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SUBJECT: Sighting of Two American Prisoners in Central
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Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained in early June 1981 from the debriefing of a Vietnamese refugee who reported on the sighting of two American prisoners at a camp in Nghe Tinh Province of Central Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The refugee obtained the information from a direct sighting in April 1980.

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ATTACHMENT: Report as Stated

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CENTRAL SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. ACCORDING TO A YOUNG MALE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO FLED
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) [REDACTED], HE SAW
TWO CAUCASIAN PRISONERS AT A REEDUCATION CAMP IN NORTH TINH
PROVINCE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE SRV IN APRIL 1980.

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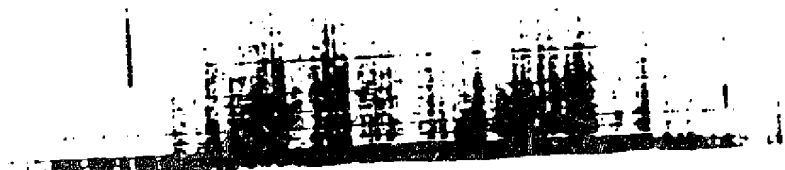
THIS CAMP WAS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS
EAST OF CHA CITY (UNLOCATED), AND THE CAMP ENTRANCE WAS ABOUT
ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE ROAD FROM VINH TO CHA CITY. WHILE
THE REFUGEE AND HIS MOTHER WERE WALKING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO
THE CAMP, TWO CAUCASIANS WERE SEEN DRESSED IN PEASANT CLOTHING,
ACCOMPANIED BY A PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE GUARD AND WALKING WITH
SEVERAL OXEN AND AN OXCART. BOTH APPEARED TO BE UNDER 40 YEARS
OLD. ONE HAD BLOND HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY OVER SIX FEET AND HAD A
HEAVIER THAN NORMAL BUILD. THE OTHER HAD BROWN HAIR, WAS SLIGHTLY
UNDER SIX FEET, AND HAD A THINNER BUILD. BOTH WERE CLEAN SHAVEN.

2. SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGHTING, THE REFUGEE ASKED A
DETAINED [REDACTED] 1.3219
[REDACTED] ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE CAUCASIANS. [REDACTED] 1.3219
ACKNOWLEDGED
ONLY THAT THEY WERE AMERICANS. THE REFUGEE OBTAINED NO FURTHER
CONFIRMATION OF THE NATIONALITIES OF THE TWO CAUCASIANS OR OF
THEIR BEING HELD AS PRISONERS IN THE CAMP. THE REFUGEE ASKED NO
FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM NOR DID HE SEE THEM AGAIN DURING
THE THREE DAYS HE SPENT AT THE CAMP. THE K-3 SECTION OF THE CAMP
HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL
CAPTURED BEFORE 1975.

3. PERMISSION TO MAKE THE VISIT TO THE CAMP WAS OBTAINED
FROM THE REEDUCATION SECTION OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY PUBLIC
SECURITY OFFICE, WHICH MAINTAINED A ROSTER OF ALL FORMER SOUTH
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DETAINED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS.

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4. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: CUA CITY MAY REFER TO CUA RAO, NGHE
PROVINCE. OTHER REFUGEE REPORTS HAVE MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE
OF DETENTION CAMPS IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO
A CAMP DESIGNATED "K-3" EXISTS AT THE NGHE TINH
PRISON NO. 3 COMPLEX. STATED THAT A CAMP CALLED
CAMP NO. 6 IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE HELD ABOUT 200 FORMER SOUTH
VIETNAMESE OFFICERS IN EARLY 1981.)

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