

AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO WERE HELD IN A CAVE IN THE LAO-VIETNAM BORDER AREA (VIC VG 044527). SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE DATES THE AMERICANS WERE IMPRISONED OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. END SUMMARY.

3. INFORMATION: SOURCE RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: IN EARLY 1982, AFTER BEING SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED WITH THE LAO RESISTANCE, HE WAS ARRESTED AND SENT TO BAN VOK JAIL NEAR PHONG SAVANH, XIANG KHONG PROVINCE. ABOUT THREE MONTHS LATER, HE WAS SENT TO WORK ON A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT A POLICE CHECKPOINT ON ROUTE 7 ALONG THE LAO-VIET BORDER (VIC VG 044 527).

4. SOURCE PARTICIPATED IN BUILDING NEW QUARTERS AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS FOR THE CHECKPOINT SECURITY GUARDS. ON ONE OCCASION, SOURCE WAS WITH A FEW OTHER PRISONERS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO LAO GUARDS WHEN HE WENT TO NEARBY "THAM TALAEN" CAVE TO HUNT BATS FOR FOOD. INSIDE THE LARGE CAVE, HE SAW CLOTHING REMNANTS, BROKEN POTS AND BOWLS AND OTHER DISCARDED ITEMS SCATTERED AROUND THE DIRT FLOOR. ONE OF THE GUARDS EXPLAINED TO SOURCE THAT DURING THE WAR THE CAVE HAD BEEN USED AS A PRISON FOR ROYAL LAO SOLDIERS AND AMERICANS. THE GUARD STATED THAT AT ONE TIME THERE WERE FOUR AMERICAN PRISONERS IN THE CAVE. THE GUARD DID NOT STATE THE TIME FRAME THE AMERICANS WERE HELD IN THE CAVE, NOR TO WHERE THEY WERE EVENTUALLY TAKEN.

5. THE CAVE IS LOCATED ABOUT ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF THE ROUTE 7 CHECKPOINT. THE NAM KAN RIVER DISAPPEARS UNDERNEATH THE KARST (LIMESTONE) FORMATION IN WHICH THE CAVE IS LOCATED, AND RESURFACES ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

6. COMMENT: ASKED WHY HE DID NOT MENTION THE ABOVE INFORMATION DURING HIS FIRST INTERVIEW (REF 4) ON 23 JAN 87 SOURCE RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK OF IT AT THE TIME. SOURCE WAS ONLY ABLE TO GIVE A GENERAL LOCATION OF THE CAVE. THE REFERENCED MAP DOES NOT INDICATE A SUBTERRANEAN SEGMENT OF THE NAM KAN RIVER. SOURCE HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED FOR REFUGEE STATUS BY THE THAI MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

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CITE: 3338 MAY 87  
SUBJECT: JCRC RPT T87-230, HEARSAY OF THREE CAUCASIANS  
SEEN NEAR DA NANG, 1977  
REF: JCRC RPT T87-210, DTG 200258Z MAY 87 (BY  
SAME SOURCE)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
  - A. NAME: -SOURCE-
  - B. DPOB: -SD- 17; -SD-
  - THUA THIEN (P)
  - C. OCCUPATION:
    - PRE -1975: BANKER, 1954-75
    - POST-1975: BANKING ADVISOR, 1975-78;
  - D. PRESENT LOCATION: C/D -SD-
  - E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: -SD-
  - F. EDUCATION: 4 YRS COLLEGE
  - G. LANGUAGES: VIETNAMESE (NATIVE), FRENCH (FLUENT), ENGLISH (FAIR)
  - H. RELIGION: PROTESTANT
  - I. STATUS: JDP BENEFICIARY
  - J. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1977
  - K. FINAL ADDRESS/POC IN VIETNAM: 339/62 LE VAN SY, PH. 23, Q. 3, HCMC
  - L. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN 1ST ASYLUM: 7 MAY 87
  - M. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED  
-SD-  
MAY 87 BY JAMES M. COYLE, GS-12, DOD. SOURCE

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2. SUMMARY: SOURCE'S NIECE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN AT LEAST THREE CAUCASIANS WORKING IN A RICE FIELD NORTHWEST OF DA NANG IN 1977. THE CAUCASIANS FLED UPON BEING SIGHTED. A COMMUNIST CADRE TOLD HER THAT THE CAUCASIANS WERE FORMER US POWS, NOW LIVING FREELY WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS ON MOVEMENT AND CONDUCT.  
END SUMMARY.

3. INFORMATION: IN 1977 SOURCE'S NIECE, Name WAS VISITING HIM AT HIS HOME IN HCMC DURING A BREAK FROM COLLEGE. Name WAS AT THAT TIME ABOUT 15 YOA. SHE HAD RECEIVED A "LOW PASS" ON HER COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, AND WAS THEREFORE UNABLE TO PURSUE HER EDUCATION IN HANOI. HOWEVER, BECAUSE SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH (TRANG NIEN CONG SAN), SHE WAS ALLOWED TO ATTEND A TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE AT DA NANG. ALL STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE WERE REQUIRED TO PERFORM LABOR SERVICE ON SATURDAYS. THOSE WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH WORKED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION FROM THOSE WHO WERE NOT, AND UNDER LESS SUPERVISION.

4. DURING THIS 1977 VISIT Name TOLD SOURCE THAT ON ONE RECENT SATURDAY SHE AND THE MEMBERS OF HER WORK GROUP WERE RIDING BICYCLES TO THEIR WORK AREA, LOCATED "WEST OF THE HAI VAN PASS" ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS BY BICYCLE NORTHWEST OF DA NANG. AS SHE WAS CYCLING PAST A RICE FIELD SHE NOTICED SOME MEN WORKING THERE. THE MEN NOTICED THE CYCLISTS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, STOOD UP, AND FLED INTO A NEARBY TREE LINE. Name WAS ABOUT 20M FROM THE MEN WHEN THEY STOOD UP. AS THEY DID SO, SHE WAS STARTLED AT THEIR HEIGHT, AND SUDDENLY REALIZED THEY WERE CAUCASIANS. SHE TOLD SOURCE THAT SHE SAW AT LEAST THREE MEN; THERE MAY HAVE BEEN MORE, BUT SHE COULD NOT BE SURE. THE ONLY FEATURE ABOUT THE MEN SHE COULD RECALL, OTHER THAN THEIR HEIGHT, WAS THAT ALL THREE WERE WEARING VIETNAMESE PEASANT HATS.

5. ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SAW THE CAUCASIANS AS WELL, AND BEGAN TO REMARK AMONG THEMSELVES ABOUT WHAT THEY HAD JUST SEEN. THE COMMUNIST CADRE ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP THEN TOLD THEM THAT THE MEN WERE FORMER US POWS WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED AND WHO WERE LIVING AS FARMERS. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO

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LIVE UNDISTURBED, PROVIDED THAT THEY STAYED WITHIN A CERTAIN RADIUS OF THEIR DWELLING PLACES, AND SHUNNED ALL CONTACT WITH OUTSIDERS. SHOULD THEY FAIL TO LIVE WITHIN THESE RESTRICTIONS THEY WOULD AGAIN BE IMPRISONED.

6. Name SAW THE AMERICAN POWS ONLY THIS ONE TIME. NEITHER SHE NOR THE OTHERS IN THE GROUP BT

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CITE: 3338 MAY 87  
SUBJECT: JCRC RPT 187-230, HEARSAY OF THREE CAUCASIANS  
SUFFERED ANY REPERCUSSIONS FROM THIS ACCIDENTAL  
SIGHTING. SOURCE SAID, BECAUSE THEY WERE MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH. HAD THEY NOT BEEN COMMUNIST  
YOUTH, HOWEVER, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT TO PRISON.

7. *-Name-* HAS MARRIED AND IS NOW LIVING IN  
THE HOME OF HER *-SP-*  
*-SP-* SOURCE HAS NOT SEEN HER  
SINCE EARLY 1984. SOURCE HAS NO IDEA WHY HUONG NHU  
TOLD HIM THIS STORY, EXCEPT AS A FORM OF MILD BOASTING  
(KHODE), BUT HE CAN THINK OF NO REASON WHY SHE WOULD  
WISH TO DECEIVE HIM.

8. SOURCE'S PERSONAL HISTORY MAY BE FOUND IN  
PARAGRAPHS 7-10 OF RF.  
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CITE: 3340 MAY 87

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POW/MIA-RELATED  
INFORMATION

1. THE FOLLOWING REFUGEES CLAIMING TO HAVE  
INFORMATION OF POW/MIA INTEREST DEPARTED PHANAT NIKHOM  
REFUGEE CAMP FOR RPCI BATAAN PRIOR TO 26/27 MAY INTERVIEW  
TRIP BY JCRC REPS MCKAY AND COYLE:  
INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS NAME, ID NUMBER, DATE OF  
DEPARTURE, TYPE OF INFORMATION:

*-Name-* 8 MAY 87, HEARSAY REMAINS  
*-Name-* 12 MAY 87, HEARSAY REMAINS  
*-Name-* 12 MAY 87, REMAINS  
*-Name-* 12 MAY 87; HEARSAY SIGHTING,  
TWO US/POWS IN HOA LO, 1979  
*NAME* , 27 APR 87; ONE US CALLED  
"NAM" IN YEN BAI OCT 77.  
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