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Source observed Allied prisoners of war on two occasions. The first sighting occurred in late October 1966 when he saw three U.S. prisoners of war in HAO NGUYEN Village, SON HOA District, PHU YEN Province. In early November 1966 he saw one Korean and two U.S. prisoners of war in the same area.

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1. In late October 1966 the three U.S. prisoners were observed being escorted by two guards; they stayed at HAO NGUYEN Village for one hour and then departed with the same two guards moving in a northerly direction. While the prisoners were in the village one of the guards mentioned that they were taking the prisoners to Military Region I. The prisoners were described as being blond, heavy set, and approximately 1.7 meters tall. Rank, unit and place of capture were unknown. All of the prisoners wore green colored uniforms with many pockets, black combat boots and fatigue hats. They all carried hammocks with nylon covers. They appeared in good humor and sang songs; none of them appeared to be wounded or injured.

2. In early November 1966 one Korean and two U.S. prisoners were observed; they were escorted by two guards and stayed at HAO NGUYEN Village for one day and one night. All three prisoners were wearing the same green uniform described above, except the Koreans uniform had no pockets. The two Americans were blond and approximately 1.6 meters tall. The Korean knew Vietnamese and talked with Source; he told him his name was Sergeant KIM. He was described as having a reddish complexion, black eyes and black hair, and was approximately 1.58 meters in height. The guards again stated that the prisoners were being taken to Military Region V, located in QUANG NGAI Province near the Lantian border. There international prisoners were turned over to the Propagating Committee, while GVN troops were turned over to the Province Committee. On both occasions the prisoners of war were eating canned food consisting of beef and cake. The guards stated that the Allied prisoners were given NVN\$7 with which to purchase food from local village, while GVN troops were allotted 7 taels of rice and SVN\$5.