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From: CH-OPS
To: CDR-JCRC

Subj: U.S. POWs in Hanoi Citadel (Hearsay)

Source:

- a. Name: -- SC
- b. DOB: SD
- c. POB: SD
- d. Former Position: Warrant Officer, ARVN 1955-1975
- e. Present Location: SD
- f. Identification Data: Gp 474/Cap Anamur
- g. DOI: Jul/Aug 1979

Information:

In 1941 source, along with his family, moved from China to Long Son Province, NVN, and then on to Hanoi in 1948. Source joined the French Army in 1951 and was assigned to an airborne unit at Tan Son Nhut. Source's family moved to Saigon in 1954. Source joined ARVN in 1955, and served with airborne units to 1972. With the rank of warrant officer, he served as the personal aide to the ARVN Surgeon General from 1972 to 1975.

In June 1975, source reported as directed by the communist government to Phi Long Building, Le Van Duyet St (former name), Saigon, to commence reeducation. After 4 months, source escaped by climbing a wall at night and sought refuge at a Chinese friend's home near Ban Me Thuot (AQ 7903), where he remained until June 1980. With a view to escaping overland to China, he travelled to Hanoi in June 1980. He had a false I.D. procured with the help of his friend and train tickets in his false name. Travel papers to visit his wife's uncle Name DATA Hanoi, were obtained by bribes to various police and local communist officials. He arrived at Name's residence on 11 June 1980 and remained there til December 1980. Unable to procure false documents with which he could travel northward to escape to China, and fearing detection, he returned to southern Vietnam in December 1980 and escaped by sea.

Source claimed that while in Hanoi he and a neighbor named SS who lived at SSD treet with his parents, had casual conversations on several occasions. Source described SS as about 22 years old, dedicated to communism, a braggart, and the son of a PAVN Colonel (name unknown). During one of these conversations in July or August 1980, SS is alleged to have stated that he had heard his father and mother talking in the previous evening after he had gone to bed. SS claimed his father had said that over 50 U.S. POWs held at the "Citadel" were being moved that evening to underground bunkers there because the "U.S delegation" in Hanoi at the time was scheduled to visit the Citadel on the following day (NFI).

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For A&S, re internal EEI: Source claimed no knowledge of American bodies stored at the Citadel. He could provide no information as to the reason for the "special visit" of the "U.S. delegation," nor could he say when it arrived in Hanoi, claiming his knowledge was limited to the information obtained second-hand from SS

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