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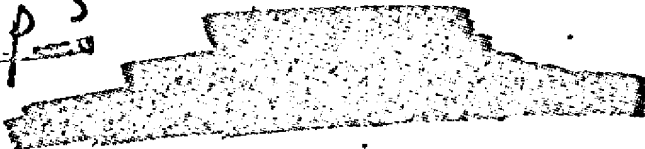
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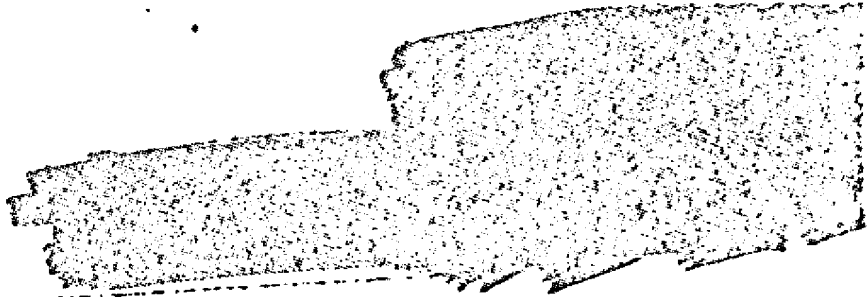
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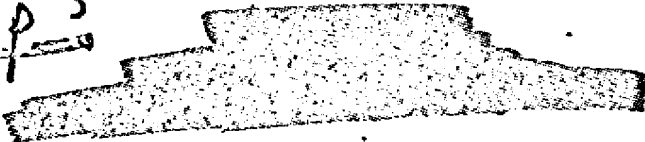
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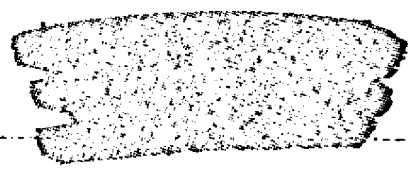
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2. All of the POWs appeared to be in good health and did not appear to be wounded. They were caucasian and wore civilian clothes. One POW was about 35 years old, 1.90 meters tall, had a medium build and a long face. The second was about 1.80 meters tall and had a heavy build. The third POW was about 1.70 meters tall and also had a heavy build. /2/

3. The POWs and their guards remained overnight in Binh Co Hamlet. The POWs were given bread to eat and were placed in trenches to sleep. The next morning they were sent to the VC Subregion (SR) 5 headquarters in War Zone D. The guards were armed with AK rifles and tied the hands of each man for the trip. /3/ and /4/

/1/ Continued. SP4 James E. Rozo and PFC Robert P. Phillips, all of the U. S. Army. The three individuals were last seen on 23 June 1970; their vehicle was found later the same day at XT801340 on a road near Ben Cat Village, Binh Duong Province, SVN. Further, this is the only date/circumstance correlation for the time frame and area. The vehicle involved was a two and one-half ton military vehicle, not a jeep, and was left at the scene. These individuals are carried by the U. S. Army in the following status: SFC Pederson - MIA; SP4 Rozo and PFC Phillips - captured (based on additional information). "

/2/ [REDACTED] was shown the "Photographs of Missing and Captured Personnel in SEA" album published by the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) but was unable to identify any of the men.

/3/ VC SR-5 has since been redesignated Thu Bien SR. Thu Bien SR includes Government of Vietnam (GVN) Duc Tu and Tan Uyen Districts Bien Hoa Province; Bien Hoa City; most of Thu Duc District, Gia Dinh Province; Chau Thanh, Lai Thieu and Phu Giao District, Binh Duong Province; Phu Cuong City and portions of Kien Tan District, Long Khanh Province.

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