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COUNTRY - SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI - JULY - AUGUST 1967

SUBJECT - SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN NAM HOA DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM.

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1. BETWEEN 0900 AND 1000 HOURS ONE DAY IN JULY OR AUGUST 1967, [redacted] SAW TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) AT ABOUT YD607212 IN NAM HOA DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE POW'S WERE ESCORTED BY TWO VIET CONG (VC) ARMED WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS. EACH POW CARRIED ABOUT TEN KILOS OF RICE, A CANTEEN OF WATER, AND SOME FISH AND MEAT CANS TO EAT FROM, WHILE THE ESCORTS CARRIED SOME POTS AND PANS FOR COOKING. THE ESCORTS TOLD [redacted] THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN CAPTURED NEARBY THREE OR FOUR DAYS EARLIER AFTER A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT THEY HAD BEEN FLYING DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE AND CRASHED.

2. [redacted] OBSERVED THE POW'S FROM A DISTANCE OF ONE METER FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. THEY WERE VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE. BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN, FROM 30 TO 32 YEARS OLD, FROM 1.80 TO 1.90 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED FROM 80 TO 85 KILOS. THEY HAD HEAVY BUILDS, BROWN HAIR, ROUND FACES, LIGHT COMPLEXIONS, AND WORE BROWN FLIGHT SUITS, SHOES, AND WRISTWATCHES. THEIR CLOTHES WERE VERY DIRTY. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] WAS SHOWN BOTH VOLUMES OF "PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION.

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3. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV JCRC USARV NAVFORV 7592ND AIG OSI AT SAIGON: SENT CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [redacted]

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