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SUBJECT Two American Prisoners of War observed at school on
Bo Song Street, Hanoi City.

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1. In early July 1968, I observed two U.S. Prisoners of War (POW) sitting in a schoolyard (HJ80112708) on Bo Song Street. (Field Comment: Old name was Yen Phu street in Hanoi.) The two POWs were kept behind the school gate and were seated on a bench, at a table facing to Bo Song street. Cigarettes and refreshment drinks were on the table. Four North Vietnamese Policemen guarded them. (Field Comment: Map Series #L909, Edition: 3, Vietnam Cities map, Hanoi, Scale 1:12,500).

2. The two POWs were caucasians. One appeared to be more than 40 years old and the other about 25 years old.

Wearing his military uniform, approached the policemen and asked who the POWs were. They answered that the more than 40 years old POW was shot down in Ngho An Province, North Vietnam, in May or June 1968 and that he was a Lieutenant Colonel. They said the younger POW was a Pilot Lieutenant who was shot down in Quang Binh Province but did not know when. According to the Policeman, those two POWs had refused to make a statement and, therefore, the Police were keeping them isolated for interrogation. They were to be kept at the school temporarily, for interrogation, and once completed, they were to be taken somewhere else (unspecified). I did not know how long the POWs had been at the school or where they were to be moved next.

3. The Lieutenant Colonel had blond hair, blue eyes, and grew a long beard. The lieutenant had greyish black hair, blue eyes, and also had a long beard. (Field Comment:

could not estimate their height or weight because they were seated.) Both POWs wore white shirts, blue pants, and rubber sandals. (Field Comment: I had seen two prisoners of war and missing in action in South East Asia, Volume I and Volume II of Postwarfare photographs, but we could not identify any of them.)

