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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI OCTOBER - EARLY NOVEMBER 1967

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF BODIES OF TWO U.S. SOLDIERS, SON HA DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

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ACC VIETNAM, SAIGON (22 MARCH 1973)

SOURCE

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1. IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1967, DOCTOR N G U Y E N (FNU),  
CHIEF OF THE VIET CONG (VC) B-21 DISPENSARY, QUANG NGAI  
PROVINCE UNIT, MILITARY REGION 5 (MR 5), TOLD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT IN OCTOBER 1967 HE HAD SENT TWO OF HIS MEN TO  
SEARCH FOR CANNED FOOD AT A U.S. ARTILLERY BASE WHICH HAD  
BEEN ABANDONED THE PREVIOUS DAY AND THE MEN REPORTED HAVING  
FOUND THE BODIES OF TWO NEGRO U.S. SOLDIERS AT THE BASE.  
NGUYEN'S SUBORDINATES SAID THE BODIES WERE LYING UNCOVERED  
IN TWO HOLLOW, AND THAT THEY HAD FOUND ABOUT 10 RUCKSACKS  
OF CANNED FOOD AND RETURNED TO THE DISPENSARY WITHOUT BURYING  
THE BODIES. ABOUT TEN DAYS LATER, SOME MONTAGNARD GUERRILLAS  
CAME TO THE DISPENSARY AND SAID THEY HAD ALSO FOUND THE  
BODIES AND HAD BURIED THEM ON THE SPOT IN UNMARKED GRAVES.

2. NGUYEN TOLD [REDACTED] THE ABANDONED ARTILLERY BASE WAS  
FROM TWO TO FIVE KILOMETERS DISTANCE FROM THE B-21 DISPENSARY,

[REDACTED]

WHICH WAS LOCATED NEAR BS475611 ON DA VACH MOUNTAIN, SON HA DISTRICT. HE ALSO SAID THE U.S. ARTILLERY UNIT HAD MOVED INTO THE BASE TO SUPPORT A JOINT U.S./ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OPERATION IN SON HA DISTRICT, BUT HAD ABANDONED THE BASE AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY AN MR-5 SAPPER UNIT. THE ARTILLERY UNIT HAD BEEN EQUIPPED WITH TWO 105MM AND TWO 155MM HOWITZERS WHICH WERE REMOVED WHEN ABANDONING THE BASE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: JCRC HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED BY THE SOURCE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOURCE IS REFERRING TO THE BA-GIA OUTPOST AT BS485780. INFORMATION FROM SOURCE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE REMAINS DESCRIBED BY SOURCE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED WHEN ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FORCES RETURNED TO THE AREA. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, JCRC WOULD NOT HAVE RECORDS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT).

4. FIELD DISSENT: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE AT SAIGON. SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD, ONLY) USSAG

