

## INTERVIEW OF A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE

... On 4 April 1980, SC, a female Vietnamese refugee, who currently resides in SD France, was interviewed. A DIA team initially met her on 29 March 1980 while attempting to locate SS a refugee who had previously been contacted by DIA. SC currently resides in the refugee center SD in which N formerly resided.

BACKGROUND

1. SC was born in SD SD. She has two children and is married to a former ARVN sergeant, SD who currently resides in SD. Additionally, she has an uncle, SD who now resides in SD. Her father, SD was a Colonel in the ARVN who was assigned to General Staff Headquarters SD.

She stated that her father was assigned to SD but did not know what kind of work he did. Her father reported for re-education in May 1975 and his whereabouts were then unknown until Nov/Dec 77. She stated that after her father left in May 1975, her family was forced out of their SD home and moved back to SD where her paternal grandmother had lived continuously. In late 1977, her paternal grandmother received a letter from her father which indicated that he was imprisoned in Phuc Yen. Shortly thereafter, her paternal grandmother visited her father. Upon return, her paternal grandmother told her that her father was very ill and that he had advised all the family members to flee Vietnam. Subsequently, her mother visited her father at the same location in late 1978. Upon return, her mother told her that her father had related a rumor concerning the killing of an

American in that area during an escape attempt in 1977. Further, her mother told her that thirty other prisoners (non-Americans) had also been killed during the same escape attempt. SC stated that her mother provided her with no further information concerning Americans. Subsequently, another letter was received from her father which indicated that he had been moved to camp A1 in Yen Bai province.

2. In May 1979, SC visited her father at Yen Bai, camp A1. She departed from Saigon with approximately 50 other persons and after 4 days travel arrived at camp A1. She advised that the bus was in the Hanoi area at approximately 9 p.m. and arrived at the camp at about noon the following day. She said that she had no idea in which direction the bus traveled from Hanoi and knew that she was in Yen Bai only because the letter received from her father said that he was held at Yen Bai. She was allowed to visit with her father for only two hours in a room with several other family members and prisoners and one communist guard. She stated that her father told her also about the killing of one American and 30 other persons during an attempted escape in 1977. She said that her father had learned of this while working in the jungle with prisoners from other camps. Further, she stated that her father told her that there were still Americans located at camp A63 in the Yen Bai area. He requested that she bring food with her during her next visit as the food would be gotten to the Americans, as they had no visitors to care for them. When questioned further, she stated that she had no idea where camp A63 is located or its relationship to camp A1. She advised that her father told her that he had never seen the American and provided her with no further information

about them. She continued stating that on her return trip from Yen Bai to Saigon, several discussions were held on the bus and that others on the bus also had knowledge about Americans at Yen Bai.

3. Eight Vietnamese refugees, all of whom are former ARVN officers, have recently provided information concerning imprisonment at Yen Bai. One former ARVN captain advised that he was held in camp AH 102 NT during May 1977. A refugee advised that generals and colonels were held at camp AH 2NT. SC advised that she visited her father at Camp A1, but that he told her he was kept at a different camp approximately 20 kms from A1.

4. This is an interim report. The eight Vietnamese will be again debriefed in an attempt to develop more extensive knowledge concerning the Yen Bai complex and, more specifically, the A63 camp. Additionally, further information will be sought concerning the identity and position of SS