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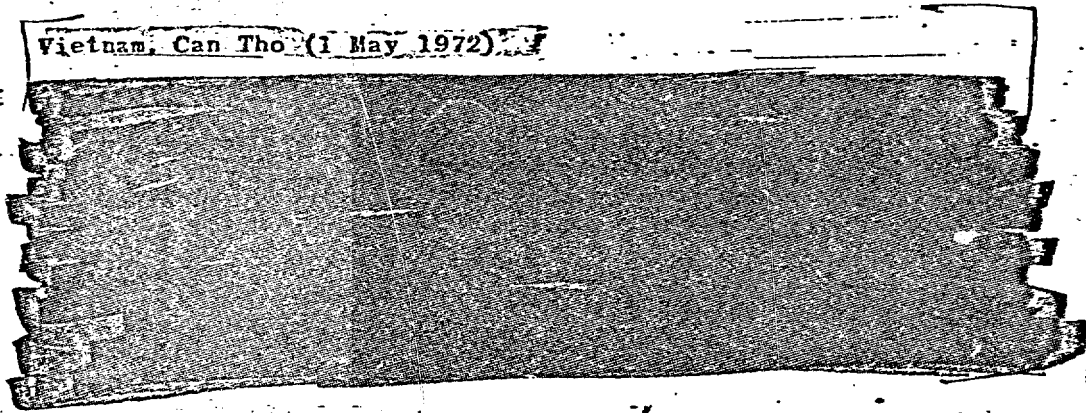
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SUBJECT Sighting of Two American Prisoners Held  
By the North Vietnamese Army in Prey  
Veng Province, Cambodia

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ACQ Vietnam, Can Tho (1 May 1972)

SOURCE



1. Comment: TDCS-314/02216-72 of 24 March 1972 reported the sighting of two American prisoners of war (POWs) held by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) in Prey Veng Province, Cambodia. The following additional observations were subsequently reported

2. The white POW appeared to be about 25 years old, was tall and thin, and had brown hair. He was wearing a lieutenant's insignia and a wrist watch. He was dressed in an olive drab uniform which had two pockets on the shirt and two pockets on the trousers.

3. The black prisoner appeared to be more than 30 years old, had wavy hair and a heavy build. His rank was described as sergeant. His clothing was also olive drab in color, appeared to be made of nylon or a similar material, and had four pockets on the shirt and four pockets on the trousers. The shirt had a type of band across the back. He too was wearing a wrist watch.

4. The two Americans had reportedly been captured, along

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with five Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) prisoners, west of the bridge near Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on an unspecified date. A display of war trophies, including two light machine guns, one M-79 grenade launcher, four M-16 rifles, two belts of machine gun ammunition and a radio similar to a PRC-10, was being shown to the public in the area at the same time. The ARVN prisoners were said to have belonged to the ARVN 9th Division.

5. [REDACTED] Comment: The above information was shown to the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) which made the following comments: "The additional information is still not enough to make a correlation with known missing or captured in that general area. It is possible that the personnel sighted by source were part of a group which is suspected of being held in Cambodia. However, in the past, the POWs in that area have been kept in groups which varied from 11 to 14 men.")

6. [REDACTED] Dissem: Embassy USMACV USAID CORDS 7th Air Force USARV NAVFORV 525th MI Gp 1021 FAS OSI at Saigon: sent to CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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