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(Classification) (Caveats)

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1. AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR ARE BROUGHT TO HANOI FOR DETENTION AND TRIAL AFTER CAPTURE AND INTERROGATION. THEY ARE INITIALLY DETAINED IN THE HANOI PRISON [redacted] COMMENT: BUILDING NO. 145 ON THE HANOI TOWN PLAN). AFTER PROCESSING, THE PRISONERS ARE TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BUILDING WHICH ALSO HOUSES THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE HEADQUARTERS (SO CONGAN) (SOURCE COMMENT: BUILDING NO. 145 ON THE HANOI TOWN PLAN).

2. AFTER TRIAL AND SENTENCING, THE PRISONERS ARE TRANSFERRED TO A MORE PERMANENT DETENTION CENTER WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN OLD LABORATORY IMMEDIATELY BESIDE BACH MAI HOSPITAL TO THE EAST. THIS BUILDING IS AN OLD TWO STORY STRUCTURE OF TYPICAL VIETNAMESE CONSTRUCTION WHICH LIKE BACH MAI HOSPITAL HAS A LARGE BASEMENT. [redacted] COMMENT: SOURCE VISITED BACH MAI HOSPITAL JUST PRIOR TO BEING REPATRIATED AND WAS TOLD BY SOME HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES THAT PRISONERS WERE BEING DETAINED IN THE ADJACENT BUILDING).

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[redacted] FROM: SAIGON 6125 [redacted] MTG NO. 6

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1. [redacted] DURING DISCUSSION POW ISSUE WITH US HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD OF MR. GUSTAF HERTZ'S DEATH IN JULY [redacted] MR. HERTZ DIED OF A NEW OR UNUSUAL TYPE OF MALARIA; THE VC HAD BROUGHT IN THEIR BEST DOCTORS AND GAVE MR. HERTZ BEST MEDICAL ATTENTION AVAILABLE TO THEM BUT THIS DISEASE WAS CONSIDERED BY VC TO BE TERMINAL IN ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL CASES. DISEASE, ACCORDING TO [redacted] IS ESPECIALLY PREVALENT IN TAY NINH PROVICE (THOUGH [redacted] DID NOT ACTUALLY KNOW WHERE MR. HERTZ WAS BEING IMPRISONED) AND AFFECTED BOTH VC AND PRISONERS ALIKE. [redacted] ADDED THAT VC WERE VERY SENSITIVE TO MR. HERTZ'S CASE AND BEFORE HE DIED VC BROUGHT AMERICAN POW'S TO VIEW THE SICK PERSON, TOOK PHOTOS ETC IN ORDER TO COUNTER ANY POSSIBLE PUBLICITY IMPLYING THAT MR. HERTZ HAD BEEN EXECUTED. [redacted] VIEWED ANNOUNCEMENT DEATH MR. HERTZ AS BAD BLOW TO VC/FRONT PRESTIGE AND IMAGE TO FOREIGNERS.

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3. YOU MAY WISH PASS ABOVE TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

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COUNTRY	: NORTH VIETNAM (NVN)	NIC REPORT NO	: 1569/67
SUBJECT	: Captured U.S. Airman in BO TRACH District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN	NIC CASE NO	: 1158/3/67
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SOURCE: [redacted]

SUMMARY

Source saw two captive Americans pilots in a village in BO TRACH District, QUANG BINH Province in mid-December 1966. They were housed in a thatched hut and were guarded by two Vietnamese soldiers. One of these soldiers spoke fluent English and Source thought that he was a political cadre sent from HANOI to interrogate the prisoners. When Source saw the Americans they had been in the villages for about one month. They were well treated and seemed to be in good health. Neither of them seemed to be injured. Most American prisoners were kept in a prison camp somewhere in SON TAY Province. The camp was reputed to contain between 500 to 700 American prisoners. Americans captured near HANOI or from THANH HOA Province north were usually sent to SON TAY prison camp within two to three days after being captured. Prisoners who were captured from NGHE AN Province south were usually detained in their area of capture, interrogated

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