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S U M M A R Y

During July 1965, just prior to his departure for infiltration of South Vietnam (SVN), the Source talked with his friend, [redacted]. The conversation took place in TAY SON Village, LAP THACH District, VINH PHUC Province, NVN, where both men were born and raised. They were neighbors in the village and have known each other for many years. [redacted] disclosed that he was employed as an English-Vietnamese language interpreter with the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) High Command and that he was engaged in supporting NVA interrogations of UNITED STATES prisoners of war. [redacted] identified Major SUMICO and Captains KENNY and PATTO (all names phonetic). The prisoners were interrogated on their family backgrounds, their units, and their ranks and positions. The prisoners' conditions of confinement were not onerous. They were well fed and received the best quality cigarettes. Captain KENNY was required to write and sign a paper setting forth his opinions about the war. He was then presented at a press conference and answered questions on this subject.

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1. During July 1965, [] a long-time friend of the Source, stated to the Source that he was employed in a civilian capacity as an English-Vietnamese language interpreter by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) High Command and that his duties included support of NVA interrogations of UNITED STATES prisoners of war. These prisoners were interned in HANOI and were interrogated there. The exact locations of the detention area and of the prison area were not known. Little, if any, coercion was employed by the North Vietnamese to obtain information from the prisoners. The latter were free to walk about inside the interrogation detention area (which was an open area). Following their interrogations, the prisoners were sent to a prison area by car and were shown around HANOI. They were not put in prison during the period of interrogation. The prisoners could not eat Vietnamese food and so were given bread and chicken soup to eat. Best quality cigarettes were bought for them. The chief topics of interrogation were the family background of the prisoners, their military units, and their ranks and positions.
2. [] identified Major SUMICO (whom he described as a prospective astronaut awaiting assignment and as the holder of the PH.D. degree in Mathematics), Captains PATTO (Field Comment: this name may be the Vietnamese version of "PATTON") and KENNY, and an officer described as a Lieutenant-Colonel and member of the UNITED STATES Seventh Fleet (Field Comment: the insignias of rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and of Naval Commander are silver oak leaves). [] stated that Captain KENNY at first stated that he could not, according to the terms of the 1949 GENEVA Convention, disclose important (i.e., secret) information. His captors then showed him Socialist-Bloc newspapers and magazines dealing with the war and asked him to write a paper about his views and opinions on the war. He wrote such a paper and signed it. Later, Captain KENNY was presented to a press conference and answered questions on this subject. [] stated that the Lieutenant-Colonel (sic) gave complete information concerning the organization and equipment of the UNITED STATES Seventh Fleet.

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Attachment 1

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TAY SON VILLAGE.

- 1. TAY SON Village (formerly called CHU DE Hamlet: WJ 495 595) is composed of ten hamlets:

BAO SON	PHAN KHOI
TUONG THANH	NGOC VI
TU DO	THAI BINH
KIEN THIET	TUNG KIEN
TIEN PHONG	HI QUOC

- 2. TIEN PHONG Hamlet [] is populated by 54 families. One main dirt street cut through the hamlet. Most houses were made of brick, while some were made of thatch. The houses are not numbered.

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TAY - SON Village
& 2 Kilometers

3 meters wide
dirt ox cart street

1 meter wide
dirt street

1 meter wide
dirt street

1 meter wide
dirt street

Rice field

POND

20m

LEGEND:

- ⊙ Residence Areas
- ∨∨ Rice Field
- ⊕ Bamboo Trees

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