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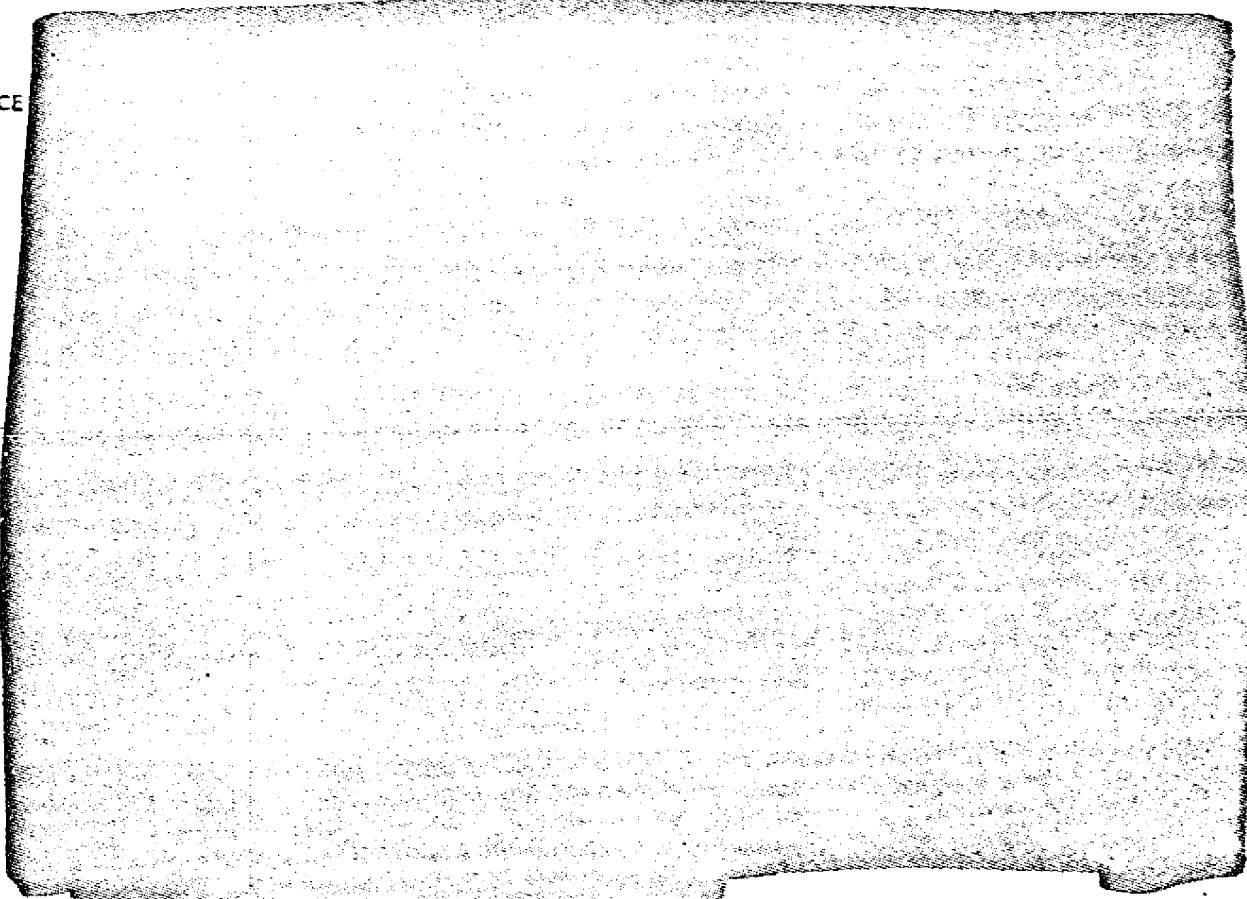
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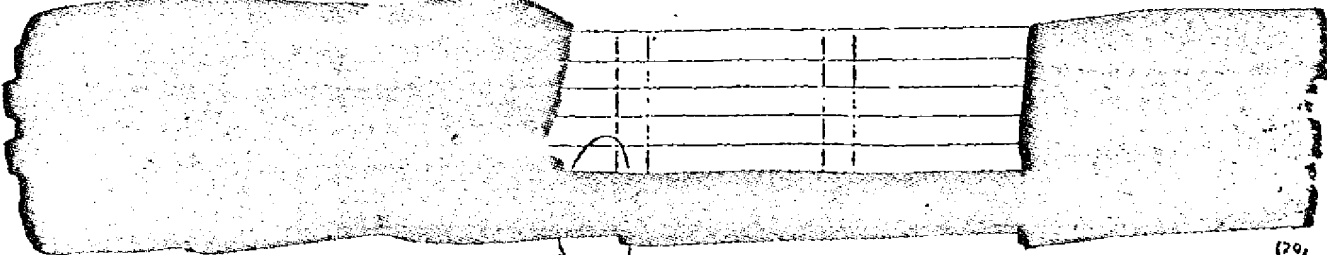
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(QDSZ--includes Danang and all of Government of Vietnam (GVN) Quang Nam Province except Que Son and portions of Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen Districts) during January 1968 [REDACTED] did not know Bobby's full name but he had adopted the Vietnamese name of Nguyen Van Viet and the VC had given him the nickname, "Dau Dau." Bobby told [REDACTED] he was from the 1st U.S. Marine Division and had been captured in the QDSZ on a date which [REDACTED] did not remember. Bobby appeared to be about 21 years old, had brown hair and was approximately 1.70 meters tall. Bobby had joined the VC in 1967 and was assigned to work for the Military Proselyting Section of VC Military Region (MR) 5 (includes GVN Quang Nam, Quang Tin, Quang Ngai, Kontum, Binh Dinh, Pleiku, Phu Bon, Phu Yen, Darlac and Khanh Hoa Provinces). His duties included taping propaganda messages intended for U.S. prisoners held in the MR-5 prisoner-of-war camp. This camp is located within a Montagnard village in Tra Bong District, Quang Ngai Province, about six hours walking distance northwest of the Na Nieu River.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment: According to the JPRC in Saigon, the U.S. prisoner described above could be Private Frederick Lawrence Elbert, Junior, USMC, serial number 2283473, of the detached C Company of the 1st Military Police Battalion. The JPRC has received information that Elbert has been using the alias of John Peter Johnson since he was captured. Elbert has been missing from [REDACTED] Danang since 1300 hours on 16 August 1968. No explanation for the date discrepancy is available.

5. [REDACTED] claimed to have talked with Sergeant Weathman, USMC, during February 1968, about 20 days after Tet, in VC Dai Loc District, QDSZ. Weathman had his name patch over his pocket but he wore no insignia or rank. Weathman told [REDACTED] that he was a marine sergeant who was captured during the 1968 Tet offensive about seven kilometers south of Danang by the 1st Regiment of the 2nd North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division. At the time [REDACTED] talked with Weathman, he was being moved to the MR-5 prisoner camp in Quang Ngai Province.

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[REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] read a propaganda leaflet in the QDSZ during 1968 which was signed by Captain Rixenbrown. The leaflet was directed at U.S. troops and asked them not to fight in South Vietnam and to return to the U.S. [REDACTED] did not know who actually had written the leaflet and he had no information on Rixenbrown.

8. [REDACTED] Comment: Information received by the JPRC in Saigon indicates that this prisoner could be Captain William F. Eisenbrun, U.S. Army, serial number 04074803, who was captured at BS495780 in southwestern Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, on 5 July 1965. According to the JPRC, Eisenbrun died in a prisoner-of-war camp on 8 September 1967.)

9. [REDACTED] Dissem: State USMACV USAID CORDS Dir/JUSPAG (Mr. Nickel only) 7th Air Force USARV NAVFORV 525th MI GP 6499 SAG OSI CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC.