

a Laotian who had been captured in 1965, but I don't know his name; I heard this from another commando.

After I was let out I was on probation ((bi quan che)) for 12 months. Every month I had to go ^{ONE TIME} to the Township ^{Administration} and to the district administration ~~to~~ to report and to write out a review sheet. (In the review sheet I had to report on my activities and locations during the previous month, ^{outside} ~~of~~ the socialist labor done). ^{Other than} ~~Each~~ month I ~~XXXX~~ had to go in a 10 man work team to work on irrigation, road building or other projects. I was monitored by agents near home on my attitudes and statements to see if I opposed the government.

After I left Vietnam I made a complete report on my personal history, concerning the time period I worked for the GVN (Saigon) and the ~~XXXX~~ eight years I was in the Communist prisons, to the U.S. representatives.

I have ^{attempted to} ~~XXXXXX~~ clarify matters raised by your questions.

I am sorry that my poor health has forced me to write you a little late and I hope you will understand.

Your truly,

Source



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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #T85-222
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SUBJ: Helicopter Crash Site With Remains

REF: A. DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 281723Z Jan 85
B. JCRC-LNB Msg Rpt I85-019, DTG 260348Z Apr 85

SOURCE:

- a. ^{Source} ~~SD~~
- d. Former position: ARVN Captain, ^{SD} SD
- e. Present location: ^{SD} SD
- f. Identification data: ^{SD} SD
- g. DOI: Dec 83/Jan 84
- h. Map used: 1:100,000, Series L607, Sheet 6330
- i. Date of interview: 21 May 1985
- j. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
- k. Other: Source's final address in Vietnam was ^{SD} SD. He left Vietnam in February 1985. His mother, ^{SD} Name ^{Data} Data.

Source provides hearsay of a helicopter crashsite with three sets of remains discovered near the Cambodian border in Tay Ninh Province. Source also provides limited information which pertains to standing requirements.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact.

Sometime in December 1983 or January 1984, Source met friend ^{SD} (current address unknown), who told Source that during a recent business trip (which he commonly makes from HCMC to Tay Ninh (P) to buy and resell goods), he had discovered the wreckage of a helicopter (type unknown) near the Cambodian border somewhere near a former US Special Forces Camp (NFI). Thien also claimed to have found a grave which contained the remains of three people. After digging into the grave and

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determining the remains were of three people, Thien filled in the grave, leaving the remains in place. He also found two dog tags (each different) in the area but not in the grave. He retained possession of the dog tags, which he still has. Source never saw any remains, grave site or dog tags. The helicopter wreckage had been badly stripped by persons unknown.

S related this information to Source and requested he find a way to pass it to SS brother, Name address also unknown to both Source and SS, so Name could report the information in exchange for USG assistance in getting out of Vietnam, an idea Thien derived from radio broadcasts which announced USG interest in recovering remains. After Source arrived in Thailand, he wrote to his brother, Data of Delta and on 13 May 85, Source received a return letter which provided the address of Name as Data whereupon he decided to report Name information directly to US representatives. No other information concerning the incident was related to Source.

Source provided the following re-education chronology:

1975-1977 Ho Nai, Dong Nai (P) (Khu B)
1977-1978 Suoi Mau (Khu 2)
1979-1982 Z30C Ham Tan (Khu A)
April 1982 Released

Source recalled when he left Suoi Mau in 1978, the camp consisted of five "Khu's", each holding from 500 to 600 inmates. In reference to a Suoi Mau near Ham Tan, Source knew of no such named suoi, stating the only Suoi Mau of which he was aware was located approx 2 KM west of the intersection at vicinity YT 0713 and passed under the QL1 Hwy which bridged the stream at vicinity YT 045130 and continued on, flowing past the east side of Suoi Mau Re-ed Camp. Source claimed the stream (described in Ref A) was only referred to as Dau Ngon Song Danh or Dinh. Source had never heard of a Fire Support Base 3, a combat police training center or a mountain/hill called Nui Dau Diem.

Throughout the time Source spent in re-ed, he never saw any foreigner, American, or anyone of mixed parentage easily confused as an American in any of the above three camps.

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Source estimated the location of the Bien Hoa Mental Hospital (Ref B) to be 10 meters north of QL 1 at vicinity YT 022125. Source was never inside the hospital but recalled it was surrounded by an approximate 3 meter tall steel bar fence supported by concrete posts. The facility opposed the Bien Hoa jail, located across QL 1, on the southern side.