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FROM: JCRC-LNB

REFERENCE: M83-045
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SUBJ: Refugee Report, Alleged U.S. Prisoners in Dong Thap Province.

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

SOURCE: ~~SD~~ ~~SOURCE~~ DPOB: Mar 54, Long Xuyen. Source
is a former seamstress who is currently residing at the Pulau Bidong
Refugee Camp, Malaysia, where the interview was conducted on 12 April 1983.
Map: Series 1501, 1:250,000, sheet NC48-6, Ed 4, Apr 73; and NC48-7, Ed 3, Apr
73.

INFORMATION: Source was arrested in June 77, and sent to re-education for keep-
ing ex-ARVN soldiers, who had not registered, in her home. When she was released
from re-education in Jul 78, she found that the communists had confiscated her
house. She was, therefore, forced to build a new house. In about Nov 78, Source
went to the Dong Tien Market in Dong Thap Province to purchase wood to build her
new house. When she arrived at the place where she was to buy her wood, in an
area where they grow sandalwood, she saw 10 (+) Americans carrying wood on their
shoulders. She was surprised when she saw them and asked who they were. One of
the people who worked there told her not to ask, because they were American
prisoners, so she dropped the subject and paid no further attention to them.
Asked for the incident location, Source related the following: From Long Xuyen,
Source went with her older brother to the Dong Tien Market, where the incident
occurred, by motor boat. The trip took three days. Due to the length of the
trip she slept in the boat a great deal so does not remember the route. She
remembers that they went from Long Xuyen and passed Cho Moi (WS4335) but does
not remember for sure how they went from there. She seemed to think they may
have passed Cao Lanh but did not remember passing Sa Dec or any other towns along
the Tien Giang River.

COMMENTS: Source did not know just where the Dong Tien Market was. However, it
is possible that it may be located somewhere along the Dong Tien Canal which runs
from WS417824 to WS857779.

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