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I. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SOURCE'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:

1937 - February 1961: Source lived with his parents in his native village and in 1949 completed the NVN 3rd form (U.S. 3rd grade). Until February 1960 he remained at home farming with his parents.

February 1961 - May 1965: In February 1961 Source was drafted and assigned to Company 10, Battalion 5, Regiment 52, Division 320 located in QUANG YEN Township, QUANG NINH Province. He received basic training at that time. In May 1961 he attended a non-commissioned officer's training course in KIEN AN Township, HAI PHONG Province, and graduated in late February 1962 with the rank of corporal. He returned to his former unit and became Assistant Squad Leader, Squad 3, Platoon 2, Company 10. In October 1963, Source was promoted to Sergeant and made Squad Leader, Squad 3. In January 1964, his unit moved to THUONG TIN District, HA DONG Province, where Source participated in Civilian Proselyting missions such as reaping grain, building levees for the Red River, and digging canals for irrigation. From May to December 1964, he received military and political training in connection with the annual training program of the regular NVA in HA DONG Province. In January 1965 he was transferred to 82mm Mortar Company 134, Regiment 22, located at DENH Hamlet, LUONG SON District, HOA BINH Province. Cadres and soldiers for this unit were taken from Divisions 320, 330, and 338. The unit received training in preparation for infiltration into SVN, completing training by May 1965. On 20 May Source took leave to see his family.

May 1965 - September 1965: On 26 June 1965, Mortar Company 134 left HOA BINH on three MOLOTOVA trucks for HANG CO Station where a train was taken to DO LEN Bridge, NINH BINH Province. The bridge had been bombed out so the crossing was made on a pontoon bridge. The unit was then transported to VINH (Station 1) by truck, where they were quartered in private houses. From VINH, the unit marched at night along the National Route through HA TINH, arriving at Station 20 in QUANG BINH Province on 11 July 1965. At that point, all cadres and soldiers turned in their NVA rank insignia, markings and equipment, and received an issue of black pajamas. From Station 20 the unit marched in daytime in Laotian territory, transiting National Route 9 and the SEPONE River. In mid-August 1965, the unit arrived at Station 17 in QUANG NAM Province, and each cadre and soldier received six kilos of rice. On 4 September the unit arrived at HO Station in QUANG NGAI Province where a celebration was held for the VC National Day (2 September). Each group of five persons received 800 grams of buffalo meat, seven kilos of rice and one can of granulated salt. The unit then moved to BINH DINH Province, its operational area, and located at BAN GIAC, HOAI NHON District. The unit then had a 21-day recuperation period and reviewed basic training. By 25 September 1965, the whole of Regiment 22 was concentrated in the area.

September 1965 - July 1967: During the period from September 1965 to July 1967, Source's unit provided 82mm mortar support for several military operations of Regiment 22 in BINH DINH and QUANG NGAI Provinces: on 2 November 1965 at NUI THU post, MO DUC District, QUANG NGAI; from 22 to 27 December 1965 at MINH LONG District, QUANG NGAI; from 4 to 7 January 1966 at CONG HOA post, NGHIA HANH District, QUANG NGAI; from 10 February to 27 June 1966 at the VC-held villages of HOAI CHAU, HOAI HAC, HOAI SON and HOAI THANH, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH Province (which were under attack by the 1st U.S. Air Cavalry Division); in late December 1966 at NHAN TINH strategic hill, HOAI AN District, BINH DINH Province (an area held by two

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battalions of the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division; four U.S. prisoners were taken at this action); in late March 1967 at HUY VAN Hamlet, HOAI SON Village, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH, where two VC companies had been surrounded by U.S. troops (32 VC were killed and 10 wounded); on 15 May 1967 at AN MY Hamlet, HOAI CHAU Village, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH; and on 28 June 1967 at HOAI SON Village, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH. In December 1966, Source was promoted to Senior Sergeant, Assistant Platoon Leader of Platoon 2. In late June 1967, he was promoted to Platoon Leader of Platoon 2.

II. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE

On 24 July 1967, Source led a small group of soldiers to CHU ME Hamlet, PHO CHAU Village, DUC PHO District, QUANG NGAI Province, to collect rice. They left from DUC HOANH Montagnard Village, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH, and travelled through PHO CUONG Village, DUC PHO District, QUANG NGAI. The group arrived at CHU ME Hamlet at 0400 hours on 27 July 1967 and hid in a tunnel in the hamlet. At 1200 hours, the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division conducted an operation in the hamlet and found the cover for the underground tunnel. Two grenades were thrown into the tunnel, killing two VC and wounding four others. Source and his companions were captured.

III. PROPOSED SUBJECTS FOR INTERROGATION

The following are probable subjects for future interrogations; further reports will be published as the interrogations are completed.

1. U.S. prisoners of war captured at NHAN TINH strategic hill, HOAI AN District, BINH DINH Province.
2. Comment on tactics of U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division applied to the dry season campaign during 1966 and 1967.
3. Fabrication of mines from "pellet" bombs by Engineer Company 7, Regiment 22, SAO VANG Division.

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