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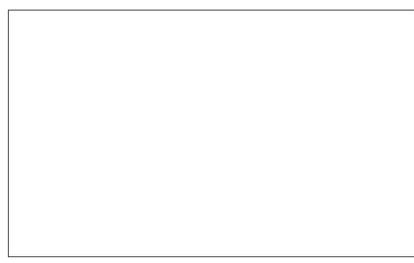
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Chicom and Soviet Medical Personnel Alleged Working in VC Regional Level Hospital: [redacted] a VC Regional level hospital in (VC) Camau was staffed with 80 nurses and 10 doctors, including six or seven Chinese doctors and three Russian doctors. The hospital consisted of two rows of small huts with a capacity of 200 beds, a surgical capability, and was equipped with Chinese medical equipment including an X-ray machine. The Russians operated the X-ray machine. The hospital was guarded by a VC Company of 100 men. During one six month period the hospital reportedly was moved to within half a day's walk of its original location. Personnel requiring hospitalization were certified by their local District committee. [redacted]

Comment: The Regional (District) level VC hospitals are generally capable of being moved when necessary, although they are not described as "mobile". Bed capacities have been reported from 10 to nearly 100 beds. Hospitals with 200 beds or more are generally listed as Provincial or Zone hospitals. Regional hospitals appear to function mostly as recuperation centers and dispensaries, and are generally not equipped with surgical facilities.

[redacted] a comrade [redacted] received six months of treatment in the facility described above. While this is consistent with the known function of Regional hospitals, the size of the facility and the surgical capability is not. It is more likely that the hospital described is actually a Zone level unit.

The presence of Chinese and Soviet medical personnel in VC medical facilities has been reported but is unconfirmed. If such personnel are operating in SVN, it is likely that they would be in the most secure installations and these would probably be on the VC Zone level. The statement that the Russians "operated the X-ray machine" suggests that they more likely would be X-ray technicians than physicians. Chinese doctors, if present, may represent both technicians for operating and maintaining the Chinese equipment and surgeons for the surgical facility. [redacted]