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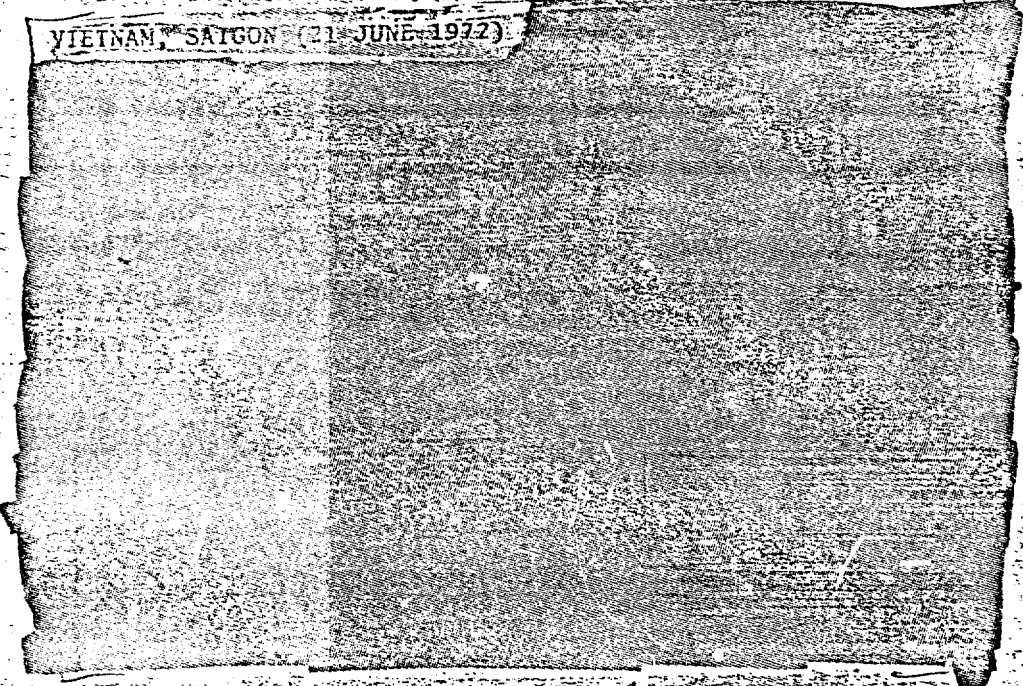
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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM
DOI DECEMBER 1970 - APRIL 1971
SUBJECT LOCATION OF A POSSIBLE U.S. PRISONER OF WAR
CAMP IN HA TAY PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (21 JUNE 1972)

SOURCE



1. ACCORDING TO THE INHABITANTS OF YEN THINH VILLAGE, BAT BAT DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, AS OF 1 APRIL 1971 A POSSIBLE U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) CAMP WAS LOCATED AT THE SUOI HAI DAM SITE. THE DAM WAS BUILT AROUND LAKE SUOI HAI (WJ 452386, WJ 456387, WJ 454388 AND WJ 451388). WHILE THE CAMP'S EXISTENCE COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED, THE STRICT SECURITY MEASURES SET UP AFTER

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CAMP LOG #: *17-36*

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1:50,000 Coord:

1:250,000 Coord:

*Camp Dar N36
only 4 miles west
Encl 255 - (S-47, 601/084H)*

DECEMBER 1970 CAUSED THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE KEPT AT THE SITE COMPOUND. MOST PRISONERS WERE CONFINED TO GOVERNMENT WORKSITES AND FORCED TO WORK AS LABORERS BUT SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE AT SUOI HAI.

2. PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1970, THE PEOPLE COULD FISH IN THE LAKE OR COLLECT FIREWOOD FROM THE SURROUNDING HILLS. AFTER THAT TIME THE DAM SITE WAS STRICTLY GUARDED AND ALL ENTRANCES WITHIN A RADIUS OF ONE KILOMETER WERE PLACED OFF LIMITS TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE. CHECKPOINTS WERE SET UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCES AND RESTRICTED WARNING SIGNS WERE POSTED. ARMED POLICE PATROLLED THE AREA ON A ROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS.

3. [REDACTED] THE NEW SON TAY ACADEMY IN HA TAY PROVINCE -- THE OLD ACADEMY HAD BEEN DESTROYED DURING THE 1965 BOMBINGS AND ITS FACILITIES RELOCATED IN THE YEN THINH VILLAGE AREA -- WHEN AIRBORNE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES LANDED IN SON TAY CITY ON 21 NOVEMBER 1970 IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE POW'S. NOT LONG AFTER THIS ATTACK THE CAMP WAS SET UP AT SUOI HAI, SOME TIME IN EARLY DECEMBER. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT THE NEW CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE SON TAY ATTACK.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE RECORDS OF THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) DO NOT REFLECT ANY INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS REPORT. JPRC COMMENTED THAT THE MOVEMENT OF U.S. POW'S DURING THE TIME FRAME STATED BY [REDACTED] IS PROBABLE. AFTER THE SON TAY RAID OF NOVEMBER 1970, NORTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES DID TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES TO COUNTER PRISONER RECOVERY ATTEMPTS.)



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6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY MACV USARV NAVFORV 525TH MI GP
7602ND AIG OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC

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