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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI MID-JULY 1972

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN TAN UYEN
DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE

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1. IN MID-JULY 1972 AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS,

[REDACTED] SAW TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) IN A FOREST IN
TAN UYEN DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE. THEY WERE ESCORTED BY
SIX ARMED GUARDS FROM THE VIET CONG (VC) REGIMENT 100 UNIT OF

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CHAU THANH DISTRICT, TINH DUC PROVINCE. THE POWS WERE CAUCASIAN AND WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, OF WHICH THERE WAS A PATCH WITH A FLYING HORSE, AND BOOTS. ONE POW WAS ABOUT 37 YEARS OLD, WEIGHED ABOUT 65 KILOS, WAS ABOUT 1.90 METERS TALL AND HAD A MUSTACHE. THE OTHER POW WAS ABOUT 29 YEARS OLD, WEIGHED ABOUT 72 KILOS, WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL, HAD BROWN HAIR AND FAIR COMPLEXION. NEITHER WAS WOUNDED. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: [REDACTED] COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE POWS FROM THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER'S (JPTRC) ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.)

2. THE GUARDS IDENTIFIED THE POWS AS MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CAVALRY AND SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED WHEN THE JEEP IN WHICH THEY AND SEVERAL OTHERS WERE RIDING HIT A MINE AND EXPLDED IN THE ROAD BETWEEN CHAU THANH DISTRICT TOWN AND PHUOC VINH DISTRICT TOWN. THE OTHER PASSENGERS WERE KILLED. THE MINE HAD BEEN PLANTED BY THE CHAU THANH DISTRICT VC RESISTANCE UNIT.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS CORROBORATED WITH THE JPRC WHICH CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: "THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT CORRELATES VERY WELL WITH THE INCIDENT INVOLVING SPA JAMES M. R. OZ G, USA (1144) AND PFC ROBERT P. PHILLIPS, USA (1144). THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 23 JUNE 1978 AT A LOCATION VERY CLOSE TO THE ONE SPECIFIED BY SOURCE. THE POWS WERE RIDING IN A JEEP AND WERE KILLED WHEN IT HIT A MINE. VC FORCES WERE NEARBY AND WERE READY TO APPREHEND THE POWS. SOURCE STATES THAT TWO WERE CAPTURED AND THE REST WERE KILLED. THE SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION MATCHES THE PERSONNEL WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE CAPTURED. THE MIA CARRIES SPA OZ G AND PFC PHILLIPS AS BEING IN A CAPTURED STATUS; PFC JOE P. PEDERSON, USA (1144), WHO WAS ALSO IN THE VEHICLE, IS CARRIED IN AN MIA STATUS. OTHER SIGHTING REPORTS EXIST WHICH LESSEN THIS CASE INCIDENT WITH ONLY TWO AMERICAN POWS."

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