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SUBJECT: Detention of Two Caucasians, Apparently
Americans, and One Japanese in the Bien Hoa
Area of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

[REDACTED]
Attached as of possible interest to you is a report [REDACTED] in early
1982, who reported that two Caucasian prisoners, possibly Americans,
and one Japanese were detained in the Bien Hoa area of the Socialist
Republic of Vietnam as of August 1975 - April 1976 and December 1978 -
November 1980.

cc: D/DDI State/EAP DOD NSA
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Attachment: Report as stated

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF TWO CAUCASIANS, APPARENTLY AMERICANS, IN THE BIEN HOA AREA IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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2. AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN 16 DECEMBER 1978 AND 13 NOVEMBER 1980, A WHITE CAUCASIAN, APPARENTLY AMERICAN, MALE WAS SEEN AT THE B-5 POLITICAL PRISONER CAMP IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE, SRV. THE INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED] WAS USUALLY SEEN IN THE COMPANY OF A JAPANESE MALE PRISONER. BOTH PRISONERS WERE KEPT IN CELL 7 AT THE CAMP AND WERE LATER TRANSFERRED TO CELL 11. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE B-5 POLITICAL PRISONER CAMP HAD ABOUT 1,500 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND MOST KNEW THE CAUCASIAN WAS NAMED [REDACTED] BECAUSE HE WAS FREQUENTLY CALLED OUT BY THAT NAME BY GUARDS AT THE CAMP. THE CAUCASIAN WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET, NINE INCHES IN HEIGHT, AND HAD BROWN HAIR. HE HAS BEEN DETAINED AT THE PRISON CAMP SINCE APRIL 1975. BOTH THE CAUCASIAN AND THE JAPANESE PRISONERS WERE KEPT SEPARATED FROM VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AND WERE NOT PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO ANYONE. THE PRISONER [REDACTED] OFTEN WAS IN THE CAMP'S EXERCISE YARD CLAD ONLY IN SHORTS. HE APPEARED TO BE MENTALLY DERANGED. THE JAPANESE PRISONER, WHO WAS ABOUT 40 YEARS OF AGE, HAD BEEN DETAINED AT THE CAMP SINCE 1975. OCCASIONALLY, VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST MONKS FROM VINH NGHIEU PAGODA IN HO CHI MINH CITY VISITED THE JAPANESE PRISONER AND BROUGHT HIM EXTRA FOOD. [REDACTED]

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3. BETWEEN AUGUST 1975 AND APRIL 1976, A CAUCASIAN MALE, APPARENTLY AN AMERICAN, WAS BEING HELD AT BIEN HOA MENTAL HOSPITAL, IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE, SRV. THE INDIVIDUAL WENT UNDER THE NAME OF [REDACTED] WHILE AT THE INSTITUTE, HE WORE THE NAVY BLUE UNIFORM WORN BY THE INSTITUTE'S PATIENTS, ALONG WITH RUBBER SANDALS. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ABOUT 33 YEARS OLD APPROXIMATELY

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SIX FEET TALL, AND WORE A HEAVY BEARD. HE REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN AN "AGRICULTURAL GRADUATE" IN THE U.S. AND HAD WORKED FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED U.S. VOLUNTARY AGENCY IN SOUTH VIETNAM BEFORE APRIL 1975.