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COUNTRY : NORTH VIETNAM (NVN) E E

SUBJECT : Captured American Officer Seen in PHU LY City, HA NAM Province, NVN E E

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In early 1965 Source saw an American officer POW in a military truck in PHU LY City, CHAU THANH District, HA NAM Province, NVN, guarded by five NVN soldiers and three local policemen. The group had stopped to enter a restaurant. The prisoner appeared to be in good health and was described as having light colored hair, white skin, heavy set and approximately 1.8 meters tall. Source was unaware of the circumstances of capture and assumed that the truck came from NAM DINH Province and was headed for HANOI.

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1. Sometime in early 1965, Source saw an American officer POW in PHU LY City, CHAU THANH District, NAM HA Province, NVN. The American had light colored hair, white skin, was heavy set, and was approximately 1.80 meters tall. There were no evidences of injury, and the American appeared to be in good health and walked rapidly. He was wearing a white shirt and dark pants.

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2. Source believed the military truck carrying the prisoner had come from THANH HOA Province to NAM DINH Province and was headed in the direction of HANOI. The truck carrying the prisoner and five or six NVA guards had stopped near the local PHU LY City Police Station where two or three NVN local policemen were picked up before the group entered a restaurant. The restaurant was approximately one-half kilometer from the PHU LY City market on the east side of an eight-meter wide asphalt road in a residential section near the police station. The unmarked military four-wheel truck was dark green and had a canvas cover over the rear portion. When the prisoner stepped down from the truck, a crowd began to surround him, but the people were directed away from the prisoner to avoid any possible harm to the man. The guards carried no weapons and permitted the prisoner, who was not tied in any way to enter the restaurant in front of them. The guards appeared friendly towards the POW although there was no conversation between them nor was there any conversation between the local populace and the American.
3. Source had not heard of any Vietnamese civilians being kept in VC or NVA detention camps with captured Allied military POW's nor had he heard of rewards being offered for assisting Allied prisoners to escape.

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