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ADMIN MSG FOR DIA/DI-7C/DI-D; CINCPAC FOR J2/J3.

SUBJ: REFUGEE INTERVIEW REQUEST. SC

REF: A. DIA MSG 3330, DTG 081447Z DEC 80.
B. SINGAPORE 12514, DTG 030811Z DEC 80.

1. (U) REF A REQUESTED THAT WE INTERVIEW AN AMERICAN REFUGEE BASED ON TESTIMONY REPORTED IN REF B. IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN WHATEVER KNOWLEDGE HE MIGHT HAVE ON THE POW/MIA TOPIC.

2. SC, AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE INTERVIEWER SINCE 1969 IN KIEN HOA, HAD MET WITH THE INTERVIEWER ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE SP WHERE SC WAS CAMP LEADER. THE MIA TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY, AND WHILE SC HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICANS ALIVE OR DEAD IN VIETNAM, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LOCATING EX-VIET CONG OFFICERS AND OTHERS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF INTEREST TO US.

3. SC WAS AGAIN INTERVIEWED AT SP ON 12 DECEMBER 80 IN RESPONSE TO REF A. AGEN

ACTION DI-7C(1) (U, P, E, P)
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HE SAID THAT DURING HIS IMPRISONMENT, AND AT ALL OTHER TIMES, HE NEVER EVEN HEARD A RUMOR OF U.S. PRISONERS, AND HE SAW NO GRAVES OR REMAINS SAID TO BE THOSE OF AMERICANS.

4. SC SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN INFREQUENT CONTACT WITH HIS BROTHER, FORMER ARVN NAME, PRESENTLY IN RE-EDUCATION AT HA NAM NINH. THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF LETTERS A RE-EDUCATEE MAY SEND AND RECEIVE, AND ALL MAIL IS PRESUMED TO BE MONITORED BY THE AUTHORITIES. THEREFORE, ANY KNOWLEDGE NAME MIGHT HAVE ON AMERICAN MJA'S WOULD NOT BE PASSED BY MAIL.

5. WHEN ASKED IF SC FELT HIS BROTHER NAME WOULD ESCAPE VIETNAM ONCE RELEASED, SC STATED MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WOULD. IT HAS BEEN "SET UP" ALREADY, SC SAID, AND NAME LIVES FOR THE DAY HE CAN JOIN HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN WHO ARE ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES.

6. THE "SISTER IN THE U.S." REFERRED TO IN REF A AND B IS ACTUALLY NAME'S SISTER-IN-LAW, THE WIFE OF NAME, WHO LIVES AT DATA. SC AND HIS FAMILY WILL LIVE THERE UPON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. AND MAY BE CONTACTED THERE. SC'S DEPARTURE DATE IS EXPECTED SOON BUT UNKNOWN AS YET.

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