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REPORT NO. CS-311/07153-71

DATE DIST. 10 OCTOBER 1971

COUNTRY - SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI - LATE JULY 1971

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SUBJECT - LOCATION OF VIET CONG MILITARY REGION 3 PRISON CAMP WITH 200 PRISONERS, INCLUDING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF AMERICANS

ACQ - VIETNAM CASE NO. 741 SEPTEMBER 1971

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1. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD IN JULY 1971 OF THE LOCATION OF A VIET CONG /VC/ PRISON CAMP IN KHANH LAM VILLAGE, (NEAR URB66290), THOI BINH DISTRICT, AN XUYEN PROVINCE, BY [REDACTED] OF THE SECURITY GUARD COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING THE CAMP. THE CAMP IS USED FOR BOTH U.S. AND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM /ARVN/ PRISONERS AND, AT THE PRESENT TIME, CONTAINS ABOUT 200 PRISONERS. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL U.S. PRISONERS IN THE CAMP, ONE OF WHOM HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN CAU KE DISTRICT, VINH BINH PROVINCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] TOLD HIM ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PRISONER BECAUSE [REDACTED] KNEW [REDACTED] WAS FROM VINH BINH PROVINCE./

2. [REDACTED] SAID THE PRISON CAMP IS ONE LARGE COMPLEX MADE UP OF A SERIES OF SMALLER CAMPS GROUPED TOGETHER. THE SMALL CAMPS ARE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER BY WIRE FENCING AND ARE GUARDED INDIVIDUALLY BY ONE OR TWO GUARDS EACH. THE CAMP WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED ABOUT JUNE 1970. EACH OF THE SMALL CAMPS CONTAINS SEVERAL THATCHED HUTS, EACH HOUSING A GROUP OF PRISONERS. THE PRISONERS ARE SHACKLED TOGETHER BY THEIR WRISTS. DURING THE DAY THE SHACKLES ARE REMOVED AND SOME OF THE PRISONERS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CAMP ON VARIOUS FOOD PROCUREMENT AND WORK DETAILS. WHEN THEY LEAVE THE CAMP, EACH THREE PRISONERS USUALLY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE GUARD.

3. EACH SMALL CAMP CONTAINS BETWEEN 15 AND 20 PRISONERS AND IS CALLED A "CELL." CELL A-1 IS FOR PRISONERS WHO ARE AWAITING INTERROGATION. A-2 IS FOR PRISONERS WHO ARE UNDER INTERROGATION. A-3 IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALMOST FINISHED WITH THE INTERROGATION PROCESS. A-4 IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE INTERROGATION PROCESS. A-5 IS FOR PRISONERS RECEIVING ADMINISTRATION. A-6 IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE

12 CELLS IN COMPLEX

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INDOCTRINATION PROCESS. THE OTHER SIX CELLS ARE DESIGNATED WITH THE LETTER "B" AND ARE FOR PRISONERS CONSIDERED READY FOR RELEASE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ONLY PRISONERS IN THE "B" CELLS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CAMP ON WORK DETAILS. ALL PRISONERS WEAR BLACK PAJAMAS REGARDLESS OF THEIR STAGE IN THE PROCESSING.

4. THE BUILDING USED AS A KITCHEN IS ABOUT 400 METERS FROM THE CELLS, THE LATRINE ABOUT 300 METERS FROM THE CELLS, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ABOUT 1000 METERS FROM THE CELLS AND 600 METERS FROM THE KITCHEN. THE CAMP STAFF HAS A SEPARATE KITCHEN AND LIVES IN HUTS AROUND THE EDGE OF THE CELLS. ALL SUPPLIES FOR THE CAMP COME FROM THE REAR SERVICES SECTION OF VC MILITARY REGION 3 /MR-3/. BREAKFAST IS COOKED BETWEEN 0500 AND 0600 HOURS AND SERVED AT 0800 HOURS, AND DINNER IS COOKED BETWEEN 1600 AND 1700 HOURS AND SERVED AT 1730 HOURS. LUNCH, WHICH CONSISTS OF BREAKFAST LEFTOVERS, IS SERVED AT 1200 HOURS. ALL PRISONERS ARE REQUIRED TO GO TO BED AT 2200 HOURS AND LIGHTS ARE EXTINGUISHED AT THAT TIME.

5. THE CAMP IS 15 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF HON DA RAC ISLAND /VR857420/ AND FIVE KILOMETERS INLAND FROM THE COAST OF THE GULF OF THAILAND. NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO COME CLOSER THAN A FEW KILOMETERS OF THE CAMP AND THERE IS A STRICT PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY OF THE TROOPS SHOOTING AT THE LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT FREQUENTLY SEEN IN THE AREA. THERE ARE EXTENSIVE MINE FIELDS AROUND THE CAMP TO PREVENT INCURSIONS BY ARVN UNITS INTO THE AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE MINE FIELDS, THERE IS ONE FULL STRENGTH COMPANY /CODE NAME HT.56S/ FROM THE MR-3 SECURITY SECTION WHICH PERFORMS BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL GUARD FUNCTIONS FOR THE CAMP. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THERE WERE 100 MEN IN THIS COMPANY AND THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WAS FULL STRENGTH.

6. THE CAMP COMMANDER IS NAM T U N G, A MEMBER OF THE MR-3 SECURITY SECTION. NGUYEN VAN A I, ALIAS HAI A I, IS IN CHARGE OF INTERROGATIONS AND IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY

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SECTION. ONE OF THE INTERROGATORS WORKING WITH AI IS  
HO VAN B I E N, ALIAS BA B I E N, ALSO FROM THE MR-3  
SECURITY SECTION. NAM THIEN, IN ADDITION TO COMMANDING THE  
GUARD COMPANY, IS ALSO THE CAMP POLITICAL OFFICER. THE CAMP HAS  
A CHINESE-MANUFACTURED 25 WATT RADIO FOR COMMUNICATION WITH  
MR-3 AND FIELD TELEPHONES FOR USE INSIDE THE CAMP.

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE JOINT PERSONNEL  
RECOVERY CENTER /JPRC/, THE LAYOUT OF THIS CAMP DIFFERS FROM  
THE LAYOUT OF OTHER REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR /POW/ CAMPS, AND  
NORMALLY POWS ARE NOT BUNCHED TOGETHER IN THE MANNER REPORTED,  
ESPECIALLY IF U.S. POWS ARE INVOLVED. JPRC RECORDS DO NOT LIST  
ANYONE MISSING IN ACTION FROM GROUND ACTIONS IN THIS AREA./

8. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, DIR/JUSPAO  
/MR. LINCOLN ONLY/, 7TH AIR FORCE, USARV, NAVFORV, 525TH  
MI GP, 1021ST FAS, OSI, CINCPAC, PACFLT, PACAF, ARPAC

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