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TUYEN DUC PROVINCE AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE 810TH NVA MF  
BATTALION

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SUMMARY--PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE VIET CONG /VC/ IN TUYEN DUC PROVINCE WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES--THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS, ALLIED AND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM /ARVN/ SOLDIERS, AND GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM /GVN/ OFFICIALS. THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS, WHOSE BACKGROUNDS AND REASONS FOR BEING IN VIETNAM WERE INVESTIGATED BY THE VARIOUS VC INFRASTRUCTURE /VCI/ MEMBERS IN WHOSE JURISDICTION THEY LIVED, USUALLY WERE RELEASED UNHARMED. ALLIED PERSONNEL AND ARVN SOLDIERS USUALLY WERE RETAINED IN PRISONER OF WAR /POW/ STATUS. GVN OFFICIALS WERE GIVEN WARNINGS BY VCI MEMBERS AND ASKED TO ACCOMMODATE THE VC--IF THESE WARNINGS WERE IGNORED, THEY WERE EXECUTED. THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS, ALLIED PERSONNEL AND ARVN SOLDIERS WERE NOT EXECUTED UNLESS SPECIFIC ORDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM VC MILITARY REGION 6 /MR-6/ HEADQUARTERS. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ 810TH MAIN FORCE /MF/ BATTALION PROVIDED THE DETENTION AND COURT FACILITIES FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS CAPTURED BY THE VC IN TUYEN DUC PROVINCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL PERSONS DETAINED BY THE VC IN TUYEN DUC PROVINCE, EITHER BY INTENTION OR CHANCE ENCOUNTER, WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES--THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS, ALLIED AND ARVN SOLDIERS, AND GVN OFFICIALS. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THE DETAINEES WERE BASED UPON THESE CATEGORIES.

2. CHANCE ENCOUNTERS WHICH RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS REQUIRED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL BE DETAINED WITH MINIMUM DURESS, DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE, SUCH AS RESISTANCE BY THE INDIVIDUAL, OR THE NATURE OF THE INCIDENT WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE CAPTURE. THE POSSESSION OF ARMS, CONCEALED OR NOT, HAD NO EFFECT UPON THE TREATMENT OF THE CAPTIVE, AS MOST CIVILIANS CARRIED WEAPONS. UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED MEDICAL

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TREATMENT, HE WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE 810TH NVA MF BATTALION SECURITY SECTION FOR INTERROGATION. [ ] THE PERSON WAS QUESTIONED AND HIS POSSESSIONS AND DOCUMENTS WERE EXAMINED. HE WAS REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AS WELL AS HIS REASON FOR BEING IN VIETNAM. IF HE WAS FROM THE LOCAL AREA, THE 810TH NVA BATTALION SECURITY SECTION FORWARDED THE RESULTS OF THE INTERROGATION TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OR THE DALAT CITY COMMITTEE, DEPENDING ON WHERE HE LIVED. THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE ASSISTED THE INVESTIGATION BY CONTACTING VCI MEMBERS, WHO DETERMINED THE VALIDITY OF THE PRISONER'S EXPLANATION, RESIDENCE, OFFICE ADDRESS AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA. IF THE PERSON WAS FROM A DISTANT CITY, THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE CONTACTED VC MR-6 HEADQUARTERS, WHICH IN TURN CONTACTED THAT CITY COMMITTEE FOR IT TO CONTACT ITS CITY UNITS OF VCI. THE 810TH BATTALION USED A CHINESE COMMUNIST-MANUFACTURED RADIO SET, MODEL 102E, TO CONTACT THE PROVINCE COMMITTEE, VC MR-6 HEADQUARTERS, AND THE DALAT CITY COMMITTEE. /FIELD COMMENT-- [ ] [ ] WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH HIGHER LEVEL NOR LATERAL LEVEL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES OR PROCEDURES.

VC MR-6 INCLUDES GVN BINH TUY, LAM DONG, BINH THUAN, NINH THUAN AND TUYEN DUC PROVINCES. / THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THE DISPOSITION OF THE PRISONER. ALL THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS WHEN ARRESTED WERE CONSIDERED PRISONERS OF WAR /POW/, BUT PROOF OF CIVILIAN STATUS AND CORRECTNESS OF EXPLANATIONS COULD REVERT THEM TO A STATUS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THEY COULD BE RELEASED. THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR THEIR DETENTION WAS BASED

PRIMARILY UPON THE TIME THE VCI NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE THEIR CLAIMS. IF THE EXPLANATION WAS DISPROVED AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PERSON WAS ENGAGED IN MILITARY OR POLITICAL DUTIES, HE WAS RETAINED IN THE STATUS OF A POW AND PROCESSED ACCORDINGLY. A PROVISION EXISTED FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS, BASED UPON AN ORDER FROM VC MR-6 OR A HIGHER COMMAND. SPECIFIC ORDERS EXISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIRD COUNTRY CIVILIANS WERE NOT TO BE EXECUTED UNLESS

THE ORDER FOR EXECUTION WAS RECEIVED. /FIELD COMMENT-- [ ] KNEW OF NO SUCH EXECUTIONS./

3. ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ARVN SOLDIERS WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES, BASED UPON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE CAPTURED OR HAD SURRENDERED. ALL WERE CONSIDERED POW'S, BUT THOSE WHO HAD SURRENDERED RECEIVED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE 810TH BATTALION. /FIELD COMMENT-- HONG DID NOT KNOW IF THIS DISTINCTION WAS MADE BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF THE 810TH. SEE CS-311/00093-71 WHICH DESCRIBED THE TREATMENT AND QUESTIONING OF AN AMERICAN POW WHO WAS CAPTURED IN TUYEN DUC PROVINCE./ THE PRISONERS WERE NOT TO BE EXECUTED UNLESS VC MR-6 SO ORDERED.

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4. GVN OFFICIALS WERE SPOTTED FOR WARNINGS, KIDNAPPING OR EXECUTION BY THE VCI IN THEIR AREA. THE LOCAL VCI COULD RECOMMEND THE NAME OF A GVN OFFICIAL TO A LOCAL ACTION ARROW TEAM /AAT/ WHICH THEN PLACED THE NAME ON A BLACK LIST. THE AAT CONTACTED THE DALAT CITY COMMITTEE FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION AS TO PUNISHMENT FOR THE GVN OFFICIAL. A NEWLY-EMPLOYED GVN OFFICIAL WAS GIVEN A WRITTEN OR ORAL WARNING TO TERMINATE HIS EMPLOYMENT OR TO ACCOMMODATE THE VC. GVN OFFICIALS WITH TWO OR THREE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AND THOSE WHO DISREGARDED THE WARNINGS WERE KIDNAPPED FOR INDOCTRINATION. GVN OFFICIALS WHO CONTINUED TO DISREGARD THE INDOCTRINATION OR THE VCI INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE ORDERED EXECUTED. ORDERS WERE SENT FROM THE DALAT CITY COMMITTEE TO THE PROPER AAT FOR EXECUTION. IF THE GVN OFFICIAL DID NOT RESIDE WITHIN THE DALAT CITY COMMITTEE AREA, THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE SERVED THE NOTICE. ALL AAT AND VCI MEMBERS WERE ORDERED NOT TO ENGAGE IN EXECUTION OR KIDNAPPING WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

5. EXECUTIONS WERE USED AS A PUNISHMENT FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY VC AND MEMBERS OF THE NVA. THE 810TH BATTALION SERVED AS A COURT, BUT THE FINAL DECISION IN CAPITAL CASES RESTED WITH VC MR-6 HEADQUARTERS. /FIELD COMMENT-- [ ] SAID HE HAD NEVER KNOWN OF AN EXECUTION NOR OF OFFENSES COMMITTED THAT HAD BEEN PUNISHABLE BY EXECUTION./

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6. FIELD DISSEM-- STATE, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, DIR/JUSPAO /MR. NICKEL ONLY/, 7TH AIR FORCE, USARV, NAVFORV, 525TH MI GP, 6499 SAG, OSI, CINCPAC, PACFLT, PACAF, ARPAC [ ] [ ]

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