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SUBJECT : Two U.S. POW's Seen Near SON TAY City, HA TAY Province, NVN. DATE OF REPORT: 31/8/67
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SUMMARY

Source saw two U.S. prisoners' of war (POW's) approximately 25 years of age during July 1965 near SON TAY City, NVN, while they were en route to HANOI City accompanied by one armed escort and the jeep driver. Source was told by the driver that the POW's had just been captured in HA TAY Province, NVN. Normally, civilians and military people are not allowed to approach POW's while in transit, because everyone hated the Americans for bombing NVN. U.S. POW's were allowed five NVN piasters per day for food while NVA personnel were only allowed 60 NVN piasters per day for food.

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1. About July 1965 Source saw two U.S. POW's sitting unbound in the back of a jeep approximately seven kilometers west of SON TAY City, HA TAY Province, NVN. There was one escort armed guard and a driver. Both POW's appeared to be about 25 years of age, wore black aviation suits and had light beards. Neither wore glasses, or had any distinguishing marks or scars. Both appeared to be in good condition, but were obviously very sad.
2. The jeep stopped so the driver and guard could get a drink of water from a nearby inn. Source who was attending the SON TAY officers' school was exercising on the school field when he met the driver and saw the POW's and the guard.
3. Source approached them and was told by the driver that the POW's had just been captured in HA TAY Province and were being taken to HANOI City. Neither NVA or NVN civilians were normally allowed to approach U.S. POW's while in transit, because most people in NVN hated the Americans very much for bombing NVN. Source knew that each U.S. POW was allowed five NVN piasters per day for food while NVA personnel received .60 NVN piasters per day for food.

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