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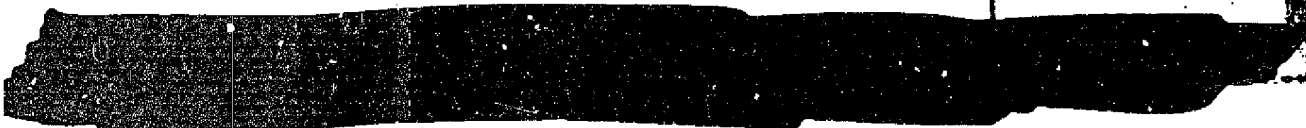
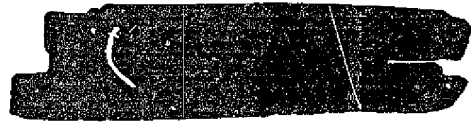
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management  
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SUBJECT: Detention of Two Alleged American Prisoners at the Cam Thuy Detention Camp, Thanh Hoa Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, in Late 1980-Early 1981



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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report about the sighting of two Caucasians, alleged to be Americans, at the Cam Thuy Detention Center near Cam Thuy Village, Thanh Hoa Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam in late 1980 or early 1981.

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Attachment: Report as stated

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**TEXT:** 1. In late 1980 or early 1981, two Caucasians were brought by jeep to Zone 2 of the Cam Thuy Detention Center near Cam Thuy Village, Thanh Hoa Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV). The two were still held at the camp as of early July 1981. Both Caucasians were between 1.70 and 1.80 meters tall, and were big and bony, with curly blond hair and blue eyes. They wore camouflage fatigues and boots most of the time. Their cubicle was at the end of a long house which held former ranking Vietnamese officers of the Army of the Republic of (South) Vietnam (ARVN), including two doctors and a colonel named (fnu) ((Nhan)). The cubicle was fenced and had a front yard with a Ping-Pong table and a small vegetable lot. The two Caucasians never used the Ping-Pong table, but they were allowed to sit and relax in front of their cubicle. According to former ARVN officers held in the house, the Caucasians were U.S. advisors who had worked with the ARVN. The two men were reportedly well treated.

2. The detention camp was located in a valley surrounded by granite hills, approximately a two-hour walk east of Cam Thuy Village. The camp was divided into a number of zones. Zones A and B were situated on opposite banks of the Cau Chay River; both held criminals from the northern SRV. Zone 2 was a walled and fenced area east of Zone A.

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