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DATE DISTR. 27 MAY 1970

COUNTRY CAMBODIA  
DOI EARLY MAY 1970  
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (20 APRIL 1972) [REDACTED]

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1. IN EARLY MAY 1970 TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE SIGHTED NEAR THE TON LE SAN RIVER AT APPROXIMATELY XW870969, ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF STUNG TRENG CITY, STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THEY WERE BEING ESCORTED BY THREE ARMED VIET CONG (VC) SOLDIERS AND WERE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF SOUTHERN LAOS. THEY STOPPED FOR A REST ON A RIVER-BANK, AND [REDACTED] QUESTIONED THE ESCORTS CONCERNING THE POW'S CAPTURE. HE LEARNED THAT THEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED ABOUT SEVEN DAYS PREVIOUSLY AND HAD BEEN TRAVELING FOR FIVE DAYS ON THEIR WAY TO NORTH VIETNAM. NEITHER OF THEM WAS WOUNDED AND THEY APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT TIRED. THEY WERE NOT HANDCUFFED OR BLINDFOLDED. THE TWO PRISONERS WERE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FIRST PRISONER WAS A U.S. ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER (NCO), ABOUT 34 YEARS OLD, HEIGHT ABOUT 1.80 METERS, WEIGHT ABOUT 80 OR 90 KILOS, HEAVY BUILD, AND A SMALL TATTOO ON ONE ARM. [REDACTED] WAS NOT SURE WHICH ARM HAD THE TATTOO. THE PRISONER WAS DRESSED IN GREEN FATIGUES AND COMBAT BOOTS.

B. THE SECOND PRISONER WAS A NEWSMAN, ABOUT 37 YEARS OLD, HEIGHT ABOUT 1.90 METERS, WEIGHT ABOUT 80 OR 90 KILOS, OF MEDIUM BUILD AND HAD A HIGH FOREHEAD. [REDACTED] DID NOT ASK WHICH NEWS SERVICE HE REPRESENTED. THE PRISONER WAS DRESSED IN A WHITE, SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT, CIVILIAN SLACKS AND CIVILIAN SHOES.

2. [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY EITHER OF THE PRISONERS IN THE "PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SEA," PUBLISHED BY THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC). THIS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE JPRC, WHICH HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOURCE SAW THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED. A U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER CRASHED AT XU240009 ON 2 MAY 1970 WITH SEVEN PERSONNEL ON BOARD. FOUR OF THESE PERSONNEL ARE POW, AND THE STATUS OF THE OTHER THREE IS IN DOUBT."

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