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MTI CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON POW CONDITIONS IN HANOI

[illegible] BUDAPEST MTI IN ENGLISH 1430 GMT 20 FEB 73 L

((TEXT)) PAL TOTH, MTI'S CORRESPONDENT IN HANOI, VISITED AN AMERICAN PRISON CAMP IN THE CAPITAL OF THE DRV. IN HIS REPORT HE WRITES THAT THE PRISONERS IN THE CAMP LIVE IN HUMANE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ACCORDING TO THE STRICT ORDER OF THE DAY. IN THE 120 [illegible] HUNDRED TWENTY PERSON CAMP THERE IS NOTT ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE PRISONERS TO DO PHYSICAL WORK, SO DURING THE DAY THEY ARE ENGAGED IN CLEANING THE CELLS AND BUILDING SHELTERS, BUT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME SPORTS AS THERE IS BASKETBALL AND A VOLLEYBALL COURSE INSIDE THE CAMP.

THE PRISONERS ARE GIVEN MEAT THREE TIMES A WEEK, THE MONTHLY RATION PER HEAD IS 2.5 TWO POINT FIVE=3 THREE KILOS. THEY CAN HAVE EVERY OTHER DAY, AND MUST GO THROUGH A MEDICAL EXAMINATION ONCE IN A HALF YEAR. THE INJURED RECEIVE GOOD MEDICAL CARE: LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, FORMER DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN THE CORAT (THAILAND) BASE, BROKE BOTH KNEES WHEN JUMPING OUT OF AIRCRASHING PLANE. THEY INSERTED SMALL METAL PLATES INTO HIS LEGS. MAJOR MCCAIN, SON OF ADMIRAL JOHN MCCAIN, BROKE BOTH ARMS WHEN HIS PLANE WAS CRASHING INTO A LAKE. TODAY, HE REGULARLY PLAYS BASKETBALL.

IN THE CAMP'S OWN LIBRARY THE PRISONERS ARE LENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BOOKS EDITED IN VIETNAM OR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAGAZINES APPEARING IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THEY NEED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO GET AMERICAN BOOKS. FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE PRISONERS HANGED THE WORDS OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE WALL OF THE READING HALL. [illegible] FREED, THE PRISONERS ARE [illegible] THEIR PERSONAL [illegible] AND OTHER NONMILITARY UTILITIES.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE [illegible] DISCOVERED AND KEPT BACK [illegible] BY PERSUASION [illegible] THE PRISONERS LEARNED THAT [illegible] WOULD BE FAIRLY [illegible] TURNED TO BE [illegible] AND UNFRIENDLY. [illegible] ASSAULTS. THE [illegible] CORRESPONDENT WRITES [redacted] 21/1602Z FEB

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