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COUNTRY CAMBODIA
DOI 7 JANUARY - 15 JUNE 1973
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF SIX AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AT SRE
KHLONG CAMP, KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

ACQ

VIETNAM, SAIGON (10 SEPTEMBER 1973) [REDACTED]

SOURCE

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1. FROM 7 JANUARY TO 15 JUNE 1973 [REDACTED] SAW SIX

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AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE IN A NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY
 UNDETENTION CAMP IN KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, NEAR
 THE JUNCTION OF SREKHLONG (VT 242520). ALSO IMPRISONED IN THE CAMP
 WERE SEVERAL VIETNAMESE ARMY VETERAN SOLDIERS, CAMBODIAN CIVILIANS
 AND ABOUT 100 CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES VETERAN SOLDIERS. THE
 SIX AMERICANS (FOUR CAUCASIANS AND TWO NEGROES) WERE CLOTHED
 IN NVA ISSUE BLACK PAJAMAS AND RUBBER SOLED SANDALS. PREFER-
 ENTIAL TREATMENT WAS AFFORDED THE AMERICANS; THEY WERE THE
 ONLY PRISONERS ISSUED THESE SANDALS AND THEY WERE GIVEN NVA
 RATIONS AT EVERY MEAL RATHER THAN THE SALTED RICE BROTH GIVEN
 THE OTHER PRISONERS. ALL SIX APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD
 SPIRITS. THE TWO NEGROES HAD BLACK KINKY HAIR AND BEARDS.
 THE CAUCASIANS HAD LONG, LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND LONG BEARDS THAT
 REACHED TO THE MIDDLE OF THEIR CHESTS. ONE OF THE CAUCASIANS,
 WHO HAD A GOLD CROWN, WAS TREATED WITH DEFERENCE AS THE SENIOR
 MAN OF THE GROUP BY THE OTHER AMERICANS. ANOTHER OF THE AMERICANS
 HAD A HABIT OF STRUTTING WITH HIS HANDS ON HIS HIPS. [REDACTED]
 COMMENT: [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN AN AMERICAN
 BEFORE, AND HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISONERS APPEARS BASED
 MORE ON A GENERAL IMPRESSION THAN ON DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THEIR

[REDACTED]

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NO 48-2
 A-10 mi SSW of C-79-54NRT
 B 14 mi SW of C-101-42NRT
 A comment w/ JCR comment about the camp at VT 309666 however, a second
 camp, (B) was reported by an NVA prisoner (thru hand/earray) to be
 located about 14 statute miles NE of the camp reported in this report

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APPEARANCE.)

2. THE CAMBODIAN PRISONERS SAID ~~THE CAMP WAS CALLED~~ ~~USUB~~ ~~CHHUNG~~ BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE TOWN OF THAT NAME. NONE OF THE PRISONERS KNEW THE EXACT POSITION OF THE CAMP, AND SOME SAID MERELY THAT IT WAS ~~NEXT TO CHHUNG~~ ~~AND~~ ~~SOUTH OF THE HIGHWAY~~.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS PROBABLY IS A REFERENCE TO TRAPEANG CHHUK (VT514372), SOME 18 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST OF SRE KHLONG.) THE PRISON CAMP WAS LOCATED IN DENSE JUNGLE AND WAS LAID OUT IN ABOUT A 100-METER SQUARE. IT WAS CENTERED BY FOUR SMALL HILLS, EACH HILL LOCATED AT A CORNER OF THE CAMP'S SQUARE. THE HIGHEST HILL WAS AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. THE INNER CAMP AREA CONSISTED OF ~~MANY HUTS, PLACED HAPHAZARDLY BECAUSE OF THE~~ ~~DENSITY OF THE TREES~~. MOST OF THE HUTS MEASURED ABOUT TWO BY THREE METERS, EXCEPT FOR THE LONE AMERICAN HUT, WHICH MEASURED TWO BY FIVE METERS. THE AMERICAN HUT WAS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE CAMP; THE CAMBODIAN CIVILIANS' HUTS, ON THE EAST SIDE; THE FANK SOLDIERS' HUTS, ON THE WEST SIDE; AND THE ARVN SOLDIERS' HUTS, ON THE SOUTH SIDE. A CLEARING AT THE CENTER OF THE CAMP WAS USED AS A MESSING AREA WHERE NVA TROOPS BROUGHT TUBS OF RICE BROTH AT 0700, 1100 AND 1600 HOURS

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EACH DAY. ALTHOUGH SEGREGATED BY GROUPS, ALL PRISONERS ATE IN THE CLEARING, EXCEPT THE AMERICANS WHO ATE AT THEIR HUT.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER /JCRC/ EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

"INFORMATION AS PRESENTED PRECLUDES ANY DEFINITE CORRELATION DUE TO FOLLOWING FACTORS: THERE IS NO DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE POW'S; NO SPECIFIC DATA ON WHERE POW'S WERE CAPTURED; AND NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE OF THE INDIVIDUALS. [REDACTED]

FIR-317/09063-71, DATED 10 DECEMBER 71 /DOI: OCT 71/ PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF A POW CAMP FOR US/RVN IN THE VICINITY OF VT 309668 /APPROXIMATELY 7 KILOMETERS NORTH OF ROUTE 4/. THIS REPORT DID NOT REFLECT THE PRESENCE OF ANY CAMBODIAN POW'S. THIS POW CAMP IS THE ONLY REPORTED CAMP WITHIN THIS GENERAL AREA.")

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND

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FIR-317/09086-73

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