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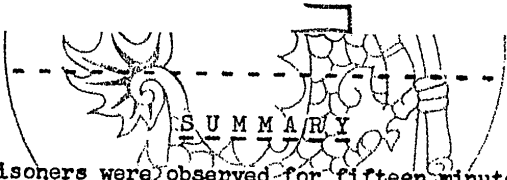
COUNTRY : NORTH VIETNAM (NVN)
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Observed in HANOI City
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SUMMARY

A group of 30 U.S. prisoners were observed for fifteen-minutes along the north bank of the HOAN KIEM lake in HANOI on 2 September 1966. The prisoners all looked well. A guard stated that U.S. prisoners were often taken on similar sight-seeing tours of the city. Each man was said to have his own private room at the detention camp, received clothes and shoes, and had a daily food ration equivalent to NVN\$5.2. (A brief description of one prisoners is given).

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MAP REFERENCE

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1. During the period 1100 - 1115 hours on 2 September 1966, a group of 30 U.S. prisoners described as pilots were observed along the north bank of the HOAN KIEM Lake (WJ 890253) in the city of HANOI. These prisoners were being escorted on a sight-seeing tour of the city by guards in military uniform some of whom spoke English.
2. A large group of people congregated around the prisoners and began to shout at them and throw rocks. The armed guards protected the prisoners and dispersed the crowd. Some of the prisoners appeared to be very frightened by the crowd while others displayed no emotion. Following this incident, the prisoners were taken across the street to a small restaurant (in the vicinity of WJ 890246) where they were given free beer. At approximately 1115 hours, they were loaded onto a truck which drove away to the south.
3. The prisoners looked well, healthy, well dressed and were not handcuffed or bound in any way. A guard stated that U.S. prisoners were often taken on similar sight-seeing tours in HANOI. He stated that at the prisoner's detention camp (name and location unknown) each man had his own private room with a bath and a mattress. They received shoes and an issue of clothes which were made of the same material as military uniforms. Each man was given a haircut every 20 days. And each man received a daily food ration equivalent to NVN\$5.21 (Source stated that the price of one kilo of rice in HANOI at that time was NVN\$0.36).
4. One prisoner was described as: 1.70 meters tall weight, approximately 80 kilos; an oval face brown hair; and a "big belly". He did not wear glasses, and he did not have a moustache. He was dressed in green military-type pants and a shirt with a zipper front. He was smoking a cigarette.