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COUNTRY : SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN)

SUBJECT : U.S. Prisoners of War Observed  
in BINH DINH Province.

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While traveling north with his unit in late December 1966, Source observed a group of prisoners traveling in the same direction. He only saw two American, one Caucasian and one Negro. In conversation with his comrades, he learned that there were about 20 American prisoners in the group and that they were neither bound nor blindfolded, and they had heavy beards.

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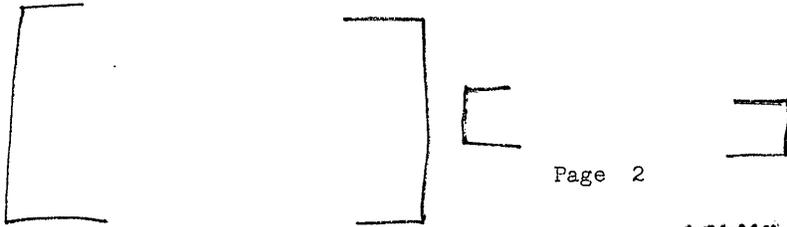
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1. Late in December 1966 at about 0600 hours while traveling with Company 1, Battalion 3, Regiment 2, YELLOW STAR Division, Source observed a group of prisoners which included one American Caucasian and one American Negro soldier at approximate coordinates BY 520940. The prisoners and Source's unit were traveling north.
2. Source's Deputy Company Commander told him to hurry up and catch up with the rest of his unit, and he could not remain in the area to observe the group of prisoners. He saw two guards that preceded the prisoners who were armed with submachineguns. When Source caught up with his unit he learned from a conversation with his comrades that there were about 20 Americans in the group. They all had thick beards and wore straw hats and rubber Sandals. The clothes they were wearing appeared too small for them because of their large builds. The prisoners were not blind-folded or bound. Source had no idea of how the Americans were treated but did not think that it was a disgrace to be captured on the battlefield. Source would have liked to have observed the Americans and to have talked to them, but he did not want to harass them.



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