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TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
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1. Source Data. Name: SC SD
Go Cong (P); interviewed SD
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2. Information Obtained. The following information was related to JCRC interviewer as fact. While held in the Gia Trung Re-education Camp from Jan 1979 - Jan 1981 Source personally observed and conversed with a foreigner on several occasions. His Vietnamese name was Minh (LNU), he was of mixed parentage. His father was French and mother's ancestry was unknown to Source. Minh was a Protestant Missionary, possibly from Da Lat and was interned only in Gia Trung from sometime in mid 1975. As of 22 Oct 81, Minh was still held in Gia Trung. Minh was imprisoned with a lawyer named Vu Quoc Thong who was previously the director of faculty of law at Saigon University and with the following individuals: writer Tran Da Tu, reporter Nguyen Van Le, newspaper editor Nguyen Trung Thanh (of the Quat Cuong Newspaper) and Pham Van Chi (aka Choe) who was a political cartoonist for the Dieu Hau Newspaper. All these individuals were kept segregated from the rest of the inmates and worked in a brick production section which was part of Company 13 (Dooij). They never were put on work details outside the camp and worked only inside the camp boundaries. Source described Minh as follows: Father was French, mother's ancestry unknown but she was not oriental, was never married, spoke near-native Vietnamese, whether or not he spoke French is unknown to Source, he was approximately 1m75 tall, had a round face, light brown wavy hair, black eyes, hairy arms and chest, no scars, had a beard and moustache but was forced by cadre to shave it off, had a thin build with narrow shoulders, was not bald, was at that time approximately 30-32 YOA, had even white teeth and very white, pale looking skin. The point of arrest of Minh was unknown to Source. The reason for arrest was an alleged attempt to escape from Vietnam.

Source was a former VNCH Naval officer with the rank of LTJG, service number SD who escaped from Viet Nam on 5 December 1982. His wife and family still reside in Viet Nam at SD Source was also confined in Bo Tuc Re-ed Camp in Tay Ninh Province. A hand drawn sketch will be forwarded under separate cover.

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