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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM  
DOI EARLY NOVEMBER 1966  
SUBJECT VIET CONG DETENTION OF 42 AMERICAN PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM-  
CAMBODIA BORDER AREA IN TAY NINH PROVINCE

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (LATE NOVEMBER 1966)

SOURCE

1. IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1966 THE VIET CONG (VC) WERE DETAINING 42 AMERICAN PRISONERS AT A CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF XT 025863 IN TAY NINH PROVINCE IN THE SA NGHE STREAM AREA ABOUT 500 METERS FROM THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, 4,500 METERS FROM NATIONAL ROUTE NO. 22, AND 8,500 METERS FROM PROVINCIAL ROUTE NO. 20. THE PRISON CAMP WAS UNDERGROUND AND WAS COMPOSED OF LABYRINTHINE AND COMPARTMENTED TUNNELS. DURING THE DAY THE AMERICANS WERE HANDCUFFED AND CONFINED UNDERGROUND, BUT WERE BROUGHT ABOVE GROUND FOR THEIR MEALS AND BATHS. AT NIGHT THE PRISONERS WERE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF 7 OR 8 AND SLEPT ON THE GROUND.

2. SINCE THE CAMP WAS CONSIDERED TO BE IN A SAFE AREA, THE PRISONERS WERE GUARDED BY ONLY ONE COMPANY OF VC. IF ALLIED OR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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TROOPS SHOULD BEGIN OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, THE VC PLANNED TO MOVE THE CAMP. IF THERE WAS NO TIME TO MOVE, THE VC PLANNED TO KILL THE PRISONERS AND ATTRIBUTE THEIR DEATHS TO THE OPERATIONS BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

3. FIELD DISSEM. STATE USAID JUSPAO USMACV USARV NAVFORV 7TH AIR FORCE DISTRICT 50/OSI 525 MIG CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT.

4. REFERENCE: REQUIREMENT D-1E6-14883.

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