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CAPTIVITY OF FOUR PILOTS

05/ FEB 73,
THE FOLLOWING WAS REVEALED GROUP 217
IS HOLDING FOUR PILOTS CAPTIVE AND THE GROOUP IS REQUESTI
ORDERS CONCERNING WHAT TO DO WITH THEM FROM AN UNID UNIT PROB
SUBORDINATE THE 559TH,
COMMENTS: THAT GROUP 217
IS POSS LOCATED IN VIC OF VINH/BT9.

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DOWNED EC-47 CREW
1, HAVE REVIEWED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOUR FLIERS MENTIONED 5 FEB AND NO ADDITIONAL REFLECTIONS OR AMPLIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE FLIERS WERE REVEALED, FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAP. AND SOME OTHER OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT,
2, FOUR FLIERS, WHOSE NATIONALITY WAS NOT DISCLOSED, WERE LOCATED ON 5 FEB IN THE GENERAL AREA NORTH OF MOUNG NONG IN THE BINH TRAM 33 AREA, ACCORDING TO THE FLIERS WERE TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM "44," A PROBABLE KILOMETER MARKER 44 ON ROUTE 914 (XD 495254, 16-30N 106-25E) TO "93," A PROBABLE KILOMETER MARKER 93 ON ROUTE 1032 (XD 549525, 16-43N 106-27E), AND WERE APPARENTLY EN ROUTE TO THE BINH TRAM 9 AREA, WEST OF THE DMZ IN LAOS, TWO UNIDENTIFIED PERSONSLITIES IN THE BINH TRAM 9 AREA WERE TO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING MOVEMENT OF THE POWS AND IF PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED, HIGH HQS ) WAS TO BE NOTIFIED TO SUPPLY "WAYS AND MEANS" (PROBABLE REFERENCES TO TRUCKS) TO MOVE THE FLIERS, SUFFICIENT WATER WAS TO BE GIVEN TO THE FLIERS, (ALSO ON 5 FEB) AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSONALITY ASSOCIATED WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP 210 OR GROUP 210B, PROBABLY IN NORTH VIETNAM, THERE HAD BEEN SOME DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSPORTING THE FLIERS AND THAT THE BINH TRAM 9 PERSONALITIES CHECK TO SEE IF THESE PROBLEMS HAD BEEN RESOLVED SO MOVEMENT COULD CONTINUE, THE GROUP 210/210B PERSONALITY ALSO NOTIFIED OF THEIR TIME OF DEPARTURE AS HE WAS WAITING FOR THEM, THESE WERE THE ONLY REFLECTIONS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THESE "FLIERS,"
3, THE TERM FOR "FLIERS" IS COMMONLY USED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REFER TO AIR CREW MEMBERS INCLUDING PILOTS, NAVIGATORS, GUNNERS ETC, THE USE OF THIS TERM DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FOUR PRISONERS WERE ENLISTED AIR CREW MEMBERS BUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE SUCH SINCE THE SAME TERM HAD BEEN USED TO REFER COLLECTIVELY TO B-52 CREWS DOWNED IN DECEMBER IN NORTH VIETNAM,
4, ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL LOCATION GIVEN 5 FEB IS SOME

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5 KM FROM THE CRASH SITE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AT LEAST PART OF THE REW WERE ABLE TO BAIL OUT PRIOR TO THE CRASH AND THEREFORE COULD AVE BEEN CLOSER TO THIS POINT THAN THE CRASH SITE WHEN THEY WERE APTURED. FURTHER, SINCE VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION WAS INDICATED, APID MOVEMENT IS REASONABLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE 4 FLTERS ERE PART OF THE CREW OF THE EC-47.

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TO DISCUSS STATUS OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR

MR559 SUBORDINATES

MR. HAI MENH ((A)) ((HAI MEENHJ)) IN MILITARY REGION FIVE
ON 25 JULY MR559 PERSONNEL
TEND)) THE NHA TRANG PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE ((MEETING)) AT THE AIRFIELD IN
FORWARD AREA OF MR5 THERE. THE PURPOSE IS FOR MR. HAI MENH TO MEET WITH MR.
EN TRI TINH ((A)) ((NGUYEEN TRIJ TINHF)) AND THE MR559 ((DELEGATES)) TO
SCUSS AND RESOLVE THE SITUATION)) OF THE AMERICAN P.O.W.S. WHICH
A)) FORCES CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD FROM 26 TO 30
((1975)).
((A)) UNIDENTIFIED NVN PERSONALITY

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