] SAW AN AMERICAN MALE BEING ESCORTED BY SIX NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS NEAR DAR (XU195035) MINOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. [REDACTED] ASKED THE GUARDS, WHO EACH CARRIED AN AK47 RIFLE, WHERE THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THE GUARDS REPLIED THAT THEY HAD SEIZED HIM THAT AFTERNOON WHEN HIS HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN CLOSE TO DAR VILLAGE NEAR ROUTE 7.

2. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE PRISONER FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE AMERICAN WAS SHACKLED AND PUT INTO AN OPEN TRENCH FOR THE NIGHT. THE PRISONER WAS NOT WOUNDED; HIS ARMS WERE TIED BEHIND HIS BACK. HE WAS CAUCASIAN, CLEAN SHAVEN WITH BLOND HAIR AND HAZEL EYES. HE STOOD ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOGRAMS. HE WORE A GRAY FLIGHT SUIT, WAS HATLESS AND IN HIS STOCKING FEET. THE GUARDS HAD REMOVED HIS BOOTS TO PREVENT HIM FROM LEAVING TRACKS THAT COULD BE FOLLOWED. THE GUARDS ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRISONER; ONE TRIED TO SPEAK TO HIM IN FRENCH, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS.

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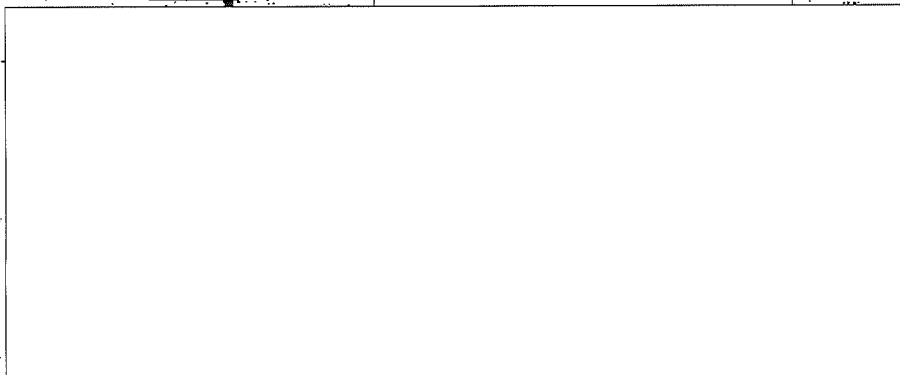
3. [ ] SAW THE PRISONER BRIEFLY THE NEXT MORNING BUT WAS TOLD LATER THAT THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN) HEADQUARTERS.

[ ] DID NOT KNOW WHO ESCORTED THE PRISONER TO COSVN, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GUARDS WHO HAD CAPTURED HIM REMAINED IN THE DAR AREA. ABOUT FIVE DAYS LATER ONE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GUARDS TOLD [ ] THAT THE AMERICAN WAS A CAPTAIN, 21 YEARS OLD, AND WAS MARRIED BUT HAD NO CHILDREN. [ ]

COMMENT: WHEN [ ] WAS SHOWN THE "JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL", HE SAID PHOTOGRAPH [ ] LOOKED QUITE SIMILAR TO THE AMERICAN HE HAD SEEN. JPRC PHOTO [ ] IS [ ] ONE OF A CREW OF EIGHT FROM AN ARMY UH-1H DOWNED IN CAMBODIA AT XU240009, NEAR MIMOT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE ON 2 MAY 1970. ONE CREW MEMBER SUCCESSFULLY EVADED AND TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD SEEN THREE OTHERS CAPTURED AND ONE HE PRESUMED WAS DEAD. JPRC HAS EVIDENCE THAT THREE OF THE CREW MEMBERS, [ ]

[ ] ARE CAPTIVE. ACCORDING TO JPRC, THERE ARE NO OTHER LIKELY POSSIBILITIES, I.E., NO OTHER HELICOPTERS DOWNED IN CAMBODIA, OR IN THE PORTIONS OF THE XT OR XU GRID SQUARES IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THAT TIME FRAME.)

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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

22 SEP 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Proposed Prisoner Exchange

REFERENCE: CIA Memorandum of 11 May 1972, Subject:  
11 May 1972 [REDACTED] Telephone Call  
Regarding Prisoner Exchange

1. My referenced memorandum covered the last contact between the [REDACTED] group and our Saigon Station. We have had no direct contact since that time. However, I have just received word from our Saigon Station that the Saigon National Police have under interrogation a high-level Viet Cong cadre, Le Van Tuan, who has requested his freedom in exchange for FSO [REDACTED]. Tuan has suggested a method of initiating the exchange which is similar to that developed in the [REDACTED] case. [REDACTED]

2. Tuan had been captured by a police sweep on 26 May 1972, [REDACTED]. Tuan's original cover story was broken by the National Police on 13 September when he confessed to being a Viet Cong cadre who has worked since 1954 under Saigon City Party Committee Secretary Tran Bach Dang.

3. After signing the confession on 13 September, Tuan immediately told the National Police officers that Dang had told him that if he ever was taken by the police he should tell them: [REDACTED]

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Tran Bach Dang wants to exchange [REDACTED] for an unidentified Viet Cong cadre. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. Our Saigon Station discussed the above with Ambassador Bunker on 22 September. The Ambassador agrees with our Station's proposal to offer to trade Tuan for [REDACTED] if the opportunity does in fact present itself. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] our Station would like to propose to the Government of Vietnam that Tuan be released to carry a message of our good faith to Dang and request [REDACTED] return.

6. Our Saigon Station assumes that the Government of Vietnam decision on the release of Tuan can be made only by President Thieu and proposes to brief him as soon as it receives Washington concurrence. We will transmit any reply you may have for our Station as soon as we receive it from you.

7. General Weyand will be briefed on the above on 23 September.

8. I am sending copies of this message on an eyes only basis to Secretary Rogers, Secretary Laird and Admiral Moorer.

[REDACTED]  
Richard Helms  
Director

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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

DATE DISTR. 21 JUNE 1972

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI MARCH-JULY 1971

25 JUL 1972

SUBJECT CAPTURE OF TWO U.S. MILITARY ADVISORS BY  
NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY UNIT IN KONTUM PROVINCE

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SOURCE

1. IN LATE MARCH 1971, THE K8 BATTALION OF THE  
NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 66TH REGIMENT CAPTURED TWO AMERICAN  
PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF NGOC DINH DUA NEAR HILL 935 IN  
KONTUM PROVINCE, WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE 47TH

HQDA (DAMI-DOO-H) cmts: Two US PW are probably [REDACTED] (coord YB 953 175)  
and [REDACTED] (coord YB 935 188), MIAs from Fire Base #6 (YB 935 175) on  
31 Mar 71. Location of capture (Hill 935) is same area as FB #6, altho Hill 935  
can not be specifically located. [REDACTED] was also captured (4 Mar 71) near Hill 935.  
However, [REDACTED] was evacuated earlier to Cambodia, does not fit either description,  
and, as far as we know, not wounded. Descriptions here closely fit [REDACTED]  
Both were with ARVN 42d Regt, 22 ARVN Div, [REDACTED], when  
they were lost. [REDACTED] is the only Negro lost in Kontum area during that period.  
This report tends to confirm Apr 71 FBIS reports re: capture of US PW at Fire Base #6  
and info reported recently in IIR 6 029 0210 72, dtd 22 Jun 72. "Ngoc Dinh Dua" is  
probably the same as "Ngok Rinh Rua" and "Ngoc Rung Rua" mountains (vic YB 935 189)  
reported in the 22 Jun 72 IIR.

CONCLUSION: This report substantiates earlier reports and together with them  
establishes that [REDACTED] were captured on 31 Mar 71.

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OR 42ND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) REGIMENT. A COMPANY CADRE SAID THAT THE TWO WERE AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISORS AND TOLD MEMBERS OF THE K8 BATTALION THAT THE AMERICANS WERE TO BE GIVEN FOOD AND PROTECTION AND WERE TO BE WATCHED SO THEY DID NOT ESCAPE. AFTER ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH THE BATTALION, THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE 66TH REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS. THEY LATER WERE KEPT AT B3 FRONT HEADQUARTERS UNTIL JULY 1971. IN MID-FEBRUARY 1972 SOME REINFORCEMENTS WHO CAME TO BATTALION K8 FROM THE NORTH MENTIONED THAT THEY HAD SEEN TWO AMERICANS IN JULY 1971 WHILE INFILTRATING. FROM THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY THE REINFORCEMENTS, BATTALION PERSONNEL ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE THE TWO CAPTURED IN MARCH 1971.

2. [ ] HAD OBSERVED THE TWO AMERICANS FROM A DISTANCE OF ONE METER FOR ONE-HALF HOUR IN MARCH 1971. ONE WAS A NEGRO, THE OTHER A CAUCASIAN. HE GAVE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TWO CAPTIVES BASED ON HIS PERSONAL OBSERVATION. HE SAW NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR SCARS ON EITHER CAPTIVE. THE CAUCASIAN PRISONER WAS WOUNDED IN THE RIGHT THIGH AND COULD NOT WALK BY HIMSELF.

	NEGRO	CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT	5'8" - 5'10"	6'4" - 6'
WEIGHT	155# - 175 LBS.	251# - 280-220 LBS.
AGE	41(-41) 35	24(-41) 28-25
COLOR HAIR	Black BROWN, CURLY	Brown BLACK, STRAIGHT
COLOR EYES	Brown "WHITE"	Brown BROWN
CLOTHING		
TROUSERS	GREEN FATIGUES	GREEN
SHIRT	BROWN	BLUE
SHOES	JUNGLE COMBAT BOOTS	JUNGLE COMBAT BOOTS
HEADGEAR	HELMET	HELMET

[ ] SAW THE CAPTIVES BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT THEIR HELMETS.

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3. [ ] COMMENT: THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER

COMMENTS THAT IN AN INCIDENT ON 31 JANUARY 1971 [ ]

WAS

LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION IN KONTUM PROVINCE; HE WAS, HOWEVER

THE ONLY AMERICAN MISSING FROM THIS INCIDENT. THE DESCRIPTION

PROVIDED BY SOURCE IS IN GENERAL CLOSE TO THAT OF [ ]

SEVERAL OTHER AMERICANS WERE MISSING IN FEBRUARY-APRIL 1971 BUT THE

ONLY ADVISOR WAS [ ] WHO HAD VERY REDDISH BLONDE HAIR.

THUS, THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DISCREPANCIES WHICH MAY HAVE RESULTED  
FROM FAULTY MEMORY OF [ ]

4. [ ] COMMENT: ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON [ ]

5. [ ] DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV USAID CORDS 7TH AF

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COUNTRY: LAOS

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SUBJECT: PROPAGANDA DISPLAY OF FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS IN

HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

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SOURCE:

DBS- 21 May 68

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1. DURING THE PATHET LAO MEQ NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OF 1966, WHICH FELL BETWEEN 28 DECEMBER 1966 AND 3 JANUARY 1967, FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS WERE DISPLAYED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES IN BAN HANG LONG (VH 1262). DURING THE HALF HOUR THAT THE PILOTS WERE ON DISPLAY, A PATHET LAO PROPAGANDIST EXPLAINED TO THE VILLAGERS

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○ THAT THE PILOTS WOULD NOT BE KILLED, BUT WOULD BE HELD FOR PRISONER  
 ○ EXCHANGE AFTER THE START OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PILOTS APPEARED  
 ○ TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND VILLAGERS SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED GOOD  
 ○ TREATMENT; THEY WERE GETTING MILK AND OTHER FOODS TO WHICH THEY  
 ○ WERE ACCUSTOMED. THE PROPAGANDIST TOLD THE VILLAGERS THE PILOTS'  
 ○ NAMES, BUT [ ] COULD NOT REMEMBER THEM.

○ 2. [ ] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC  
 ○ PACFLT ARPAC PACAF (ALSO SENT [ ] AND SAIGON)  
 ○ REPORT CLASS SECRET [ ]

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Photo 1 - Unidentified American pilot.  
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17 December 1971

## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 1. Mid-1970 Sighting of Four Captured American Pilots  
in a North Vietnamese Commo-Liaison Station About  
25 Kilometers Northwest of Tchepone

2. Early 1969 Sighting of Two Captured American Pilots  
Approximately 15 Kilometers Northwest of Muong Phine

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: During June or July 1970 four American Caucasian prisoners of war were observed at Commo-Liaison Station 12 near Ban Nam Pha, about 25 kilometers northwest of Tchepone. The prisoners had been captured in South Vietnam and were being taken to North Vietnam. None of the prisoners was wounded, but they were being carried on stretchers because they had suffered injuries to their feet from walking barefoot. All four prisoners were over six feet in height and two of the four wore glasses. Three of the Americans appeared to be in their late twenties or early thirties while the fourth was noticeably older. The prisoners were observed at a distance of three meters. Villagers in the area said it was not uncommon for American prisoners to pass through Commo-Liaison Station 12. Two American prisoners were also observed in early 1969 near Muong Phine. They were being detained in a concealed truck park along Route 23. They were not handcuffed or restrained in any manner and did not appear to be wounded or injured. North Vietnamese soldiers said they were the crew of a jet fighter which had been shot down near Phou Kator.

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2. During June or July 1970 four American prisoners were observed in the vicinity of Ban (village) Nam Pha (XD 1170) area approximately 25 kilometers northwest of Tchepone (XD 3245). The Americans and their NVA guards were resting at Commo-Liaison Station (CLS) number 12 at XD 113700.\* The American prisoners were observed from a distance of about three meters and [REDACTED] said he tried to speak to them in the Lao language. They were unable to communicate with him, however, one NVA soldier, who appeared to have a limited English language capability, was seen speaking with the Americans. The NVA guards said that the Americans were pilots who were captured in South Vietnam and were being taken to North Vietnam. The Americans were not wounded but were transported on stretchers because of injuries to their feet suffered as a result of being forced to walk without shoes. The Americans were not handcuffed or restrained when observed and were allowed to walk within the perimeter the NVA guards had established.\*\*

\* [REDACTED] Comment: The map sheet [REDACTED] was 6242 IV series L 7015 dated 1968 1:50,000.

\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: Current enemy Order of Battle (OB) holdings indicate that the prisoners were probably moving north along the infiltration corridor, as stated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Commo-Liaison Station 12 is about a three-day walk from the XD 0850 vicinity, thus further substantiating [REDACTED] information.

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3. Three of the Americans appeared to be in their late twenties or early thirties while the fourth man was noticeably older and was the tallest of the four men. All four Americans appeared to be over six feet in height and were Caucasians.\*

4. Two of the four Americans wore eyeglasses with off-white frames; they were not sunglasses. The apparent elder of the two had brown hair which was not cut in the U.S. military style. He was slightly balding and his hair was turning grey. He had thick eyebrows and a mustache. His shirt was open at the neck and the upper part of his chest was covered with hair. The man had a stocky build and a long curved nose. The second prisoner with glasses appeared to be in his late twenties and his hair, which appeared to be blond in color, had recently been cut and was parted on the right side. He had thin eyebrows and a large adam's apple, but he did not have a beard or mustache. He was of medium build.

5. The four Americans were wearing no jewelry or watches and had no obvious scars or tattoos. They wore identical pants and shirts which were off-white in color and appeared to be made from a material similar to nylon. The shirts had short sleeves and a zipper in the front. The shirts had a pocket on the left side, but no identification tags or insignia markings were observed. The two prisoners who were not wearing glasses appeared to be in their early thirties and had brown hair.\*\*

6. [ ] was in the area of CLS-12 for approximately two hours and observed the American prisoners during much of this time. He did not know where the Americans were taken after they left the CLS, but he had been told by his superiors that all American and Thai prisoners were taken to North Vietnam.

7. CLS-12 was a large NVA headquarters and bivouac area located near an infiltration route to the south. The route was not motorable and was used only by foot traffic. The only Lao nationals who were allowed into the CLS-12 area were local PL political and military cadre. Villagers in the CLS area said that it was not uncommon for American prisoners to pass through CLS-12.

[ ] Comment: [ ]

\*\* [ ] Comment: [ ] could not recall any additional descriptive features regarding these two prisoners.

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8. After reviewing a Military Assistance Command Vietnam/ Joint Prisoner Recovery Center (MACV/JPRC) publication titled "Photographs of Missing and Captured Personnel in SEA," [REDACTED] said that number [REDACTED] bore a strong resemblance to the older of the American prisoners he sighted. He said, however, that the man he observed had a fuller face and was less bald than the man depicted in photograph 1021. He also said that photograph [REDACTED] looked similar to the second American prisoner who was wearing eyeglasses, although the man he personally observed had a shorter nose.

9. [REDACTED]

10. During late January 1969 two American prisoners were observed about a one-hour walk south of Ban (village) Mai (probably Nathom Mai, WD 985400), approximately 15 kilometers northwest of Muong Phine (XD 0927). \* [REDACTED] observed the American prisoners from a distance of 20 meters and could not provide an accurate description of them. Both men wore single piece uniforms similar to flight suits. They also wore shoes and "fur" hats.

\* [REDACTED] Comment: The map sheet used was 6142 III, series L7015, 1968.

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11. The NVA soldiers guarding the prisoners stood about shoulder level to one of the prisoners and came to about the level of the lower part of the ear of the other.\* The Americans were not handcuffed or restrained in any manner but were guarded by ten to 20 NVA soldiers. The Americans did not appear to be wounded or injured. [REDACTED] could only observe the American prisoners for a few minutes because airstrikes were being directed into his general area and he moved out of the strike zone.

12. The Americans were seen at approximately noon and were being detained in a concealed truck park along Route 23. [REDACTED] said he initially did not notice the prisoners and walked 15 meters past the truck park where he met a second group of NVA soldiers. The group's leader told [REDACTED] in Lao of the Americans' presence, at which time [REDACTED] turned around and saw the prisoners.

13. [REDACTED] learned from the NVA that the Americans were the crew of an "FF" which had just been shot down.\*\* The crew had ejected from the aircraft before it crashed in the immediate area of Phou (mountain) Kator and the crew had been captured by an NVA element.\*\*\* [REDACTED] saw other American aircraft bombing the area where the aircraft had crashed. He did not see the aircraft being shot down, however, nor did he see the pilots parachute from it. [REDACTED] does not know where the Americans were taken after he

\* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] is 160 centimeters -- approximately five feet two inches tall -- and says that the average NVA soldier is as tall as he is.

\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: "FF" is a term used by the PL and the NVA for a jet fighter.

\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: Phou Kator is probably Phou Katot located at XD 0241. A Phou Katon is also located at XD 1350.

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left the area.\*

14. When [REDACTED] reviewed a MACV/JPRC publication titled "Photographs of Missing and Captured Personnel in SEA," he could identify no photographs in the book as the individuals he observed near Ban Mai. He also could not identify photographs of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

\* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] may have been referring to the crash of an F4E aircraft on 26 January 1969. The last known position of the aircraft was XD 297373. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were on board. On 31 October 1971 photography no evidence of a crash site was found. The area has been bombed, has heavy tree canopy, and there is row cropping in the area. Inasmuch as the aircraft was probably camouflaged, it probably would not be observable because of the time lag between the date of the crash and the date of photography.

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11 November 1971

## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Guidance and Instructions for U.S. Mission

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] of 2 November 1971

"WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED WE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING  
TEXT AS U.S. MISSION PRESS GUIDANCE IN EVENT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PRISONER EXCHANGE:

"MATTER OF U.S. PRESS LINE IN EVENT OF PRISONER  
RELEASE/EXCHANGE ARRANGED VIA [REDACTED] CONTACT HAS  
BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED HERE.

"IN OUR VIEW THE FOLLOWING INTERESTS WOULD SEEM  
IMPORTANT: (A) PROTECTING [REDACTED] (B) AVOID RAISING  
POW FAMILY HOPES UNDULY AND (C) PROTECTING IDENTITY OF  
[REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] DESIRES:

"WITH THESE INTERESTS IN MIND, FOLLOWING PRESS  
GUIDANCE, WHICH HAS NSC CONCURRENCE, OFFERED FOR USE  
IN EVENT EXCHANGE MATERIALIZES:

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"A. RELEASE OF [ ] (AND/OR OTHERS) WILL OBVIOUSLY BECOME KNOWN. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGE RELEASE OF VC MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PORTRAY IT AS A RESPONSE TO RELEASE OF AMERICAN(S) RATHER THAN AS PART OF PRE-ARRANGED BARGAIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION COULD REFER TO PAST VC RELEASES WHICH HAVE ALWAYS MET WITH SIMILAR RESPONSES FROM OUR SIDE.

"B. FURTHER DETAILS OF EXCHANGE SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED. SPECIFICALLY, IDENTITY OF ANY COMMUNIST PRISONERS SHOULD NOT BE DESCRIBED BY REAL NAME, FUNCTION OR PRESUMED IMPORTANCE.

"C. [ ] AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ADVISED TO PLEAD IGNORANCE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR RELEASE IN ORDER TO AVOID HARMING THE CHANCES OF THOSE STILL IN COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY."

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"A. RELEASE OF [REDACTED] (AND/OR OTHERS) WILL OBVIOUSLY BECOME KNOWN. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGE RELEASE OF VC MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PORTRAY IT AS A RESPONSE TO RELEASE OF AMERICAN(S) RATHER THAN AS PART OF PRE-ARRANGED BARGAIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION COULD REFER TO PAST VC RELEASES WHICH HAVE ALWAYS MET WITH SIMILAR RESPONSES FROM OUR SIDE.

"B. FURTHER DETAILS OF EXCHANGE SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED. SPECIFICALLY, IDENTITY OF ANY COMMUNIST PRISONERS SHOULD NOT BE DESCRIBED BY REAL NAME, FUNCTION OR PRESUMED IMPORTANCE.

"C. [REDACTED] AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ADVISED TO PLEAD IGNORANCE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR RELEASE IN ORDER TO AVOID HARMING THE CHANCES OF THOSE STILL IN COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY."

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"D. FINALLY, WE SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE  
THERE WILL BE FURTHER RELEASES BUT PLACE  
ONUS SQUARELY ON OTHER SIDE TO RESPOND TO  
HUMANITARIAN APPROACH OF OUR SIDE AND  
REPEATED GESTURES OF GOOD WILL SUCH AS  
UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF CLOSE TO 3,000 VC  
POW'S ON OCCASION OF NATIONAL DAY."

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TWO AMERICAN PILOT-POW'S  
MISSING IN LAOS. AT 0937 HOURS GMT ON 22 MAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIS- CLOSURE OF 97  
AMERICAN PILOTS "MISSING WITHOUT A TRACE IN LAOS." A LIST OF THOSE MISSING IS  
MENTIONED [REDACTED] : HOWEVER, HE CITES ONLY TWO NAMES, THAT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT OVER 100 PILOTS WERE DOWNED  
PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1968 AND THAT THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH  
THE SHOOTING DOWN OF 132 MILITARY PLANES AND HELICOPTERS IN NOVEMBER AND  
DECEMBER OF 1968. [REDACTED] DOES NOT CITE A LARGER NUMBER OF POWS BUT MAKES  
REFERENCE TO "HUNDREDS OF KILLED, WOUNDED AND IMPRI- SONED AMERICAN PILOTS AND  
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

28 April 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett, USA  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : North Vietnamese Press Conference at  
Which Five Recently Captured American  
Pilots Were Displayed

1. On 2 March 1972 we forwarded a report, subject as above, via this memoranda series which gave an account of a press conference in Hanoi on 19 February 1972 during which five captured U.S. officers were introduced to an audience of about 150 people, including foreign diplomats and newsmen. Several members of the audience were allowed to photograph the U.S. flyers. We recently obtained one such set of photographs and we are disseminating them herewith as a follow up to the previous report, [redacted]

2. In regard to the injuries of [redacted] we note that New York Times correspondent Seymour M. Hersh claims to have seen him 25 days after the attached photograph was taken and noted that the captain's condition had "vastly improved" (New York Times 24 March 1972).

3. The photographs, when detached from this report, are classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~. We understand that ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ material can be shown to next of kin at the discretion of the Department of Defense. In this connection we note that the photos of [redacted] show injuries which might cause anguish to the next of kin.

[redacted]  
George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment  
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cc: Admiral Epes  
Admiral Rectanus  
Admiral Whitmire w/photos  
General Pursley  
Colonel Iles w/photos  
Colonel Allen  
Colonel Quillian  
Captain Harris

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MEMORANDUM TO: Commander Charles F. Trowbridge, Jr.  
Chief, PW/MIA Branch  
DIA Headquarters  
DIR-4H

SUBJECT : Results of DIA's Request for CIA Assistance  
REFERENCE : DIA Memorandum dated: 5 August 1975

1. The information contained below is the result of our findings DIA requested in reference memorandum for CIA assistance regarding photograph comparison tests, contact with [REDACTED], and a search of North Vietnamese publications held by CIA.

2. The photographs DIA submitted for comparison have been examined by our analysts and their conclusions follow:

- a) [REDACTED] - The poor quality of the POW photograph precludes a definitive comparison; however, one similarity noted appears to be in their general facial structure.
- b) [REDACTED] - The quality of the POW photograph is too poor to make a meaningful comparison. The analysts find there is a probable similarity.
- c) [REDACTED] - Although the POW photographs are also of poor quality, the analysts find similarities in the general facial structure, left eye and brow configurations, and chin cleft. Although this is not enough for a positive identification, it increases the possibility that the photos may be of [REDACTED]

3. The above is a subjective judgment based on the Identikit method of identification which in no way involves scientific methods or techniques.

1. [redacted], former POW, was contacted and shown [redacted] Memorandum for the Record, dated 11 March 1975, regarding an army case involving six personnel lost in a helicopter near the DMZ on 8 January 1973. [redacted] could not recall any information pertaining to the helicopter crash in question. [redacted] responded by saying that [redacted] he had often heard stories concerning air crashes and read numerous North Vietnamese news releases alluding to many downed U.S. aircraft and personnel that it was difficult to pin point any particular crash with accuracy.

5. In regards to your request to identify an unknown North Vietnamese publication relating to an unidentified photograph (No. 4/5/6) believed to be taken circa 21 October 1966, a search of backdated North Vietnamese publications, held in the CIA library and other CIA record centers, produced no clues to the circumstances under which the photograph was taken.

6. All photographs are being returned herewith.

7. If CIA can in any way be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Attachments:

1. 9 Photos of [redacted] & 1 U/I Photo No. 109
2. 4 Photos of [redacted] and 1 U/I Photo of dead Pilot [redacted]
3. 2 Photos of [redacted], and 29 Photos of a captured American Pilot
4. U/I Photo No. 4/5/6

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. John Oberst  
Chief, POW/MIA Division  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Department of Defense

ATTENTION : Mr. Michael Burns

FROM : CIA

SUBJECT : Translation of a letter from the SRV containing  
information of alleged U.S. Graves.

1. Following translation of a letter from a Vietnamese civilian living in the SRV, forwarded from Melbourne, Australia. The original was obtained from a visit to the U.S. Consulate there on 03 February 1984. H.

[redacted] stated at that time that he had received the letter from his brother-in-law in Vietnam which indicated that the latter had seen the graves of six U.S. soldiers and enclosed rubbed copies of two dog tags.

[redacted] went on to state that his father had been a Capt. in the ARVN and has been a prisoner since 1975 being held in Hut 2, Group 4, Binh Dien Prison, Binh Thuan, RVN. [redacted] and in with him in Australia. The letter is evidently addressed to [redacted]. Translation follows next page.

2. On 22 February 1984, the U.S. Embassy in Singapore reported the names of [redacted] surfaced there also. See [redacted] dated 220553Z Feb 84 attached.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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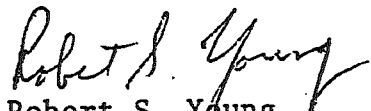
Charles F. Trowbridge, Jr.  
Commander, USN  
Chief, PW/MIA Section  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Arlington Hall Station  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Commander Trowbridge:

This is in reply to your memorandum of 5 March 1975  
(C/NFD/CD-5258/DI-6A4).

Agency officials have reviewed [ ] per  
your request. They determined that the report must remain  
classified and exempted from the General Declassification  
Schedule under 5B(2) of Executive Order 11652. A sanitized  
version of the report has been prepared, however, which may  
be released. A copy of this is enclosed. In a few instances,  
words have been added to improve the report's readability.  
Such editorial insertions have been enclosed in brackets.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Young  
Freedom of Information Coordinator

Enclosure

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AND THE PRISONER SPENT THE NIGHT AT SAMPAN LOEU.

5. [ ] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

"A. THIS REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING TWO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI) REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE CAPTURED BY VC FORCES ON 26 APRIL 1972 AT A ROAD BLOCK ON ROUTE ONE IN CAMBODIA

"B. OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED, [ ]

[ ] THE  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION IN THE REPORT MOST CLOSELY MATCHES THAT OF  
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"C. BOTH INDIVIDUALS ARE CARRIED IN A 'CAPTURED, UNCONFIRMED' STATUS.")

6. [ ] DISSEM: EMBASSY AT PHNOM PENH (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY). SENT TO: SAIGON (DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE), CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY), USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).

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CLASSIFIED BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. EXEMPT FROM GENERAL  
DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF E.O. 11652. EXEMPTION CATEGORY 5B(1)  
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COUNTRY CAMBODIA  
DOY JUNE 1972  
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF AN AMERICAN PRISONER AT SAMPAN LOEU,  
SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH  
ACQ CAMBODIA, PHNOM PENH  
SOURCE

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1. ON OR ABOUT JUNE 1972, A MALE CAUCASIAN WAS SEEN IN THE CUSTODY OF TEN KHMER COMMUNIST (KC) ARMED SOLDIERS IN THE VICINITY WEST OF SAMPAN LOEU HAMLET (WT 037407) APPROXIMATELY 40 KILOMETERS (KMS) SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH CITY. THE KC SOLDIERS SAID THAT THEIR PRISONER WAS A UPI (UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL) AMERICAN JOURNALIST CAPTURED AT A POINT ON NATIONAL ROUTE 1 TO THE NORTHEAST OF SAMPAN LOEU AND THAT THEY AND THEIR PRISONER HAD REACHED SAMPAN LOEU BY CROSSING THE BASSAC RIVER FROU KHPOP (WT 038447) ON THE EAST BANK TO DOO PRING (WT 034447) ON THE WEST BANK AND THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWARD FOR FOUR KILOMETERS.

2. THE ALLEGED JOURNALIST WAS ESTIMATED AT OVER SIX FEET TALL, OF MEDIUM BUILD, AND ABOUT 40 YEARS OF AGE, HE HAD CLOSE-CROPPED, SPARSE, BRONZE-COLORED HAIR, A RECEEDING HAIRLINE, LIGHT BLUE EYES, A GENEROUS, AQUILINE NOSE, A MEDIUM-SIZED MOUTH, LARGE EARS, AND WHITE HEALTHY TEETH. THE PRISONER WAS CLEAN SHAVEN AND HAD NO FACIAL SCARS OR OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES. HE DID NOT SPEAK WHILE AT SAMPAN LOEU; THEREFORE, HIS LANGUAGE AND ACCENT WERE NOT DESCRIBABLE. THE PRISONER SEEMED HEALTHY AND WITHOUT VISIBLE WOUNDS OR OTHER AILMENTS. WHEN HE WALKED, HE LEANED FORWARD

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COUNTRY CAMBODIA  
DOI MARCH 1971  
SUBJECT AMERICAN CASUALTIES AND GRAVE SITES IN KRATIE  
PROVINCE, CAMBODIA  
ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (16 OCTOBER 1974)  
SOURCE

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1. AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS ONE DAY IN EARLY MARCH 1971, A U.S. HELICOPTER CRASHED AT ABOUT XU480462 IN SNUOL DISTRICT, KRATIE PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. IT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY THE ANTIAIRCRAFT (AA) COMPANY, 1ST REGIMENT, VIET CONG (VC) 5TH DIVISION. AT THE CRASH SITE, ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE DOWNING OF THE HELICOPTER, WERE ONE WOUNDED SOLDIER OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN), THE BODY OF A DEAD AMERICAN AND THE BODIES OF SIX DEAD ARVN SOLDIERS. MEMBERS OF THE AA COMPANY REPORTED THE SAME DAY THAT THEY HAD KILLED TWO OTHER AMERICANS FROM THE DOWNED HELICOPTER DURING AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE ABOUT 400 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CRASH SITE. HOWEVER, ONE AMERICAN HAD ESCAPED AND WAS CAPTURED LATER THAT DAY IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. THE WOUNDED ARVN SOLDIER SAID THAT THE HELICOPTER HAD BEEN ON A MISSION WITH THE 8TH BATTLE GROUP OF THE ARVN 5TH DIVISION TO ATTACK THE VC 5TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ABOUT 500 METERS NORTH OF THE CRASH SITE.

2. THE DAY AFTER THE CRASH, THE U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WAS SENT TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION BY THE ENEMY PROSELYTING

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SECTION OF THE VC 5TH DIVISION. ONE OF THE AMERICAN BODIES WAS BURIED NEAR THE CRASH SITE AND THE TWO OTHERS WERE BURIED ABOUT 400 METERS TO THE SOUTHEAST BY AA COMPANY SOLDIERS.

3. THE AMERICAN POW AND CASUALTIES WERE ALL CAUCASIANS. THE PRISONER WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD, WEIGHED ABOUT 85 KILOGRAMS AND WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL. HE HAD BROWN CREW-CUT HAIR AND WAS WEARING GREEN FATIGUES. HE DID NOT HAVE VISIBLE WOUNDS. THE AMERICAN WHO WAS KILLED AND BURIED AT THE CRASH SITE WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OF AGE, WEIGHED ABOUT 90 KILOGRAMS, WAS ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL AND WAS DRESSED IN GREEN FATIGUES. HE HAD BEEN WEARING HEADGEAR WITH EARPHONES.  COMMENT:  REVIEWED BOTH VOLUMES OF "PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" BUT COULD IDENTIFY NEITHER THE AMERICAN POW NOR THE DEAD AMERICAN HE HAD SEEN.  SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO POINT OUT THE GENERAL AREA OF THE BURIAL SITES BUT THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO RETURN TO THE AREA BECAUSE IT WAS UNDER KHMER INSURGENT CONTROL. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE AREA IF NECESSARY AND IF HE WERE PROVIDED WITH PROTECTION.)

4.  COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS, THE SAME JCRC COMMENTARY

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HAVING BEEN PROVIDED FOR [REDACTED] 16 MARCH 1974, [REDACTED] "THIS  
REPORT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THE INCIDENT INVOLVING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A RELEASEE, [REDACTED] WAS THE COPILOT OF A UH1H HELICOPTER  
DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE ON 17 MARCH 1971 AT XU480458. THREE OTHER  
PERSONNEL WERE ABOARD THE HELICOPTER AT THE TIME OF THE LOSS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A RELEASEE, PROVIDED THE MOST INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS INCIDENT. HE SAID THAT [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH WOUNDED IN THE  
UPPER RIGHT ANKLE, WAS AMBULATORY AND EVADING AT THE TIME OF  
[REDACTED] CAPTURE. [REDACTED] ALSO REMARKED THAT WHEN LAST SEEN,  
[REDACTED] WAS ALIVE IN GOOD CONDITION AND WAS HIDING WITH [REDACTED]  
IN HIS HOMECOMING DEBRIEFING, [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] IS  
DEAD, WHEN [REDACTED] INITIALLY EXITED THE AIRCRAFT,  
[REDACTED] WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE [REDACTED] BODY HAD BEEN THROWN, HE

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NOTICED THROAT LACERATIONS AND DISCOLORATION OF THE BODY WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, INDICATED DEATH. JCRC CONTINUES TO CARRY THE MAN IN A STATUS OF MISSING IN ACTION.")

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TO: DIA // PW-MIA (GARY SYDOW).

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SUBJECT: U.S. MIA'S IN VIETNAM .

1. ON 16 AUGUST 1989, [ ] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN VIETNAM. INFO IS ALSO BEING PASSED [ ]

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, [ ]

[ ] DURING HIS VISIT TO VIETNAM, [ ] MET HIS OLD VIETNAMESE FRIENDS WHO INCLUDED ONE FORMER VIET CONG, A COURT CLERK, AND TWO MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

3. ONE BLACK U.S. MILITARY OFFICER WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IS LIVING IN SECLUSION ON A MOUNTAIN. HE IS MARRIED TO A HILL TRIBE WOMAN. (NAME AND LOCATION NOT SPECIFIED). THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING MIA'S WERE IDENTIFIED AS:

COMMENT: THE LAST TWO NAMES MAY BE THE SAME PERSON AS THEY APPEAR TO HAVE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.) OF THESE SEVEN, TWO BODIES WERE FOUND IN A CRASHED HELICOPTER AND THE BODIES WERE BURIED IN THE SECOND ARMY DISTRICT.

4. THE VIETNAMESE MENTIONED IN PARA TWO, TOLD [ ] THAT THOSE REMAINS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. SIDE IN A SECRET DEAL WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT AWARE OF THEIR SECRET PLAN, AND THAT THE REMAINS MAY NOT BE RETURNED IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. [ ] FRIENDS ADDED THAT THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO ARRANGE THE RETURN OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OTHER REMAINS OF MIA'S IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN MENTIONED IN PARA THREE.

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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

4 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett, USA  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Comments by [redacted]  
[redacted] on the  
Fate of Two American Airmen Shot Down  
Over North Vietnam

1. The attached report concerning the fate of [redacted]  
[redacted] who went down  
over North Vietnam on 26 December 1971, was obtained from a  
[redacted] and is forwarded as of  
possible assistance in clarifying the status of the two officers.

2. Because of its sensitivity, the report is being given no  
dissemination in the field. In Washington copies are being sent only  
to you and the other addressees listed below.

[redacted]  
George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment  
[redacted]

cc: Admiral Epes  
Admiral Rectanus  
Admiral Whitmire  
General Pursley ✓  
Colonel Iles

Colonel Allen  
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Captain Harris  
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SUBJECT: LAO MIA/POW REPORTING NET LINKED WITH PRIVATE RECOVERY EFFORTS

1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF MR. [REDACTED] WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FIVE-MAN NET INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FIRST HAND AND HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE IN LAOS. THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THIS NET APPEARS TO BE [REDACTED] OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NET INCLUDE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALL HAVE BEEN NOTED IN [REDACTED] REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE SINCE MARCH 1987.

2. [REDACTED] FIRST CAME TO [REDACTED] ATTENTION ON 26 MARCH 1987 WHEN HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON THE ISSUE. [REDACTED] REPORTED ON AN ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY [REDACTED] IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE [REDACTED] 8 APRIL 1987). [REDACTED] REPORTED THE PARAGRAPH TWO INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT PARAGRAPH ONE WAS PROVIDED BY A MR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON (PARAGRAPH ONE) WHO ATTEMPTED TO GIVE [REDACTED] THE PIECE OF PAPER MAY HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] UNNAMED UNCLE. [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED ON 19 MARCH 1987 AND [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED ON 26 MARCH 1987 AT [REDACTED] VILLAGE. WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO WHOM FIRST FOR DEBRIEFINGS. [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 14 APRIL 1987. THIS DEBRIEFING WAS DISSEMINATED AS [REDACTED] (ADDENDUM) OF 28 APRIL 1987. [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 18 MAY 1987 WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF [REDACTED] (28 MAY 1987) ON THE PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (MADC) FOR SHIPMENT TO VIETNAM. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD TRAVELED TO [REDACTED] ON 3-4 MAY 1987 AS A RESULT OF AN MADC NOTICE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. [REDACTED] WAS THEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING A RESIDENT OF [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD SERVED WITH THE PATHET LAO FROM 1967 TO 1975, AND HAD RECEIVED UNSPECIFIED TRAINING IN NORTH VIETNAM.

3. IN EARLY JUNE 1987 [REDACTED] WAS BROUGHT TO [REDACTED] OR FURTHER DEBRIEFINGS ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING. STONY BEACH DEBRIEFED HIM ON 3 JUNE 1987 (IIR 6 024 0002 87 OF 17 JUNE 1987) AND PARTICIPATED IN HIS [REDACTED] DID NOT SUPPORT [REDACTED] STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS UNCLE [REDACTED] TELLING HIM ABOUT A U.S. POW, ABOUT HIS GOING TO SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987, OR ABOUT HIS HAVING SEEN A WHITE U.S. POW AT SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987. AFTER WHICH, [REDACTED] CHANGED HIS INFORMATION SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WHITE U.S. POW, HOW HE TRAVELED TO SALEO VILLAGE, AND WHAT HE SAW THE TWO U.S. POW'S DOING WHEN HE SAW THEM. [REDACTED] FINALLY STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HIS UNCLE [REDACTED] AND ALLEGED POW CARETAKER [REDACTED] IN SALEO VILLAGE COULD HAVE TRICKED HIM INTO DELIVERING A STORY OF A POW SIGHTING BECAUSE THEY WANTED MONEY. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD TO OBTAIN AND RETURN WITH PROOF. [REDACTED] AGREED TO DO SO. [REDACTED] WAS NOT TESTED FOR HOSTILE CONTROL OR ARCHIT

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[REDACTED] NEXT SURFACED IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN HE BROKERED AN INTRODUCTION TO A LAO MALE NAMED [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUK AREA (UH 4254) OF HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUK AREA IN JANUARY 1987, AND HAD MENTIONED THIS TO A FRIEND NAMED [REDACTED] IN VIENTIANE. [REDACTED] TOLD HIM ABOUT HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON INTERESTED IN POW INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] FOR HELP IN CONTACTING THIS PERSON (OUR DEBRIEFER) THROUGH HIS BROTHER. [REDACTED] INTRODUCED [REDACTED] TO HIS BROTHER WHO BROKERED THE SEPTEMBER 1987 INTRODUCTION TO OUR DEBRIEFER. [REDACTED] DEBRIEFING ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POW'S IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE WAS DISSEMINATED AS [REDACTED] OF 2 NOVEMBER 1987. OUR DEBRIEFER LATER DEBRIEFED [REDACTED] 22 OCTOBER 1987 AT [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'S DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF A REPORT ON THE CONVICTION OF FORMER LPOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ON CORRUPTION CHARGES [REDACTED] OF 2 NOVEMBER 1987). [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE LEARNED HIS INFORMATION FROM A LAO MALE NAMED [REDACTED]

5. ON 30 JANUARY 1988, [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN. [REDACTED] PASSED ON INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN AMERICAN POW NAMED [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE [REDACTED] 2 NOVEMBER 1987). THE NAME OF THE POW WAS CORRECTED AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] IS CARRIED AS DECEASED IN AVAILABLE MIA/POW LISTING. [REDACTED] PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THROUGH A COURIER NAMED [REDACTED] A RESIDENT OF KASTI DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE. THE INFORMATION WAS SUBSOURCED TO AN INFORMANT OF [REDACTED] NAMED [REDACTED] A RESIDENT OF BAN BOUM TA KHOAY (NCA), SAM TAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] ALLEGES THAT [REDACTED] WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE AREA OF BAN BOUK VILLAGE (UH 4254) HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, IN EARLY DECEMBER 1987 TO BAN PHIENG KAO HOI (NCA), ABOUT TWELVE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF BOUM TA KHOAY CANTON (NCA), SAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210), HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, NEAR THE LPOR/SRY BORDER. [REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY MOVED BECAUSE STRANGERS IN THE AREA WERE REPORTEDLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER THE GUARD OF A LOCAL CANTON SECURITY FORCE COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER NAMED PHOUNSAVAT (LNUH) [REDACTED]

6. ON 5 FEBRUARY 1988 [REDACTED] COURIER [REDACTED] WAS

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DEBRIEFED. [REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED] WAS MOVED BACK TO THE BAN BOUK AREA IN MID-DECEMBER 1987, AND THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A PHOTOCOPY OF [REDACTED] SERVICE ID CARD FROM BOUM TA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ON 27 DECEMBER 1987. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS A BRIEFCASE CONTAINING ITEMS (NFI) APPARENTLY PERTAINING TO [REDACTED] INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ID CARD, AND REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT [REDACTED] WAS SHOT DOWN ON 26 JANUARY 1970 IN THE VICINITY OF TG 9107. FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HE CROSSED INTO THAILAND IN EARLY JANUARY 1988 WITH THE PHOTOCOPY AND CONTACTED A PERSON NAMED [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF THE PHOTOCOPY COULD BE SOLD TO SOMEONE WITH AN INTEREST IN POW/MIA MATTERS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT PHOUNSAVAT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE 30,000 BAHT FOR PROVIDING THE PHOTOCOPY OF THE ID CARD. SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED HIM [REDACTED] TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL IN NAKHON PHANOM CITY WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS RETIRED USAF LIEUTENANT COLONEL [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED] PAID HIM 4,000 BAHT FOR THE ID CARD. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ALLEGED HE HAD FIRST TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF COPYING THE INFORMATION OFF THE

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PHOTOCOPY WHICH HE PROVIDED TO OUR DEBRIEFER. ACCORDING TO  
[REDACTED] GAVE HIM A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN FRENCH, SIGNED BY  
[REDACTED] TO DELIVER TO [REDACTED] WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN OPEN ENDED  
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PRESUMABLY ON POW MATTERS. [REDACTED] GAVE  
THE NOTE TO OUR DEBRIEFER, AND THE NOTE IS BEING HELD BY OUR [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE  
REPORTEDLY COPIED FROM THE PHOTOCOPY OF ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD:

8. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION  
ABOUT ANOTHER AMERICAN POW NAMED [REDACTED] BEING DETAINED  
IN SAM TAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS  
RELATED TO [REDACTED] ON 27 DECEMBER 1987 DURING A CONVERSATION WITH A  
HOUMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, POLICE LIEUTENANT NAMED  
[REDACTED] NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REPORTED. AVAILABLE POW/MIA  
LISTING INDICATES A [REDACTED] WAS DOWNED ON 4 JULY 1969  
IN THE VICINITY OF UG013331. [REDACTED] IS LISTED AS DECEASED.

9. AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1988, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
HAD RETURNED TO LAOS. [REDACTED] IS WILLING TO BROKER AN  
INTRODUCTION TO THEM FOR STONY BEACH FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS. STONY  
BEACH WAS PASSED INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT ABOVE  
WITHOUT SOURCING INFORMATION. STONY BEACH HAS SINCE ADVISED  
OF ITS INTEREST IN CONDUCTING FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] NU

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Washington, D.C. 20505

11 June 1992

Mr. J. William Codinha  
Chief Counsel  
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Codinha:

In response to your letter of June 8, 1992, we have searched Agency records for data on [redacted] and found no information. If it were possible to identify the position cited in the letter with greater precision, we could possible search further.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Robert W. Magner  
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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28 September 1992

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Chairman  
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On August 25, 1992 the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs reviewed the PDB Chronology of POW/MIA references. The following responds to some of the Committee's questions. The PDB office of the DDI was unable to locate their sources for the PDB items and the overt press (The New York Times) did not identify the reportedly captured Americans. After searching the Central Intelligence Bulletin (CIB), predecessor of the NID, on these issues a few sources were obtained and are noted below:

a. **Question:** In the May 8, 1974 article on Laos, there is reference to five US military personnel believed to be held. What are their names and who is the source of this report?

**Answer:** We cannot tell now who was referred to in the May 8, 1974 PDB, but it is likely that this may be a reference to five of the eight crewmen of the EC47Q ("Baron-52") which was shot down over Laos on February 5, 1973. On the other hand, it may have been a reference to some other missing Americans possibly captured by the Pathet Lao. We cannot determine who the source was for this report.

b. **Question:** A February 4, 1972 note uses the word "noteworthy" to describe a change in the Communists' seven-point plan. Why was this "noteworthy?"

**Answer:** We believe the analyst used "noteworthy" to describe the change in previous Communist formulation that stated that prisoners would not be freed until the end of the US withdrawal.

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The Honorable John F. Kerry

c. **Question:** In a June 4, 1974 article on Laos, four Americans are believed to have been captured in Laos prior to the February 1973 cease-fire agreement. Who are the four Americans and what is the source of the report?

**Answer:** We do not know the names of the four Americans referred to in this article, nor do we know the source of the report. It is possible that this is another reference to the four crew members of the EC47Q, although their capture occurred just after the cease-fire.

d. **Question:** An August 16, 1975 note mentions eight Americans who were included in 13 POWs to be transported to Hanoi. Who were the eight?

**Answer:** The eight Americans were probably the group of American civilians captured at Ban Me Thuot on March 12, 1975, sometimes called "the Struharik group," who together with [redacted] (captured in Phan Rang on April 16, 1975) comprised the nine American citizens released from Hanoi on October 30, 1975. They were:

[redacted]

The "13 prisoners of war" mentioned by the North Vietnamese transportation unit were probably the above eight, plus [redacted] and four other prisoners captured in South Vietnam in March and April 1975. These four may have been Enrique Tolentino, Norman Johnson, Joan Johnson, and Peter Whitlock. On October 30, 1975 the North Vietnamese also released five non-US citizens: the Johnsons (Canadians), Whitlock (Australian), Filipinos Enrique Tolentino and Arellano Bugarin.

e. **Question:** Articles from July 8, 1972 and July 20, 1972 report that the North Vietnamese were killing American prisoners. What are the sources for this information? Did DIA get distribution of these reports? Did General Vessey use this information to assist his negotiations with North Vietnamese?

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**Answer:** The article from July 8, 1972 was derived from three NSA reports which must be released through NSA. (NSA [redacted] 7JUL, SS, NSA [redacted] 7JUL, SS, NSA [redacted] 7JUL, SS.) The article dated July 20, 1972 was also derived from three NSA reports (NSA [redacted] 7JUL, SS, NSA [redacted] 7JUL, SS, [redacted] 19JUL, SS.)

The NID, formerly the CIB, is normally distributed to Intelligence Community agencies which include DIA.

We have no information regarding General Vessey's usage of this information to assist his negotiations with the North Vietnamese.

f. **Question:** Why was there no mention of the POW rescue attempts/missions into Southeast Asia in the 1980's? Why was there no reporting in the PDB from 1978 to 1986?

**Answer:** We have no information on the decisions made on the editing and contents of the PDB during this period. The [redacted] was not reported in the PDB because it is not the method by which CIA's own operational activities are reported. The PDB also would not comment on other reporting of events (as, for example, of non-official efforts) unless we had independently acquired intelligence information of importance.

An original of this letter is also being sent to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Stanley M. Moskowitz  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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Possible Identification of  
Recently Captured U.S. Servicemen

Vietnam, Saigon (16 March 1970)

1. [redacted] claimed to have spoken directly to a captured U.S. Marine named "Lobby" for about five minutes in the Viet Cong (VC) Quang Da Special Zone.

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(QDSZ--includes Danang and all of Government of Vietnam--GVN--Quang Nam Province except (as Son and portions of Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen Districts) during January 1968. [redacted] did not know Bobby's full name, but he had adopted the vietnamese name of Nguyen Van Viet and the VC had given him the nickname, "Tau Nau." Bobby told [redacted] he was from the 1st U.S. Marine Division and had been captured in the QDSZ on a date which [redacted] did not remember. Bobby appeared to be about 21 years old, had brown hair and was approximately 1.70 meters tall. Bobby had joined the VC in 1967 and was assigned to work for the Military Proselyting Section of VC Military Region (MR) 5 (includes GVN Quang Nam, Quang Tin, Quang Ngai, Kontum, Binh Dinh, Pleiku, Phu Son, Phu Yen, Darlac and Khanh Hoa Provinces). His duties included taping propaganda messages urging U.S. prisoners held in the MR-5 prisoner-of-war camp. This camp is located within a Montagnard village in Tra Bong District, Quang Ngai Province, about six hours walking distance northwest of the Na Nieu River.

2. [redacted] Comment: According to the Joint Prisoner Recovery Staff--JPRS--in Saigon, the U.S. prisoner described could be [redacted] United States Marine Corps--USMC, serial number [redacted] with the 3rd Marine Division who was captured on 28 September 1965 at BT050810 in Dien Ban District, GVN Quang Nam Province. He was released by the VC in mid-1966, but he elected to remain with the VC, who have named him Nguyen Chieu Da N.

3. [redacted] had not seen [redacted] another U.S. serviceman, but his interpreter had talked with [redacted] for about 30 minutes in VC Dai Loc (portions of GVN Dai Loc, Duc Duc and Thuong Duc) District, QDSZ, during late June 1968. According to [redacted] interpreter, [redacted] was about 18 years old and had been a private with the USMC Engineers. He had deserted from the USMC and had been captured by a local VC guerrilla unit. [redacted] interpreter met [redacted] while the latter was being escorted to the Dai Loc prisoner-of-war camp for onward movement to the MR-5 prisoner camp in Quang Ngai Province.

4. [redacted] Comment: According to the JPRS in Saigon, the U.S. prisoner described above could be [redacted] USMC, serial number [redacted] of the detached C Company of the 1st Military Police Battalion. The JPRS has received information that [redacted] has been using the alias of [redacted] since he was captured. [redacted] has been missing from the cantonment area of Danang since 1300 hours on 16 August 1968.)

5. [redacted] claimed to have talked with [redacted] USMC, during February 1968, about 20 days after Tet, in VC Dai Loc District, QDSZ. [redacted] had his name patch over his pocket, but he wore no insignia or rank. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was a marine sergeant who was captured during the 1968 Tet offensive about seven kilometers south of Danang by the 1st Regiment of the 2nd North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division. At the time [redacted] talked with [redacted] he was being moved to the MR-5 prisoner camp in Quang Ngai Province.

6. [redacted] Comment: The JPRS in Saigon believe this prisoner was [redacted] USMC, serial number [redacted] of A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. [redacted] escaped from the III MAF stockade in Da Nang on 8 November 1967. JPRS has received information that [redacted] was shot and killed while attempting to escape from a prisoner-of-war camp on 1 April 1968.)

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7. [REDACTED] read a propaganda leaflet in the QDZ during 1968 which was signed by [REDACTED]. The leaflet was directed at U.S. troops and asked them not to fight in South Vietnam and to return to the U.S. [REDACTED] did not know who actually had written the leaflet, and he had no information on [REDACTED].

8. [REDACTED] Comment: Information received by the JPRS in Saigon indicates that this prisoner could be [REDACTED] U.S. Army, serial number [REDACTED] who was captured at BS495789 in southwestern Son Tinh District, Quang Binh Province, on 5 July 1965. According to the JPRS, [REDACTED] died in a prisoner-of-war camp on 8 September 1967.)

9. [REDACTED] Dissem: State USMACV USAID COMUS Dir/JUSPAO (MR. Nickel only) 7th Air Force USAFV NAVFORV 525th MI GP 1000 SAG OSI CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC

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SUBJECT: Report of Wreckage and Bodies of U.S. Missing in Action  
Personnel in Ben Cat, Southern Vietnam

TEXT: 1. In mid-November 1983 a Vietnamese refugee living in a third country provided the following information, extracted from several letters sent by his wife and other relatives still residing in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV). According to the letters, a group of people engaged in clearing the forest in a New Economic Zone in the general vicinity of Ben Cat, Song Be Province of the SRV, discovered the wreckage of three U.S. military aircraft. The wreckage of the first aircraft, actually buried in the ground, contained what appeared to be the remains of several people, the most recognizable body parts being hands and feet. According to the refugee, several of the letters mention the name of the "pilot" of the aircraft but do not mention the exact source of that information. The most complete information provided on the "pilot" was as follows:

2. According to one of the letters from the refugee's wife, the remains were moved to a slightly different location and reburied. The first aircraft was not described in any detail, but had the letters "AVON" stenciled on some part of the outer surface of the aircraft. According to a letter from the wife's brother,

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who was personally involved in discovering and moving the bodies, although most of the clothing appeared to have been burned, some small items had survived, including socks. The refugee said the local authorities came on the scene before the land clearers had time to examine the other two aircraft.

3. [redacted] Comment: This information was discussed with a [redacted] familiar with identification documents of that period. He said that although there was no indication of whether the source of the name and accompanying information was dog tags or another form of identification, some of the information, including what appears to be the date of latest tetanus vaccination, religion, blood type, and name appears to be consistent with information listed on military dog tags. The service number, however, appears to lack sufficient digits to be valid, and the designation "USAF" was seldom if ever included on dog tags of that period. Nevertheless, there is a possibility that the original reader of the identification item missed a digit in copying the information or that it came from one of several variations of dog tags used successively during that period. There is also a possibility that, if actually obtained from the reported wreckage, the information might have come from a Geneva Convention card or similar document since military ID cards normally were not carried during combat missions. This information clearly lacks sufficient detail to accurately locate the wreckage or bodies. According to [redacted] however, people still living in the area would be willing to bring physical evidence out of the SRV. One individual in particular in Vietnam is already partially processed for the Orderly Departure Program and has expressed a willingness to bring additional details in exchange for help with getting more family members out of the SRV.

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he drew the information were apparently written by his wife, [REDACTED] brother (not further identified), and other persons in the group that discovered the wreckage. [REDACTED] presented the information as something that should be passed to US officials because it was the right thing to do; several others presented the matter as more of a quid pro quo arrangement in which they could provide more details in return for assistance in relocating to the U.S. The general location of Ben Cat was not volunteered, but was read from a letter over the shoulder of [REDACTED] as he gave other details. [REDACTED] was obviously hoping for help in getting approval for relocation to the U.S. He expressed concern as well that official U.S. inquiries to SRV authorities might bring dangerous attention to those individuals still in the SRV who were involved on the scene in Ben Cat.)

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SUBJECT: Discovery of a U.S. Serviceman's Dog Tag

TEXT: 1. In 1981 the dog tag of a U.S. serviceman, [REDACTED] along with a skull, femur and several metal sections of an aircraft, were found on Bach Ma Mountain (2C0395), Binh Tri Thien Province. The individuals who discovered the dog tag and remains removed the bones to the foot of the mountain and buried them near some rocks. As of late 1984 it was believed that the bones had been removed by [REDACTED] one of the individuals who discovered the remains on the mountain. [REDACTED] lived in a new economic zone in Dac Lac Province.

DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. ALL PORTIONS CARRY CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROLS OF OVERALL DOCUMENT.

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WAS OBTAINED ON 12 AND 17 APRIL 1989. [REDACTED] IN THE CAMBODIAN-THAI BORDER AREA. THE MATERIAL DESCRIBED WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH, AND THIS INFORMATION IS NOW BEING SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. [REDACTED] AFFILIATED WITH ONE OF THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE GROUPS PROVIDED A LETTER PURPORTED TO BE FROM AN AMERICAN HELD IN HO CHI MINH CITY. THE AMERICAN IS [REDACTED]

REPORTEDLY WAS A HELICOPTER PILOT IN APRIL 1969 WHILE FLYING FROM AN TRI TO THAI AN IN SOUTH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] A BLACK MAN, IS BEING HELD IN A JAIL IN HO CHI MINH CITY WITH THREE OTHER MEN, ALL CAUCASIANS. A PICTURE, SUPPOSEDLY OF [REDACTED], IS ATTACHED TO THE REPORT. THE LETTER FROM [REDACTED], DATED 23 JANUARY 1989, IS ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] (NAME MISPELLED), AND THE LETTER ITSELF IS FULL OF ERRORS.

3. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LAO MIA/POW REPORTING LINKED WITH PRIVATE  
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REFERENCE: 27 FEBRUARY 1988; SUBJECT: LAO  
MIA/POW REPORTING NET LINKED WITH PRIVATE RECOVERY  
EFFORTS

1. AS FOLLOWUP TO REFERENCE, WE ARE FORWARDING FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON SEVERAL ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE WHO  
HAVE PROVIDED FIRST HAND AND HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING TO  
THE SAME DEBRIEFER INVOLVED IN REFERENCE SINCE AT  
LEAST OCTOBER 1986.

BASED ON INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE TO US, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF THESE  
INDIVIDUALS ARE LINKED TO PRIVATE RECOVERY GROUPS OR ARE UNDER  
HOSTILE SRV/LPOR INTELLIGENCE CONTROL. YOUR COMMENTS ARE  
WELCOMED. YOU MAY WISH TO PASS THE SUBSTANCE OF OR PORTIONS OF  
THIS MESSAGE TO STONY BEACH AND/OR JCRC.

2. ONE BODY OF REPORTING CENTERS AROUND TWO LAO REFUGEES  
NAMED: FIRST CAME TO OUR ATTENTION ON 27 OCTOBER 1986 WHEN WAS  
DEBRIEFED ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE.

DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN  
THE DISSEMINATION OF OF 30 OCTOBER 1986 ON  
ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN POW IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AND  
ON THE REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. IN  
THIS REPORT

CLAIMED THAT THE  
AMERICAN POW WAS BEING PROTECTED AND GUARDED BY NAPHENG  
VILLAGERS. HIS INFORMATION ON THE TWO AIRMEN TO  
FORMER LPA CAPTAIN SENG (LNU) CLAIMED WANTED 25,000  
KIP PER SET OF REMAINS AND THAT HE HAD PROVIDED  
3,000 BANT IN SEPTEMBER 1985 TO GET THE REMAINS OF THE TWO  
AIRMEN. ALSO CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER HAD TOLD HIM THAT  
ONE SET OF REMAINS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PAKSEBANGFAI VILLAGE  
(VC 7373) ON 12 OCTOBER 1986. THAT HIS BROTHERS WERE THE  
AND THAT HE PLANNED TO  
CROSS BACK INTO LAOS TO RETRIEVE THE REMAINS. WAS TO BE  
REDEBRIEFED ON 4 NOVEMBER 1986; HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO RECORD OF  
THIS HAVING OCCURRED.

3. THEN, WAS DEBRIEFED ON 4 NOVEMBER  
1986 WITH RESULTS DISSEMINATED IN  
DISSEMINATION OF 7 NOVEMBER 1986 ON THE SUBJECT OF AN ALLEGED MIA  
AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AND ON THE REMAINS OF TWO  
AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. (THIS REPORT WAS A  
FOLLOWUP TO A REPORT OF SAME SUBJECT DISSEMINATED AS  
OF 30 OCTOBER 1985.) CLAIMED HE  
WAS A MEMBER OF AN UNKNOWN LAO RESISTANCE GROUP.

SAID HIS RESISTANCE INFORMANT

INFORMATION ON THE LIVE AMERICAN. CLAIMED THAT SAIL

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THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO DO SO  
QUICKLY BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
AMERICAN MIGHT LEAK TO THE LPOR AUTHORITIES. OFF THE ABOVE  
NOTED APPENDIX FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
ACCOUNT CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN

OPERATING NEAR THE ROUTE 911/23  
JUNCTION (VE 7618) DURING 1965-1972.

4. ON 18 NOVEMBER 1986, WAS DEBRIEFED  
AGAIN ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING WHICH RESULTED IN THE  
DISSEMINATION OF OF 19 NOVEMBER 1986 ON  
THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF NOW THREE VICE TWO SERVICEMEN IN  
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. CLAIMED HE HAD MET  
AGAIN ON 11 NOVEMBER 1986 ON AN ISLAND (VD 7273) IN THE MEKONG  
RIVER OPPOSITE THAT PHANOM DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE,  
THAILAND, AND HAD GIVEN 4,000 BANT TO PAY UNNAMED PERSONS  
IN LAOS WHO HELD THE REMAINS. UPON RECEIPT OF THE MONEY,  
REPORTEDLY GAVE A SCRAP OF PAPER ON WHICH WAS WRITTEN THE  
NAMES AND APPARENT "DOG TAG" INFORMATION ON THREE AMERICANS.

(OUR COMMENTED THAT NONE OF THE NAMES LISTED OR  
REASONABLE SPELLING VARIATIONS APPEARED ON THE JCRC POW/MIA  
LISTING. ALLEGEDLY INSTRUCTED TO LOCATE A DELIVERY  
SITE AND SCHEDULED A FOLLOWUP MEETING WITH FOR 1500 HOURS  
ON 24 NOVEMBER 1986 IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. WE HAVE NO  
FURTHER REPORTING ON WHETHER THIS EVER OCCURRED.

5. ON 29 NOVEMBER 1986 WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON HIS  
LIVE SIGHTING INFORMATION IN NAPHENG VILLAGE WHICH RESULTED IN  
THE DISSEMINATION OF OF 18 DECEMBER 1986.  
CLAIMED HE HAD RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM A  
SUBORDINATE RESISTANCE MEMBER NAMED WHO HAD CROSSED  
THE BORDER FROM LAOS AND HAD MET HIM AT MOEN PHRA BAT  
VILLAGE (VE 7015) THA UTHEN DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE,  
THAILAND. CLAIMED THAT HAD MET WITH WITH A  
CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN IN NAPHENG VILLAGE. TO WAS  
THE NAPHENG VILLAGER IN CHARGE OF HIDING THE AMERICAN FROM LPOR  
AUTHORITIES. TO REPORTEDLY DID NOT TRUST WELL AND DID NOT  
TRUST HIM WITH DETAILS ON THE AMERICAN. REPORTEDLY TOLD  
THAT THREE LPOR OFFICIALS FROM VIENTIANE HAD MADE  
INQUIRIES CIRCA 11 NOVEMBER 1986 ABOUT A LIVE AMERICAN IN THE  
AREA OF PHIA KEG (VE 6612) AND KAYAK (VE 6513) VILLAGES. ON 3  
DECEMBER CLAIMED HE DIRECTED

WITH RESISTANCE SUBORDINATE SONE (LNU) FOR FURTHER

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6. ON 15 DECEMBER 1986, WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ABOUT  
HIS LIVE SIGHTING INFORMATION WHICH RESULTED IN THE  
DISSEMINATION OF OF 22 DECEMBER 1986 ON  
THE STATUS OF A LIVE AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE  
CLAIMED HE HAD RECEIVED HIS INFORMATION FROM RESISTANCE  
INFORMANT WHO HAD CROSSED THE BORDER INTO LAOS UNDER  
DIRECTION TO MEET REPORTEDLY PROVIDED SOM  
WITH A SLIP OF PAPER WITH THE NAME OF "H. D. STEPHENSON."  
030-372-764; D NEG AND PROTESTANT. STEPHENSON WAS REPORTEDLY  
SERIOUSLY ILL WITH MALARIA. CLAIMED HE GAVE 6,000  
BANT, OF WHICH 4,000 WAS FOR PLEASE NOTE THE FLIP FLOP OF  
NAMES NOTED IN THE LAST SECTION OF TELEGRAPH FOUR ABOVE  
ON 19 AND 20 DECEMBER 1986.

CONCERNING THE VERACITY OF THEIR  
THEN APPARENTLY DROPPED CONTACT WITH  
OUR DEBRIEFER.

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7. ON 17 AND 22 JANUARY 1987 [REDACTED] RESURFACED FOR FOLLOWUP DEBRIEFINGS ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF [REDACTED] OF 26 JANUARY 1987 ON A REPORTED DETENTION CAMP IN MAHAAT DISTRICT, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE CONTAINING 17 AMERICAN POW'S.

[REDACTED] IN THE PHAHOI VILLAGE AREA (POSSIBLY WD 4598), ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF MAHAAT TOWNSHIP, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE MET [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED] WAS A FORMER PATHET LAO INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL WHO WAS THEN THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM THAT 17 AMERICAN POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN A DETENTION CAMP NEAR PHAHOI VILLAGE WHICH WAS ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE JUNCTIONS OF ROUTES 122 AND 123 (WD 4799). PHAHOI VILLAGE HAD A PAVN UNIT LOCATED TO THE EAST AND A SOVIET AAA UNIT TO THE SOUTHEAST. THE AMERICAN POW'S WERE ALLEGEDLY REQUIRED TO PERFORM TECHNICAL WORK AND WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE DETENTION CAMP IN A CLOSED VAN. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY QUESTIONED [REDACTED] ABOUT EXPENSES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FOLLOWUP INFORMATION. [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT WANT MUCH MONEY SINCE A LARGE SUM WOULD ONLY TEND TO RAISE THE SUSPICIONS OF LPDR AUTHORITIES.

8. ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1987 [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN. PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A GROUP OF AMERICANS (NFI) WHO HAD CROSSED INTO LAOS ON 7 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED] SUBSOURCED HIS INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD USED AS A COURIER TO CONTACT AN UNNAMED PERSON IN LAOS WHO REPORTEDLY HAD POW INFORMATION. [REDACTED] SPECULATED THAT [REDACTED] EARNED THE INFORMATION FROM LAO RESISTANCE MEMBERS. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1987 A GROUP OF 20 LAO RESISTANCE MEMBERS LED BY [REDACTED] HAD ACCOMPANIED FOUR AMERICANS ACROSS THE MEKONG RIVER FROM KHEMARAT DISTRICT, NORTHERN UBON PROVINCE, TO SOUTHERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE RESISTANCE ELEMENT WAS PART OF [REDACTED] FORCES. THE GROUP WAS ALLEGEDLY TO JOIN A RESISTANCE ELEMENT ALREADY IN LAOS. THE AMERICANS WERE EXPECTING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH AN AMERICAN POW PREVIOUSLY HELD IN THE SRV. THE RENDEZVOUS POINT WAS TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF SAK TANGMAY (WD 7014), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (SEE [REDACTED] OF 26 SEPTEMBER 1987 ON REPORTED CROSSING OF AMERICANS INTO LAOS FROM THAILAND TO MEET AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN THE SRV.)

9. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER REPORTING FROM EITHER [REDACTED] SEVERAL OTHER CHARACTERS ENTERED THE PICTURE DURING DEBRIEFINGS BY [REDACTED] DEBRIEFER. THEY ARE [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED ON 22 DECEMBER 1986. HIS DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF [REDACTED] OF 24 DECEMBER 1986 ON AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW BEING HELD IN VIENGSAI DISTRICT, MOUA PHAN PROVINCE, AND [REDACTED] OF 24 DECEMBER 1986 ON THE ALLEGED SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA OF SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [REDACTED] WAS THEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO FURTHER BIOGRAPHICS AVAILABLE. HIS INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IN VIENGSAI DISTRICT TO A [REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD VISITED IN VIENTIANE ON 7 OCTOBER 1986. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT SHE WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF A PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE, PARENT'S NAMES, STATE OF RESIDENCE, A RECORDED CASSETTE TAPE, AND A ROLL OF FILM CONCERNING AN AMERICAN POW WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY ACQUIRED BY HER HUSBAND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD UNDERGONE REEDUCATION IN VIENGSAI DISTRICT DURING 1976-1984 AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND EXECUTED BY THE LPDR DURING 1984 FOR HIS UNSPECIFIED POW RELATED ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE AMERICAN POW IN REEDUCATION AND HAD ACQUIRED THE ITEMS WHILE IN REEDUCATION WITH THE AMERICAN POW. [REDACTED] HIS INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED TWO AMERICAN POW'S IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA [REDACTED] WHOM HE MET UNEXPECTEDLY IN THAKHEK

DISTRICT TOWNSHIP ON 12 NOVEMBER 1986 WHILE VISITING ANOTHER UNNAMED RELATIVE [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN HIS FATHER, A [REDACTED] FOR TEN YEARS. [REDACTED] RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

AND ALLEGEDLY TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO THE DAKCHUNG AREA AS A SMALL SCALE TRADER. WHILE AT DAKCHUNG, HE MET AND SPOKE IN ENGLISH WITH TWO AMERICAN POW'S THROUGH THE UNNAMED SON OF A FRIEND WHO WAS A GUARD AT THE PRISON. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE RETURNED TO THAILAND ON 15 NOVEMBER 1986 AFTER MAKING PLANS TO RECONTACT HIS FATHER ON 19 NOVEMBER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. [REDACTED] HE MISSED THE DATE. ON 22 NOVEMBER, [REDACTED] TRAVELED FROM THAKHEK TO NAKHON PHANOM WITH FOLLOWUP INFORMATION. DURING HIS

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DEBRIEFING [REDACTED] OFFERED TO TRAVEL TO THAKHEK ON 1 JANUARY 1987 IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO MEET [REDACTED] WHO WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL FROM PAKSE TO THAKHEK. [REDACTED] INITIALLY REQUESTED 10,000 BAHT TO MAKE A TRIP TO PAKSE TO MEET HIS [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO VIENTIANE TO MEET HIS [REDACTED] FOR PROOF AFTER HE RETURNED FROM THAKHEK TOWN IN MID-JANUARY 1987. NO FURTHER REPORTING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS TRACKED DOWN AND INITIALLY INTERVIEWED IN JULY 1987 IN RESPONSE TO DIA/VO-PW REQUEST (DIA/VO-PW MESSAGE 141425Z MAY 1987). [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD KNOWLEDGE ON 19 LIVE AMERICAN POW'S VICE ZOO (INITIALLY REPORTED TO JCRC) BEING HELD AT A SITE ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM JCRC REPORTING AT DONG KOK NEAR HUAY HOY IN MUANG ANGKHAM (1701N/10502E). [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS INITIAL DEBRIEFING LACKED DETAIL AND [REDACTED] INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY DATES WHEN [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN THE POW'S WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED TO A STONY BEACH TEAM PRINCIPAL AGENT AT THE [REDACTED] ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1987 FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFING.

12. ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1987 [REDACTED] DEBRIEFER OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] A MUKDAHAN CITY ABOUT A PRIVATE FUNDED POW RESCUE MISSION INTO LAOS WHICH [REDACTED] WAS APPARENTLY INVOLVED WITH. DURING JUNE 1987, THREE AMERICANS (NFI) STAYED IN A HOUSE IN MUKDAHAN RENTED BY LAO RESISTANCE LEADER [REDACTED] IN AUGUST 1987. PERSON(S) UNKNOWN AT DRIVING A RED PICKUP TRUCK STOPPED AT THE HOUSE OF KHAMMAY [REDACTED] TO ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] WAS NOT AT HOME. DURING THE WEEK OF 14 SEPTEMBER 1987, A RED PICKUP TRUCK WAS SPOTTED PARKED IN FRONT OF A SAFFHOUSE USED BY [REDACTED] FOLLOWERS.

13. EARLIER, FROM 27-29 MARCH, LAO RESISTANCE LEADER [REDACTED] TOOK THREE AMERICANS, TWO OF WHOM WERE REEFER [REDACTED] TO MUKDAHAN. THE AMERICANS WERE IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS SUBORDINATES OF [REDACTED] AND WERE ARRANGING A RECOVERY MISSION. IN LATE APRIL 1987, [REDACTED] (A FORMER AIR AMERICA PILOT) WERE IN THE NAPHO REFUGEE CAMP. THEY APPROACHED A PERSON TO HELP THEM LOCATE TWO LAO REFUGEES (NAMES NOT AVAILABLE) WHO HAD INFORMATION ON POW'S, AND TO HELP THEM LOCATE FOUR OR FIVE LAO WHO COULD TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH TO LAOS. ON 15 MAY, [REDACTED] TOOK SIX AMERICAN "OFFICIALS" TO MUKDAHAN PROVINCE. THREE OF THE AMERICANS RENTED A HOUSE IN MUKDAHAN FOR THEMSELVES AND ANOTHER HOUSE IN TAN TAI VILLAGE FOR [REDACTED] ONE OF [REDACTED] THE OTHER THREE AMERICANS PROCEEDED TO USON PROVINCE. THE AMERICANS WERE SEARCHING FOR LIVE AMERICAN POW'S AND REMAINS OF AMERICANS IN LAOS. TWO OF THE AMERICANS WERE

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NAMED [ ] (PHONETIC) AND [ ] (PHONETIC). THE AMERICANS WERE IN CONTACT WITH TWO LAO ASSIGNED TO THE MASS MOBILIZATION SECTION (NFI); THE TWO LAO TRAVELED FREQUENTLY TO THAILAND WHERE THEY STAYED AT THE RENTED HOUSE IN TAN TAI VILLAGE. THE AMERICANS HAD MET TWO LAO AT THE TAN TAI HOUSE AND HAD INSTRUCTED THEM IN SEARCHING FOR POW'S AND REMAINS IN LAOS. ON 2 JUNE [ ]

ADVISED THAT THERE SIX AMERICANS WERE IN THE NAKHON PHANOM AND MUKDHAN PROVINCE AREA LOOKING FOR AMERICAN POW INFORMATION. THE AMERICANS WERE BEING INVESTIGATED AND WERE IN CONTACT WITH [ ] THREE OF THE AMERICANS WERE

STAYING AT THE [ ] HOTEL. (SEE [ ] OF 16 JUNE 1987 ON THE PRESENCE OF A PRIVATE AMERICAN GROUP IN NORTHEAST THAILAND TO SEARCH FOR LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS AND REMAINS USING THE LAO RESISTANCE.) ON 10 SEPTEMBER [ ]

CHECKED INTO THE [ ] HOTEL AND OBTAINED THREE ROOMS. UNNAMED LAO REFUGEES IN THAT PHANOM STATED THAT [ ] HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY REFUGEES (NFI) WITH POW/MIA INFORMATION BUT THAT [ ] HAD DECLINED TO TALK WITH THEM. ON 11 SEPTEMBER, [ ]

HOTEL AND HAD OBTAINED TWO ROOMS. THE SAME DAY, A LAO REFUGEE NAMED [ ]

ALSO CHECKED INTO THE [ ] HOTEL. [ ] MAY HAVE MET [ ] (THIS APPEARS TO CORRESPOND WITH YOUR COVERAGE OF [ ] ACCOUNTS IN DIA/VO-PW MESSAGE 132140Z NOVEMBER 1987 AND IN DIA/VO-PW MESSAGE 082115Z DECEMBER 1987.)

14. IN A SEPARATE CASE, ON 16 NOVEMBER 1987 WAS DEBRIEFED ON LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING WHICH WAS DISSEMINATED IN [ ] OF 20 NOVEMBER 1987 ON THE REPORTED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF AN AMERICAN POW IN SARAVANE PROVINCE. [ ] A RESIDENT OF DONGHEN ATSAAPHANGHONG DISTRICT SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE AND [ ]

CLAIMED THAT HE WAS APPROACHED ON 9 NOVEMBER BY A LAO MALE NAMED [ ] A 30-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF BAN PHINTAI OUTHOMPHONE DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [ ] PROVIDED THE INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT, AND SPELLED THE NAME OF [ ] IN ENGLISH, SAYING THAT HE [ ] HAD RECEIVED THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM AN UNDISCLOSED SOURCE FROM SEPONE (XD 3244) [ ] WAS BORN ON [ ]

CLAIMS TO HAVE SERVED WITH THE PATHET LAO FROM 1973 TO 1979 AS A MEMBER OF A [ ] OPERATING IN THE SENO DISTRICT AREA OF SAVANNAKHET. THEN HE WORKED AS A FARMER IN BAN HOUET SAN UNTIL 1984 WHEN HE JOINED AN UNSPECIFIED LAO RESISTANCE GROUP IN PROTEST OVER [ ] AS OF NOVEMBER 1987 [ ] LIVED IN BAN TONG, THAT PHANOM DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE THAILAND. [ ] ALSO ATTEMPTED TO PASS OFF ALLEGED CHEMICAL SAMPLES FROM AN LPA CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE IN SENO, SAVANNAKHET, WHICH HE SUBSOURCED TO [ ] WHO HE ALLEGED WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WAREHOUSE. THE SAMPLES TURNED OUT TO BE CHEMICAL WARFARE DEFENCE LITS WHICH ARE ISSUED THROUGHOUT THE LPA.

15. ON 24 NOVEMBER 1987, [ ] DEBRIEFER

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ARRANGED FOR THE INTERVIEW OF [ ] 16-STEAD BEACH IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN INTERVIEW TO HIS POW LIVE SIGHTING [ ] YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH STON BEACH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

16. ON 29 JANUARY 1988, [ ] WITH DECEPTION NOTED ON ALL REPORTED AREAS OF COVERAGE. TESTING RESULTS INDICATED THAT [ ] WAS WORKING FOR LPDR SECURITY ON A SECRET INTELLIGENCE MISSION IN THAILAND, HAD FABRICATED

INFORMATION AND HAD DELIBERATELY PROVIDED FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS [ ] AND LPA CHEMICAL SAMPLES. ALTHOUGH [ ] WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TESTED ON HIS [ ] LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING, WE BELIEVE HE PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION UNDER LPDR SECURITY SERVICE DIRECTION.

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS. ALL THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INFORMATION IN PARA 5, WHICH WAS PASSED ONLY TO STONY BEACH.

2. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED FROM THE [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] TURNED OVER ONE BONE FRAGMENT AND AN ACCOMPANYING TYPED COPY OF A DOG TAG REPORTEDLY OF THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN: [REDACTED] THE VIETNAMESE WORDS FOR "IN TAY NINH PROVINCE" ARE WRITTEN ON THE TYPED PAPER.

B. [REDACTED] REPORTED HEARSAY FROM HIS FRIEND, [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE MET AN AMERICAN TWICE AND SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH HIM. THE AMERICAN WAS [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE NAME [REDACTED] HAS BEEN REPORTED DOZENS OF TIMES IN SCAMS AND IS NOT ON ANY JCRC LIST.) ALSO HAS A LIST OF 31 NAMES, ALONG WITH SEVEN BONE FRAGMENTS, WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF HIS O.D.P. PROCESSING FORM. THE LIST IS SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT WAS TURNED OVER TO JCRC AND WILL NOT BE TRANSMITTED HERE.

C. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT A FRIEND OF HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] IS HOLDING ONE SET OF AMERICAN REMAINS IN DA NANG [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HIS GRANDFATHER BURIED AN AMERICAN IN HIS GARDEN IN 1968. STATED THAT A MRS. [REDACTED] CAN PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS. [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED] STATED THAT A [REDACTED] WAS HOLDING ONE SET OF AMERICAN REMAINS. [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDUCATION) REPORTED THAT HER UNCLE, [REDACTED] BURIED AN AMERICAN "DURING THE WAR." UPON HEARING THAT TURNING OVER AMERICAN REMAINS WAS CAUSE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN AMERICA, [REDACTED] FATHER, [REDACTED] MOVED THE REMAINS TO A TEMPLE NEARBY (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED). [REDACTED] S WORRIED ABOUT HER FATHER'S SECURITY.

G. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HIS FRIEND, [REDACTED] KNEW OF AN AMERICAN CAPTURED BY "VC" FORCES IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED. THE BODY WAS BURIED IN A SMALL VILLAGE (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED). [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT [REDACTED] GAVE HIM A DOG TAG AND A BONE FRAGMENT WHICH HE LEFT AT HIS HOME IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] STATED HE IS TRYING TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM HIS FAMILY TO IDENTIFY THE AMERICAN.

3. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING REFUGEES [REDACTED] IN MAY 1988. PRESUMABLY THESE REFUGEES ARE NOW [REDACTED]

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A. [REDACTED] A FORMER LAWYER) REPORTED THAT THE HUSBAND OF [REDACTED] WHO NOW RESIDES IN [REDACTED] HAS INFORMATION ABOUT AN AMERICAN MAJOR WHO MARRIED A CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WOMAN AND NOW RESIDES IN THAT MOUNTAINOUS AREA. [REDACTED] HUSBAND ALSO STATED, ACCORDING TO THAT 121 PRISONERS, INCLUDING KOREANS, WERE BEING HELD IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THERE ARE REQUESTS FOR GOLD FROM [REDACTED] HUSBAND. COMMENT: THE STORIES APPEAR TO BE THEMES OF OFT REPEATED CLAIMS OF MANY PRISONERS HELD TOGETHER AND THE FAMOUS CENTRAL HIGHLANDS "AMERICAN." WE CAN LOCATE NO CLAIM FROM [REDACTED] ABOUT THESE REPORTS. [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A NEPHEW LIVING IN [REDACTED] PLATEAU WAS HOLDING THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS OF AMERICANS KILLED IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HER FAMILY HOLDS ONE COPY OF A DOG TAG AT THEIR RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO [REDACTED] ON 22 JANUARY.)

4. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED IN [REDACTED] (SUBPARAGRAPH A) AND [REDACTED] (SUBPARAGRAPHS B THROUGH E). ALL REFUGEE SOURCES ARE NEW AT [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] REPORTED A CONVOLUTED STORY ABOUT HIS WIFE HARBORING AN AMERICAN IN [REDACTED] OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. SAID THE AMERICAN WAS BROUGHT OUT OF A REEDUCATION CAMP IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM IN 1985 WHERE HIS GUARDS INTENDED TO "SELL" HIM. IN 1986, [REDACTED] WIFE PAID FOR THE AMERICAN AND HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF HIM EVER SINCE. IDENTIFICATION PAPERS ON THE AMERICAN WERE LOST ON THE TRIP TO THAILAND. [REDACTED]

BROTHER-IN-LAW IS A COURIER BETWEEN [REDACTED] AIRPORT WHERE AN AIRCRAFT WAITS TO TAKE LETTERS FROM [REDACTED] WIFE TO THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] VACILLATED CONTINUALLY ON HIS STORY WHICH WAS WEAVED WITH HEARSAY ABOUT OTHER AMERICANS LIVING IN THANH HOA AND [REDACTED] CONNECTION IN SEARCHING FOR AMERICAN REMAINS. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED INFORMATION WHICH WAS FABRICATED TO TEST THE VERACITY OF [REDACTED] INFORMATION.)

B. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HER BROTHER'S FRIEND HOLDS THE REMAINS, DOG TAGS, AND FLIGHT SUITS OF TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] OTHER LAST RESIDED AT [REDACTED] IS WORRIED ABOUT THE BROTHER'S SECURITY.

C. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A FRIEND OF HIS HELD ONE SET OF AMERICAN REMAINS. THE FRIEND [REDACTED]

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SISTER-IN-LAW [REDACTED] ALSO HELD ONE SET OF REMAINS [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED] EDUCATION) REPORTED THAT HIS COUSIN, [REDACTED] HELD TWO SETS OF REMAINS AND CORRESPONDING DOG TAGS. [REDACTED] THESE AT [REDACTED] LOST THE NAMES CONNECTED WITH THE DOG TAGS WHILE ESCAPING TO THAILAND. [REDACTED] IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS COUSIN'S SECURITY.

E. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A BLACK AMERICAN WAS KILLED BY "VC" IN TAN BINH VILLAGE, TAN UYEN DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE DURING THE WAR. THE "VC," (FNU) TU HUNG, WHO WAS KNOWN TO BRAG ABOUT THIS INCIDENT, TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE REMAINS WERE STILL IN A WELL AS OF 1977-1978. THE [REDACTED]

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RUMORS IN THE LOCAL AREA STATED THAT A BLACK AMERICAN WAS EITHER A CIVILIAN ASSIGNED TO A ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OR AN ENGINEER TROOP WORKING ON ROADS FROM BINH DUONG CITY TO PHU GIAO MILITARY BASE.

F. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT TWO SOLDIERS, ONE WHITE AND ONE BLACK WERE KILLED DURING A BATTLE AT TAN HUNG VILLAGE, CAI BE DISTRICT OF TIEN GIANG PROVINCE (TIME FRAME UNKNOWN). THE CORPSES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED IN A GARDEN NEARBY AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE STILL THERE.

G. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HIS BROTHER'S FRIEND FOUND TWO SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS IN TAY NINH. [REDACTED] BROTHER. [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE SON-IN-LAW OF A [REDACTED] DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN IN A DESTROYED BLOCKHOUSE IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR NHA TRANG. THE SON-IN-LAW, NAMED [REDACTED] TOOK THE REMAINS TO HIS HOME IN NHA TRANG. HIS LAST [REDACTED]

I. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT IN 1978 HE SAW FOUR GRAVES OF AMERICANS AT CAY CON HAMLET, LUONG SON TRA VILLAGE, BAY NUI DISTRICT OF AN GIANG PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO A FORMER "GUERRILLA," AN AMERICAN HELICOPTER WAS DROPPING FLARES (TIME FRAME UNKNOWN) WHEN THE FLARES PARACHUTE LINE CAUGHT IN THE ROTOR BLADES CAUSING THE HELICOPTER TO CRASH. THE TWO PILOTS WERE CAPTURED AND SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED. INFORMATION ON THE OTHER TWO AMERICANS WAS NOT KNOWN.

J. [REDACTED] REPORTED HEARSAY FROM HIS COUSIN THAT ABOUT 1969 - 1971, THREE AMERICANS WERE BURIED NEAR THE COUSIN'S GARDEN AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE THREE CORPSES [REDACTED] IS WILLING TO RECONTACT HIS COUSIN ON THIS MATTER.

K. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HER FRIEND [REDACTED] WAS INVOLVED IN RECOVERING AMERICAN REMAINS. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, SS SHOWED HER A DOG TAG AND SOME TEETH REPORTEDLY OF AN AMERICAN KILLED IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

5. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED AT [REDACTED] IN JUNE 1988.

A. [REDACTED] BORN IN VIETNAM, REPORTED THAT IN APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1967, SHE SAW FOUR BLACK AMERICANS NEAR XUONG MAU POND (AN EDUCATED GUESS PUTS THE AREA AT XT 2782) IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. [REDACTED] WAS LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD WHEN SHE SAW THE FOUR BLACK AMERICANS. ONE PASSED HER, ABOUT TEN METERS AWAY, WHILE HE WAS LEADING OXEN INTO THE XUONG MAU POND. THE THREE OTHER AMERICANS WERE STANDING WITH FOUR VIETNAMESE GUARDS ABOUT 20 METERS FROM [REDACTED] THE GUARDS CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE AMERICANS AS BLACK WITH THICK LIPS AND CURLY HAIR. THEY WERE ALL OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE AND HAD BEARDS. THEY WERE TALL AND THIN. THEY WORE BLUE UNIFORMS AND THE SHIRTS HAD TIE STRINGS INSTEAD OF BUTTONS. THEY DID NOT WEAR HATS AND THE AMERICAN CLOSEST TO HER WORE NO SHOES. [REDACTED] POKE TO THE AMERICAN WHO PASSED BY HER ASKING IN VIETNAMESE "WHY DON'T YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY?" THE AMERICAN RESPONDED IN POOR ACCENTED VIETNAMESE THAT "WE CAN'T GO BACK, WE MUST STAY HERE AND WORK." THE GUARDS CHASED [REDACTED] AWAY. [REDACTED] HAS GONE TO THE XUONG MAU POND THREE TO FIVE TIMES SINCE BUT HAS NOT SEEN THE AMERICANS AGAIN.

B. [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] OTHER [REDACTED] FROM HER AREA. THERE WERE [REDACTED] GROUP AND EVERYONE SAW THE AMERICANS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT THERE IS ALSO A BLACK AMERASIAN CHILD, ABOUT 18 YEARS OLD, LIVING IN THE AREA WHO IS ALSO AWARE OF THE FOUR BLACK AMERICANS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] IS ILLITERATE. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY XUONG MAU ON THE MAP AND HAS NO UNDERSTANDING OF DISTANCES. EVEN HER METHOD OF ASSESSING TIME IS UNCLEAR. THE TIME FRAME OF THE SIGHTING WAS ABOUT "KHMER TET." (IN APRIL) [REDACTED] RESIDES IN [REDACTED] IS VERY NERVOUS TALKING ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. SHE IS NOT A FLUENT VIETNAMESE SPEAKER AND A FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW WOULD DEMAND PATIENCE. [REDACTED] AT TIMES SEEMS TO CHANGE THE DETAILS OF HER STORY, BUT THE CHANGES ARE APPARENTLY DUE TO HER LESS THAN FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE LANGUAGE. [REDACTED] IS VERY CONVINCING DUE TO HER SIMPLICITY. [REDACTED] DID MENTION THAT SHE DID NOT WANT TO TELL

THIS STORY AS SHE WAS AFRAID PEOPLE WOULD GO TO THE XUONG MAU AREA TO RECHECK, NOT FIND THE AMERICANS, AND THINK SHE WAS A LIAR. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE PEOPLE WERE LOOKING FOR AMERICANS IN HER COUNTRY.)

6. [REDACTED]

7. DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED] ALL SECRET [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI 28 JANUARY 1973

SUBJECT DOWNING OF TWO U.S. CREWMEN AND JET AIRCRAFT

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (12 JUNE 1974)

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1. AT ABOUT 0700 HOURS ON 28 JANUARY 1973, TWO CREWMEN BAILED OUT OF A U.S. F-4H JET FIGHTER BOMBER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN OVER TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN), BY 12.8MM ANTIAIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) UNIT. ONE CREWMAN, IN A RED PARACHUTE, WAS CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG (VC) TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE GUERRILLA UNIT AFTER LANDING. HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT THIGH. THE OTHER CREWMAN, WHO BAILED OUT IN A WHITE PARACHUTE, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING HIS DESCENT.

2. THE SURVIVOR AND THE BODY OF HIS COMPATRIOT LANDED AT LUONG KIM HAMLET (YD333650), TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, AND THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE SEA. THE

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

WOUNDED CREWMAN WAS BANDAGED AND ESCORTED ON FOOT TO THE  
COMMAND SECTION OF THE VC TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT UNIT AT GIA  
DO HAMLET (YD279635), TRIEU DO VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT,  
BY TWO SOLDIERS OF THE VC TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE GUERRILLA UNIT.  
HE STAYED IN THE HAMLET UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING WHEN HE WAS  
TAKEN ON FOOT TO THE SECURITY SECTION OF THE VC QUANG TRI  
PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE. DURING HIS OVERNIGHT STAY IN THE  
HAMLET, THE CREWMAN WAS PROVIDED WITH MEDICAL CARE, CHINESE  
CANNED FOOD AND A SET OF BLACK PAJAMAS. THE CREWMAN WAS A  
CAUCASIAN AND AN AIR FORCE COLONEL, WHO WAS BORN IN 1935,  
MARRIED AND HAD TWO CHILDREN. HE WAS ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL,  
WEIGHED ABOUT 70 KILOS AND HAD CREWCUT BLOND HAIR, A THIN  
FACE AND HEAVY EYEBROWS. HE HAD JUST COME TO VIETNAM  
AND WAS ON HIS FIRST FLYING MISSION.

3. THE DECEASED CREWMAN WAS ALSO CAUCASIAN. HIS BODY WAS  
BURIED AT THE SITE OF LANDING BY MEMBERS OF THE VC TRIEU  
PHUOC VILLAGE GUERRILLA UNIT.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SEEMED TO BE UNWILLING TO  
GUIDE A SEARCH PARTY BACK INTO THE AREA BECAUSE OF FEAR OF  
POSSIBLE VC REPRISAL. HE SAID THAT ANY MEMBERS OF THE VC

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TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE GUERRILLA UNIT WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE THE BURIAL SITE OF THE DEAD CREWMAN. [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE VOLUMES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE AS RESEMBLING THE SURVIVING CREWMAN.)

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON THE PRECEDING REPORT. "THIS REPORT DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING NAVY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WERE FLYING AN F4J ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER SVN. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ON 27 JANUARY 1973. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED IN DEBRIEFING THAT HE THOUGHT HIS CREWMEMBER WAS KILLED WHILE DESCENDING IN HIS PARACHUTE. WHEN HE ASKED THE NVA GUARD ABOUT HIS CREWMEMBER, THEY INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS DEAD. [REDACTED] WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT LEG DURING DESCENT. [REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN A RELEASED STATUS; [REDACTED] IS CARRIED IN A CAPTURED, CONFIRMED STATUS."

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6. [REDACTED] DISSEMI DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE

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