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1. NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY REGIMENT 24, DIVISION 304,
 CAPTURED 12 AMERICAN SOLDIERS AFTER FIVE ENGAGEMENTS FROM
 MARCH THROUGH MAY 1966, IN KONTUM PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM.
 FOUR SOLDIERS WERE TAKEN NEAR NATIONAL ROUTE 14A IN TU MA
 DONG DISTRICT /A HIGHLAND NAME FOR THE TOUMOURONG AREA/
 THREE WERE CAPTURED IN DAK TO DISTRICT - THE REMAINING FIVE
 WERE CAUGHT IN MAY, THREE IN TU MA DONG DISTRICT ON 24-25
 MAY, AND TWO IN DISTRICT 80 FROM 28-31 MAY. CADRE LEADERS
 TOLD BATTALION 4, REGIMENT 24, THAT THE THREE PRISONERS OF WAR
 /POWS/ TAKEN DURING THE ATTACK ON TU MA DONG OUTPOST ON 24-25
 MAY WERE MEMBERS OF A RELIEF ELEMENT OF "U. S. AIRLIFT DIVISION
 ONE" WHICH HAD BEEN FLOWN INTO THE AREA BY HELICOPTERS
 AFTER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG /VC/ ATTACKED THE
 OUTPOST.

2. [REDACTED], BATTALION 4, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

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CAPTURE OF THE SOLDIERS IN DISTRICT 80 DURING THE 28-31
MAY PERIOD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE SOLDIERS WERE ALSO MEMBERS OF "U.S.
AIRLIFT DIVISION ONE," AND WORE PATCHES ON THEIR SLEEVES
WHICH RESEMBLED "THE BLADE OF A SWORD" AND "AN UPSIDE-DOWN
V." ONE OF THE POW'S WAS A BROWN-HAIRED CAUCASIAN. HE WAS
OVER SIX FEET TALL, WEIGHED LESS THAN 190 POUNDS AND HAD A
SKIN BLEMISH OR A SCAR ON ONE OF HIS CHEEKS. THE OTHER
POW WAS EITHER OF CAUCASIAN OR ORIENTAL DESCENT. ALTHOUGH
HE HAD A LARGE NOSE, HE HAD EYES "LIKE A VIETNAMESE." HIS
HAIR WAS DARK AND HIS EYES WERE BROWN - HE WAS OVER SIX FEET
TALL AND WEIGHED MORE THAN 200 POUNDS. HE WAS WOUNDED IN
HIS RIGHT ARM AND LEG, ALTHOUGH NOT CRITICALLY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - THE SOLDIERS HEARD THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS
WERE WOUNDED, BUT NO ONE KNEW HOW SERIOUSLY.

3. THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE POWS WAS NOT KNOWN.
VIET POLICY PROHIBITED THE DETENTION OF PRISONERS FOR MORE
THAN FIVE DAYS. IT WAS SURMISED THAT THE TWO SOLDIERS
CAPTURED IN DISTRICT 80 WOULD BE SENT EITHER TO NORTH VIETNAM

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OR TO A DETENTION CAMP IN VC MILITARY REGION V. CADRES
TOLD ~~REDACTED~~ BATTALION 4 THAT THERE WAS A POW CAMP IN
MILITARY REGION V WHICH CONTAINED OVER 300 U.S. PRISONERS.

4. REQUIREMENT REFERENCE - D-1E6-14883.

5. FIELD DISSEM - STATE USAID JUSPAD USMACV CORDS
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