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DIST 13 FEBRUARY 1973

COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI: 8-9 FEBRUARY 1973

SUBJECT: PLANS OF THE VC DUY XUYEN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE VC QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE FOR THE RELEASE OF U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS OF WAR

ACQ: VIETNAM, DANANG (12 FEBRUARY 1973) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE:

1. AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN HAMLET NO. 3, AKA PHU NAM TAY HAMLET (AT998492), ON 9 FEBRUARY 1973 OF THE VIET CONG (VC) DUY XUYEN DISTRICT COMMITTEE, VC QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE (QDSZ), CHAIRMAN NGUYEN VAN D U O N G, AKA NGUYEN D U O N G,

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BRIEFED HIS SECTION CHIEFS AND CADRE ON A VC QDSZ DIRECTIVE DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1973 PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR. ACCORDING TO THIS DIRECTIVE, THERE ARE 491 PRISONERS OF WAR, INCLUDING 28 AMERICANS, WHO ARE TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT HON COC MOUNTAIN (AT998464) IN WESTERN DUY XUYEN DISTRICT, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE VC QDSZ COMMITTEE. THESE PRISONERS ARE AMONG THOSE CAPTURED BY VC QDSZ MILITARY UNITS BETWEEN 1966 AND 1972. THE 491 PRISONERS ARE TO BE MOVED ON 12 FEBRUARY TO THE VC QDSZ HEADQUARTERS AND FROM THERE TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE, WHERE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR EVENTUAL RELEASE. THE U.S. PRISONERS ARE TO CONTINUE ON TO HANOI FOR RELEASE THERE. EACH DISTRICT OF THE VC QDSZ IS TO FURNISH 14 CADRE TO ESCORT THE PRISONERS TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE. [REDACTED] DUONG DID NOT DISCLOSE THE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: VC QDSZ INCLUDES DANANG AND MOST OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) QUANG NAM PROVINCE. VC DUY XUYEN DISTRICT INCLUDES GVN DUY XUYEN AND PARTS OF GVN HIEU NHON AND DUC DUC DISTRICTS. THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE VC QDSZ WAS NOT DISCLOSED, BUT SOME ELEMENTS OF IT ARE LOCATED NEAR ZC134431 IN WESTERN GVN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.)

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2. IN ADDITION, DUONG STATED THAT THERE ARE 47 SICK AND WOUNDED SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT AT TWO HOSPITALS IN THE VC DUY XUYEN DISTRICT. THESE 47 PRISONERS ARE TO BE CARRIED TO THE VC QDSZ HEADQUARTERS BY SOME 80 LABORERS, WHO ARE TO ASSEMBLE AT THE VC DUY XUYEN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ON THE MORNING OF 12 FEBRUARY FOR THIS TASK. THE 47 PRISONERS WILL THEN PROCEED TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS.

3. ON THE NIGHT OF 8 FEBRUARY 1973, CADRE OF THE VC DUY XUYEN DISTRICT SECURITY SECTION KILLED 16 SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT VINH TRINH DAM (AT963495) IN DUY XUYEN DISTRICT AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED TO THE VC QDSZ THAT THEY HAD DIED OF ILLNESS.

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