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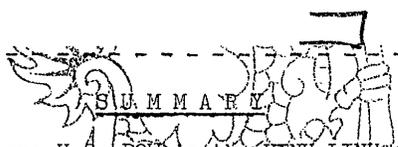
COUNTRY : NORTH VIETNAM (NVN)
SUBJECT : Sighting of one U.S. POW in
VINH LINH Area, NVN
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Source saw and spoke with one U.S. POW in the VINH LINH Area of NVN in mid-September 1967. He was also shown a picture of the POW's family. The POW appeared to be in good health, and in conversation with Source (which was conducted through an accompanying interpreter) he criticized the U.S. for sending troops to SVN and stated that the U.S. people did not support the war in SVN.

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1. Source saw one U.S. POW in the VINH LINH Area in mid-September 1967, while infiltrating SVN. Source talked to the POW, and the three guards, and the interpreter accompanying the POW. All of the latter were heading in a northerly direction. The conversation lasted for about 20 minutes.
2. Source doesn't know the POW's name, and the green fatigue the POW was wearing had no rank or insignia on it. Source was shown a black and white picture of the POW's family by one of the guards. The picture showed the POW's wife and two sons (one boy appeared about to be about seven years old, and the other boy (carried by his mother and nude) appeared about one year old).
3. The POW was not tied or blindfolded. He had blond hair, was over six feet tall and was heavy (estimate over 100 kilos) but not fat. The POW was wearing regular U.S. boots; he had no scars, was not wounded, and appeared to be in good health and spirits. (The POW was walking fast and singing when first observed by Source).
4. Source was told by one of the guards that the POW had been captured on National Route 9 in SVN. Source and other members of his infiltration group were allowed to talk to the POW through the interpreter) but were not allowed to ask questions about the military situation in SVN. The POW answered their questions, and said: the U.S. people did not want their sons to fight and die in SVN, and were demonstrating against the U.S. Government; that he had received very good treatment since being captured; and that he (the POW) felt pity for the Vietnamese people because of the many hardships connected with the war, and their heroic action in trying to overcome these hardships.
5. One guard told Source that there were over 300 U.S. POW's in NVN, and another guard told Source that only "important" POW's were taken to NVN. Most GVN POW's were kept in SVN, although some were taken to NVN.
6. The guards, interpreter, and the POW were walking. Source has no information on POW camps in NVN, and has never heard about rewards for helping U.S. POW's escape. Source did not know if GVN/U.S. POW's were kept together.

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