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SUBJECT SIGHTINGS OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF
WAR IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE

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PARTY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND CHIEF OF THE TROOP PROSELYTING SECTION OF VIET CONG (VC) CHAU THANH DISTRICT, VC MY THO PROVINCE, BROUGHT TWO PRISONERS OF WAR TO TRUNG HAMLET (XS320497), DUONG DIEM VILLAGE, SAM GIANG DISTRICT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: CHAU THANH SOUTH DISTRICT INCLUDES THE LOWER HALF OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM /GVN/ SAM GIANG DISTRICT AND ALL OF GVN CHAU THANH DISTRICT. VC MY THO PROVINCE CORRESPONDS TO GVN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.)

SAU A ORGANIZED A MEETING AND INVITED HAMLET RESIDENTS TO COME TO SEE THE PRISONERS AND PARTICIPATE IN A POLITICAL TRAINING SESSION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRISONERS AND THE POLITICAL TRAINING SESSION, IF ANY, IS NOT CLEAR.)

2. THE FIRST PRISONER WAS DESCRIBED AS A BEARDED, STOUT MALE CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 28 YEARS OLD, 1.82 METERS TALL, WEIGHING 80 KILOGRAMS, WITH A SHARP FACE, AND DRESSED IN U.S. GREEN FATIGUES AND U.S. JUNGLE BOOTS. THE SECOND MAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A THIN MALE CAUCASIAN ABOUT 31 YEARS OLD, 1.78 METERS TALL, WEIGHING 65 KILOGRAMS, WITH A ROUND FACE, AND DRESSED IN BLACK PAJAMAS AND U.S. JUNGLE BOOTS.

3. THE PRISONERS WERE GUARDED BY ONE PLATOON FROM THE 332X SAPPER COMPANY AND ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY 3, 514C

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LOCAL FORCE BATTALION. THESE TWO UNITS, COMPRISING ABOUT 30 MEN, WERE COMMANDED BY SAU D A N H. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LOCAL ORDER OF BATTLE LISTINGS SHOW ONE SAU D A N H AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE VC MY THO PROVINCE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND CONCURRENTLY POLITICAL OFFICER OF THE MY THO PROVINCE MILITARY UNIT. HE MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH THE MAN WHO WAS COMMANDING THE VC TROOPS GUARDING THE PRISONERS.)

4 AT 2100 HOURS ON 9 FEBRUARY THE GUARD FORCE AND THE TWO PRISONERS MOVED FROM TRUNG HAMLET TO BINH HAMLET (XS315494); WHERE ANOTHER POLITICAL TRAINING SESSION WAS HELD. ACCORDING TO SAU A, THESE TWO PRISONERS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO MY THO PROVINCE FROM VC MILITARY REGION 2 (MR-2) HEADQUARTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS WITH HAMLET RESIDENTS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: VC MR-2 INCLUDES ROUGHLY THE UPPER HALF OF THE MEKONG DELTA.) ON 11 FEBRUARY THE GUARD UNIT AND THE PRISONERS MOVED TO THE RUOU AREA (XS315468) OF DONG HAMLET, HUU DAD VILLAGE, SAM GIANG DISTRICT, WHERE THEY TOOK SHELTER AND HID IN THE TREE LINES.

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DISTRICT SENIOR ADVISER /DSA/ RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE PRESENCE OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS IN THE ABOVE AREA. SECTOR FORCES WERE DISPATCHED INTO THE AREA AND RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. AFTER CONTACT WAS BROKEN, THE DSA QUESTIONED HAMLET RESIDENTS AND LEARNED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GROUP OF VC IN THE AREA ESCORTING TWO TALL MEN WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS AMERICANS BY ONE HAMLET RESIDENT ON THE BASIS OF HEARING THEM SAY "O.K." THE HAMLET RESIDENTS SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT HEARD ANY OTHER WORDS SPOKEN BY THE MEN.)

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER CARRIES FIVE PERSONS MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) WHO COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSONS DESCRIBED: WO-1 JAMES E. BUTLER AND ROBERT E. COZART WHO WERE MIA ON 20 MARCH 1970 IN AN DIG, SFC FRANK C. PARRISH AND SFC EARL R. BIGGS WHO WERE MIA ON 16 JANUARY 1968, AND 1ST LT. ROBERT T. WHITE, THE PILOT OF AN OVIC WHICH WAS LOST ON 15 NOVEMBER 1969 AND WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. ALL FIVE WERE ABOUT 6 FEET IN HEIGHT.)

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV USAID CORDS 7TH AIR FORCE USARV NAVFORV 1021 FAS 525TH MI GP OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC PARIS.

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