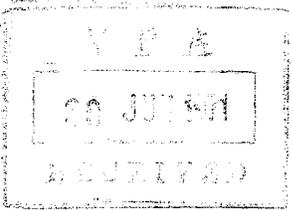


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FOR THE RECORD

FROM : PM/VTE
SUBJECT : PM visit of Jerome De Bruin.

I was visited last week by Jerome De Bruin, the brother of our missing employee, Eugene De Bruin.

Jerome was a soft spoken, but impressive young man who seemed to have a very persistent, but patient air about him.

We discussed the purpose of his visit, to gather information concerning his bother's whereabouts. He felt a trip to re-establish interest and contacts, and to visit the area personally was in order. We discussed the history of the case and our latest efforts to gain information regarding Eugene's status. He was extremely knowledgeable regarding all phases of Eugene's status - much more so than myself, I might add. He does have sources, other than the Company and U.S. Government, he has established contact with, but declined to discuss in detail the who and where's specifically as he, understandably so, did not want to compromise any sources he was developing.

Jerome contacted Prisidi in Udorn and "spent a productive day with him" discussing Prisidi's last contacts with Eugene. To my knowledge Jerome contacted the U.S. Embassy, the P.L. Compound and the N.V.A. Consul. He learned nothing new from any of them. He also expressed his belief that the U.S. Government would not make any efforts to secure the release of, or issuance of information regarding Eugene even though he maintains a civilian status. He feels any attempts through U.S. Government channels will continue to be futile.

He was impressed, I'm sure, at the interest shown individually by myself and several other employees, who knew Eugene personally. It at least reassured him that Eugene was not forgotten and that even though the chances are bad, efforts are still being made.

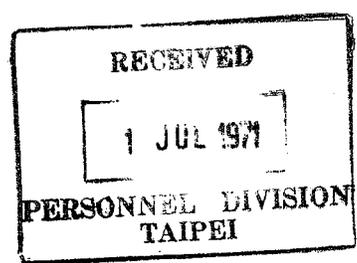
He stated that recently he has heard was that Eugene was alive and in "fair" health in 1968 (again declining to discuss details). Our latest knowledge was at the time of Prisidi's escape in 1967.

He said if he learnd any-thing new, he would drop back in before he left, but I have not seen him since our first visit and assume he has left Vientiane.

Mr. De Bruin has not been discouraged with the seven year time element. He appears determined in his efforts to continue to print pamphlets (attached), write letters all over the world, and chase down any little clue that per chance might end in the release of his brother.

As a footnote I might add here that Mssr. Ducret, our Company retained lawyer, has been asked by Mr. De Bruin to delve into his sources, for possible new information. I learned of this relationship some months ago while chatting with Ducret. He has offered a reward, but has heard nothing of significance.

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In other avenues of approach to gaining information only one has proved even "promising". My source, (whose name he requests be withheld from any mention) is a personal friend of Soth Pethrasy the P.L. Representative and Prince Souphanouvong the P.L. Leader. I gave the personal particulars to "the source" and he later passed them to Soth Pethrasy during a casual conversation. Pethrasy looked through the list and handed back two sheets of paper to "TS" (the source) with the comment, "These two are dead - killed resisting arrest." The names of the two were Eugene De Bruin and Y. C. To, both together in 1967 during the escape of Prisidi. However, our source gained the impression that Pethrasy inferred the deaths occurred at the time of the accident.

Jerome discounted this completely because he claims to have information that Eugene was OK in 1968. So even with that bit of confusion or misinformation from Pethrasy the important factor still exists - we have an individual on speaking terms with the Chief of the Bad Guys who is willing to ask questions for us. He has promised that the next time the Prince or his Envoy is in town, he will approach them in like manner.

Our attempts to deliver packages have been rejected by the U.S. Embassy, the International Red Cross as the P.L. Representative refuse to accept packages. one possible solution might be to send them to Hongkong who should in turn mail them to Sam Neua or Hanoi.

We have some other ideas floating around but nothing substantial enough for mention now. You will be kept advised should anything further develop.



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