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During an Allied sweeping operation in late May 1968 the Viet Cong (VC) Prisoner of War (POW) Camp located at approximately WS 875440 at MY LOI Hamlet, LONG HIEP Village, KIEN VAN District KIEN PHONG Province was disbanded and the prisoners were dispersed among the local people. In Mid June 1968 a new POW Camp was constructed at approximately WS 905530 in MY AN District, KIEN PHONG Province to accommodate approximately 60 prisoners. Two English speaking cadres were assigned to the camp to instruct and indoctrinate any U.S. or Allied personnel who might be detained there.

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1. Between late January and May 1968 a regional Prisoner of War (POW) Camp was located at approximately WS 875440 at MY LOI Hamlet, LONG HIEP Village, KIEN VAN District, KIEN PHONG Province. This camp had 24 prisoners mostly GVN Local Forces who had been captured in 1968. These prisoners were treated well and received 2 meals with 1 kilo of rice a day. Sufficient food was provided by the Viet Cong (VC) unit in charge of guarding the place. In late May 1968, during an Allied sweeping operation the VC dispersed the prisoners among the local people, later some were released.
2. In mid June 1968, following orders of the Military Region Headquarters another POW Camp was constructed. This camp was situated at approximately WS 905530 in MY AN District, KIEN PHONG Province. It was constructed with light materials of bamboo, wood and soil, measured approximately 6.00x4.00x1.50 meters, camouflaged on top by green grass, and designed to keep 60 prisoners. There was 1 Platoon of 27 men fully armed with individual rifles to maintain security under the guidance of UT QUE and his Assistant named SAU TRUNG.
3. According to UT LONG, Cadre of the Rear Service Section of KIEN PHONG Province Committee, the construction of this new POW Camp was a part of the preparation for the coming 1968-1969 Winter/Spring offensives. Two English speaking instructors were assigned to the Camp to conduct the instruction/indoctrination of any English speaking prisoners who might be sent there. One instructor TU SON, a SVN national came from the CAO LANH District, KIEN PHONG Province. He was about 26 years old, single, and a High School Graduate. He had been involved with VC activities since 1963. His father was CHIN MAI a Regional Finance Cadre operating along the CAMBODIA/SVN border. The other instructor, name unknown, was the son of BA TRUNG a cadre of the THANH BINH District Committee in KIEN PHONG Province. He was about 21 years old, single, a High School Graduate, and active in VC affairs since 1963. Both men were sent in 1966-1967 by the Political Staff of KIEN PHONG Province Committee to a school along the border to attend a one-year English language training course.

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