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of the VINH LINH Special Zone and
QUANG BINH Province

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In late October a U.S. POW dressed in an NVA uniform and escorted by three NVA guards was observed in the vicinity of the border between the VINH LINH Special Zone and QUANG BINH Province in NVN. He was not wounded and appeared to be in good health. The guards escorting the POW appeared to be unfriendly and reticent.

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1. In late October 1966 one U.S. prisoner of war was observed near the border of the VINH LINH area and QUANG BINH Province in NVN. Source spoke for a few minutes with the three NVA soldiers who were escorting the prisoner; the conversation took place at a rice storage area where Source had been sent to obtain rice for his unit.
2. The U.S. POW was about six feet tall, weighed about 180 lbs., had blond hair, was clean shaven, had no visible scars and was not wounded. The POW was wearing an NVA uniform and VC rubber sandals; he was not tied up or blindfolded, and he appeared to be in good health. Source observed that he was able to walk at a fast pace.
3. The guards stated that the POW had been captured near route 9. At first he was not able to eat rice, but he had been a VC prisoner for such a long period of time that he had grown accustomed to it and actually liked it. The POW could not speak Vietnamese and appeared to be afraid of the Vietnamese people, since he jumped aside when Source passed him.
4. The three guards and the POW were headed north when Source met them, but he did not know their destination or to what unit the guards belonged. The guards were unfriendly and reluctant to answer questions.

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