

[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Location and Description of Prisoner of War Camp in  
Ha Tay Province, North Vietnam



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1. In March 1969, while walking along a road with his unit in Ha Tay Province, North Vietnam (NVN), [REDACTED] observed about ten Caucasian prisoners at a camp approximately three hours' walking distance from Route 6. The prisoners were dressed in what appeared to be underwear. All were tall and sturdily built. Some were standing near a ping pong table where two were playing; others were watering a vegetable garden.

2. The camp was located on the east side of the single lane dirt road which led in a generally southerly direction to Route 6 through the hilly terrain bounded on the west by mountains which roughly form the

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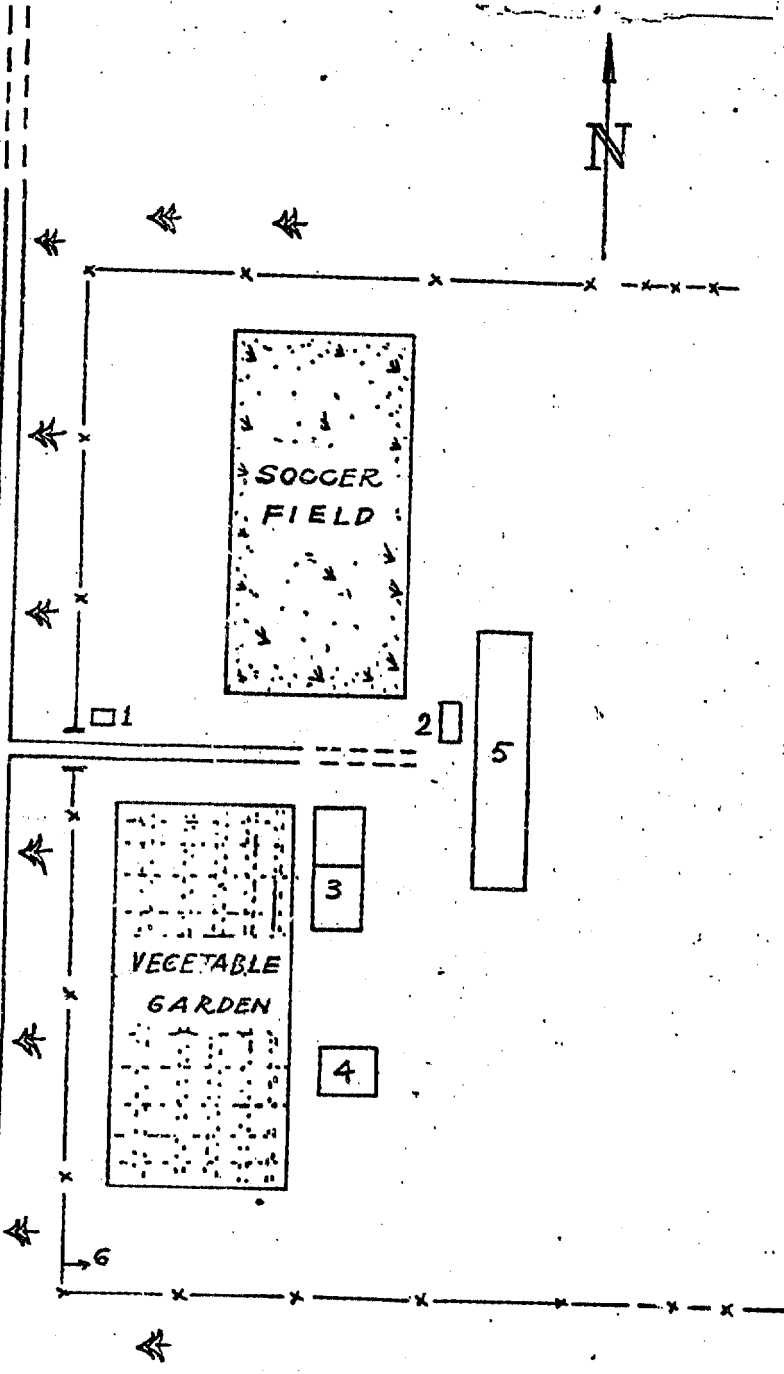
border between Hoa Binh and Ha Tay Provinces. [REDACTED] estimated the camp to be approximately three hours' walking distance from where the road joined Route 6. Based on a rate of approximately three kilometers an hour, [REDACTED] placed the camp within the coordinates WJ580130, WJ620150, WJ530200 and WJ580210. [REDACTED] Comment: Reference to sheet 6151IV of the Army Map Service 1:50,000 series suggests that Route 21 might be the road on which the prisoner of war camp was located. However, [REDACTED] could recall no specific cultural or relief features to make positive identification possible. The town of Son Tay (WJ528373), also in Ha Tay Province and previously reported a site of a prisoner of war camp, was pointed out to [REDACTED] on a map. He stated with assurance that the camp he had observed was not in or near that town.)\*

3. Attached is a sketch of the general layout of the portion of the camp [REDACTED] could recall. Building 5 was a single story structure with a tile roof and was about 15 meters long. [REDACTED] recollection of other buildings of the camp more distant from the road was too vague for a full description.

Attachment

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an area approximately 1000 meters on each side of Route 21 from [REDACTED] Route 6, WJ620150, and WJ580210. Field [REDACTED] 1971, Giant Scale 306, [REDACTED] 1971, Giant Scale 306, [REDACTED] January 1968.



PORTION OF CAMP  
(NOT TO SCALE)

LEGEND :

- 1 - GUARD HOUSE
- 2 - PING-PONG TABLE
- 3 - VOLLEY BALL COURT
- 4 - SMALL BUILDING WITH CHIMNEY  
(POSSIBLE KITCHEN)
- 5 - BUILDING (POSSIBLY QUARTERS)
- 6 - BARBED WIRE FENCE.