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DATE 11 AUGUST 1967

COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

ON 9 AUGUST 1967

SUBJECT JAIL SIGHTED ON RED RIVER ISLAND

REFERENCE: IDCSDB-315/03191-67

ICQ [REDACTED] SAIGON (9 AUGUST 1967)

SOURCE [REDACTED]

- TO STATE : NO DISTRIBUTION EXCEPT TO THOMAS L. HUGHES
- TO DIA : EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CARROLL
- TO INCC/MS : EXCLUSIVE FOR ARMY ACSS, GENERAL YARBOROUGH;
NAVY DNI, ADMIRAL FLUCKEY;
AIR FORCE AFCEM, GENERAL THOMAS
- TO ISA : EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CARTER

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1. THE BUILDING SIGHTED ON AN ISLAND IN THE RED RIVER JUST BELOW THE PAUL DOYNER BRIDGE IS A JAIL WHICH HAS BEEN THERE FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS OVERLY KNOWN AS SUCH. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] THE SOURCE OBSERVED THE JAIL MANY TIMES PRIOR TO THAT AND SAID THAT HIS GUARD WAS ALWAYS ON DUTY AT THE JAIL ENTRANCE. HE BELIEVES THE JAIL DATES BACK TO THE FIFTEEN

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(classification) (clear controls)

WHEN THE FRENCH WERE IN POWER IN BANOI. A FEW NON-POLITICAL, NON-MILITARY CRIMINALS ARE KEPT IN THE JAIL AND ARE PERMITTED TO DO SOME TRUCK FARMING ON THE ISLAND.) SEVERAL SHACKS ARE BUILT ON THIS PART OF THE ISLAND.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT. WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT USAF PRISONERS WOULD BE KEPT IN THIS JAIL, THE SOURCE REPLIED HE SAW NO ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN SUCH AN ACTION IF THE OBJECT WAS THE PROTECTION OF THE BRIDGE.) THE PAUL DOUMER BRIDGE SPAN IS OVER 2,800 YARDS AND THE SPAN COULD BE BOMBED CLOSER TO THE GIA LAM DISTRICT SIDE WITHOUT ENDANGERING ANY USAF PRISONERS WHICH MIGHT BE KEPT ON THE ISLAND.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE (AMBASSADOR BUNGER, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR LOCKE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR), USMACV (GENERAL WESTMORELAND, GENERAL ABRAMS, AMBASSADOR KOMER, CHIEF OF STAFF, J-2), CINCPAC (ADMIRAL BEARP AND POLAD ONLY)

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