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DIST 20 SEPTEMBER 1966

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DDI 19 AUGUST 1966
SUBJECT REPORTED VIET CONG USE OF CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS
FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (20 SEPTEMBER 1966)

SOURCE

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OVER

1. TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS DESCRIBED AS CAPTURED PILOTS AND
12 VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE USED AT A PROPAGANDA MEETING
IN TAN PHU VILLAGE, THOI BINH DISTRICT, AN XUYEN PROVINCE (WR 172453)
THE NIGHT OF 19-20 AUGUST. ABOUT 250 VILLAGERS ATTENDED THE MEETING.
THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WERE DESCRIBED AS COMING FROM HUYEN SU
POCI, TAN PHU. THE PILOTS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER
CAMAU. (COMMENT: NO DATE WAS GIVEN.)

2. THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN A
CONVERSATION AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE TWO AMERICANS
ALSO WERE REQUIRED TO SPEAK TO THE CROWD. A VC CADRE ACTING AS

DIA #52 (OVER)

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INTERPRETER STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN VIETNAM UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. AFTER THE KEEING THE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN TO THE END OF CANAL 7. THEIR FINAL DESTINATION WAS NOT KNOWN. (VIETNAMESE SERVICE COMMENT: AN EARLIER REPORT STATED THAT 3 AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD BY THE VC AT WR 013463.)

3. ~~DISSEM:~~ STATE USAID JUSPAO USMACV USARV NAVFORV 7TH AIR FORCE DIST 52/OSI 525TH MIG CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT.

Info received via TELECOM from [redacted] 17 Oct 66.

7 cells - 2 mi hi

hidden under thick branches of trees.

45 ARVN in 6 cells

3 US - in 1 cell

guards - 1 VC platoon

WR 052452 → WR 090459

Many other PW camp between above coordinates - mostly for ARVN - used in forced labor