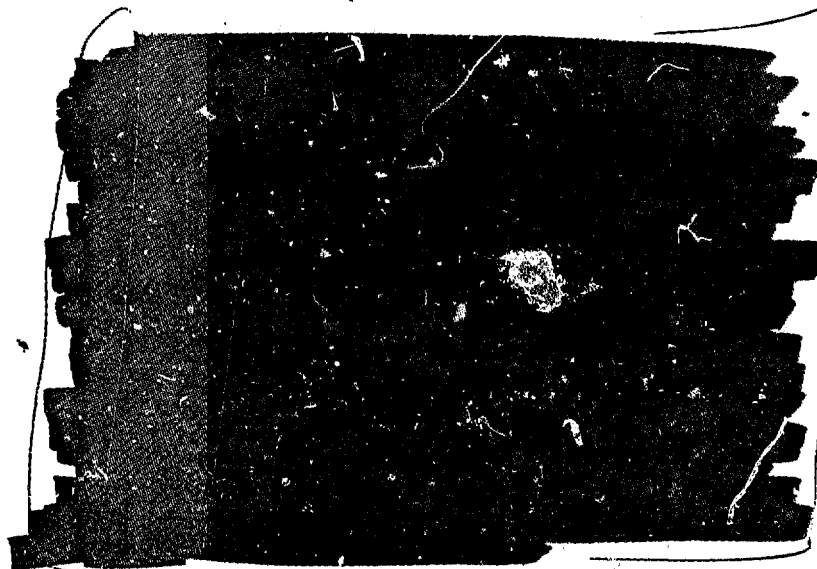


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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Viet Cong POW Camp in Vinh Binh Province Housing  
South Vietnamese, Viet Cong and Possibly American  
Prisoners



1. [REDACTED] said that from 1968 to the present a permanent Prisoner of War (POW) camp for the detention of Government of Vietnam and Viet Cong (VC) prisoners was located at XR679672 in the Phuoc Binh Forest, Phuoc Loc hamlet, Long Toan village, Long Toan district, Vinh Binh province, about 5 1/2 km from the Ba Dong Sea, 3 km from the Lang Chin River and 1 1/2 km from the former Long Toan airfield.

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[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] lived in the area since 1968 and guided [REDACTED] to the camp on 19 January 1971 to visit [REDACTED] who was detained there. It is known locally as the Muoi Rua Camp, named after the camp commander Juoi Rua, a 40-year old Chinese and former Viet Minh who fought the French.

3. [REDACTED]

4. According to [REDACTED] he believed that there were three or four American prisoners at this camp because he heard them talking and yelling, mostly at night. He thought the yelling was from beatings. He never saw the Americans and believed that they were kept three or four huts away from his cell. He assumed the Americans were still at the camp when he was released.

5. [REDACTED] had been kept in a small cell with legs chained. He received rice and salt and was always hungry. He could not see the sunlight from his cell, was not allowed to move and his toilet was a pot which was emptied by another prisoner. During interrogations he was beaten and made to talk. He caught malaria while in prison and when released was in poor physical condition.

6. The camp consisted of about 16 huts built low to the ground and housing approximately 100 prisoners. About 30 cadres guarded the camp, which was believed by [REDACTED] to be a permanent installation. [REDACTED] said that cadres from the camp often visited Phuoc Binh hamlet. The VC consider the area safe and under their control; no GVN operations have taken place in the area.

7. [REDACTED]



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