

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

5 SEPTEMBER 1986

SUBJECT: POW-HEARSAY REPORT

1. *sc* STATED ON 25 AUGUST 1986 THAT A NUMBER OF AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS WERE RECENTLY CAPTURED IN VIETNAM. THEY WERE CAPTURED BY SRV SECURITY FORCES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK SAIGON. THE FOREIGNERS CAPTURED OTHER THAN AMERICANS INCLUDED BOTH THAI AND CHINESE. THERE WERE ALSO SOME VIETNAMESE CAPTURED AND THEY WERE PLACED ON TRIAL SEVERAL MONTHS PRIOR TO *sc*'S DEPARTURE FROM HO CHI MINH CITY IN EARLY 1985.
2. BASED ON *sc*'S RECOLLECTION, THE INCIDENT WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED ON SAIGON TELEVISION WHICH ALSO REFERENCED THE CAPTURE OF A BOAT AND WEAPONS. THE FOREIGNERS CAPTURED WERE ASSOCIATED WITH A RESISTANCE GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN ENTERING VIETNAM THRU THE SOUTHERN VIETNAM DELTA.
3. *sc* POW-HEARSAY INFORMATION IS NOT FACTUALLY ACCURATE. THE INCIDENT HE DESCRIBED IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEC 1984 PUBLIC SPY TRIALS IN HO CHI MINH CITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARREST, TRIAL, AND IMPRISONMENT OF A LARGE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LE QUOC THUY RESISTANCE GROUP. THE PUBLIC TRIALS WERE WIDELY PUBLICIZED. THE SRV GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH A US CONNECTION IN THE INCIDENT AND DID REFERENCE ONE AMERICAN BY NAME RESIDING IN BANGKOK, THAILAND. THE SRV GOVERNMENT ALSO REFERENCED SUPPORT FROM BOTH THAILAND AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE RESISTANCE GROUP. THIS TOO WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED. ALTHOUGH THE PUBLICITY MENTIONED TWO ETHNIC VIETNAMESE OF DUAL FRENCH/VIETNAMESE CITIZENSHIP AS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED, ALL OTHERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS VIETNAMESE. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO ANY AMERICANS, THAI, AND CHINESE AMONG THE LIST OF THOSE ARRESTED AND PLACED ON TRIAL AND THE SRV GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED TO CLAIM ANY WERE CAPTURED ON TRIED.
4. IT IS APPARENT SOURCE HAS SOME FRAGMENTARY KNOWLEDGE OF THE WELL KNOWN DECEMBER 1984 PUBLIC SPY TRIALS WHICH, FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, HE HAS TOTALLY DISTORTED THE REALITY OF WHAT WAS WELL PUBLICIZED. *sc* INSISTED HIS VERSION OF THE INCIDENT WAS TOTALLY ACCURATE EVEN WHEN CHALLENGED. HE HAD NOT MENTIONED THIS UNIDENTIFIED TO CONG. SMITH'S STAFF OVER THE THREE MONTHS THEY INTERVIEWED HIM. HE MENTIONED THE INCIDENT TO THE UNDERSIGNED AS BEING OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE US GOVERNMENT. HE MENTIONED THE INCIDENT ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS IN-DEPTH DIA INTERVIEW IN *SD*

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 PASS: DIA FOR RTS-2B
 COUNTRY: VIETNAM (VM); UNITED STATES (US); LAOS (LA).
 SUBJ: IIR 1 512 0183 86/US ARMY CAPTAIN DISMEMBERED IN VM
 WARNING: THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL
 DOI: 720000
 REQSN D-DC2-43468
 SOURCE: //603686// A VM REFUGEE WHO DEPARTED VM AND HAS BEEN RESIDING IN A KS REFUGEE CAMP. SOURCE ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WHILE LIVING IN VM. SOURCE'S RELIABILITY REMAINS UNDETERMINED.

SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION ON A US ARMY CAPTAIN WHO WAS CAPTURED AND EXECUTED DURING THE VM WAR.

TEXT: IN 1972, THE VIET CONG ATTACKED A REPUBLIC OF VM (RVN) AIRBORNE UNIT, KNOWN AS *SSD* NEAR THE VM-LA BORDER. WHILE *SSD* WAS RETREATING, THE VIET CONG CAPTURED A US ARMY CAPTAIN, ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT AS A MILITARY ADVISOR, AND AN RVN SOLDIER, LIEUTENANT *SS*. DURING THEIR FORCED MARCH TO HANOI, THE CAPTAIN BECAME FATIGUED AND SUFFERED FROM DIARRHEA. UNABLE TO TRAVEL FURTHER, HE WAS SHOT WITH A RIFLE AND HIS BODY WAS CUT INTO PIECES AND THROWN INTO A RIVER. SOURCE STATED THAT SUCH ACTIONS

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WERE COMMON WHEN US SOLDIERS RESISTED OR WERE INCAPABLE OF TRAVEL DURING THE CAPTURE PHASE.

COMMENTS: 1. SOURCE WAS INTELLIGENT AND IN GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION AT THE TIME OF DEBRIEFING. SOURCE READILY VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT AND IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFING.

2. SS, WHO WITNESSED THE EXECUTION OF THE ARMY CAPTAIN WAS RELEASED FROM A HANOI PRISON (NFI) IN MAY 1975. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE JOINED AN INSURGENT GROUP WHICH UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED THE BEN TRE//GEOCOORD: 1014N/10622E// REEDUCATION CAMP DURING THE FEB 86 LUNAR HOLIDAY SEASON. SS WAS CAPTURED, SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS AT BEN TRE, AND PLACED IN THE SAME ROOM AS SOURCE, ALSO A PRISONER. IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT SOURCE LEARNED THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT.

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REL TO:

ENCL: N/A

DISSEM: N/A

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SOURCE

- SOURCE had trained in PRC at MUANGLA twice.
- Training 1st time for 3 months at MUANGLA in 1961 to 1962 with 1500 men from PHONGSALI.
 - Training 2nd time for 6 months at MUANGLA in 1964 to 1965 with 100 men, mostly studying military and political of communist's regime by blaming the capitalist.
 - There were 3 inmates escaping from the prison camp HOUAY LENG with source in 1977. MR NAME (died) MR T, NAME (died) MR NAME 58 YOA a former (Major neutralist of GEN NAME) surmising resettlement in in 1978.
 - source hearsay from ethnic chinex) said that there were 8 americans POW in MUANGOUDOMXAI, before lived in sandiego but now he has moved to somewhere else could not find him last weekend.
 - source said; there were 30 inmates whose had seen caucasian with him while on work details at MUANGKHOUA, but most of them were montagnards from PHONGSALI's area, after they had been released, they went back to their own village to stay with their families.

Interview on June 10, 1986

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