

Tiep, -a Quang

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Le thi Anh received a telephone call from Ly Khoa Luong on July 2/79, informing her that his friend La Quang Tiep, whom he said had seen what appeared to be American POWs in Vietnam has arrived in the U.S.A. He gave Do Thi Lien telephone number. LTA called Miss Lien and she gave another telephone number where Tiep could be reached. Anh talked to Tiep. Following is his information:

He was a Navy officer of the ARVN, he reported and was jailed from 6/26/1975 until 6/30/78 date at which he was released from reeducation camps. He escaped on 8/23/78 by boat from Qui-Nhon to HongKong. Arrived in HongKong on 9/01/78. Arrived in the US 6/22/79.

Tiep was detained in a number of concentration camps: Tay Ninh, Phu-Quoc Island, Long Giac (Long-Khona province). While he was an inmate in Long Khinh, he was interned in a prison camp which was a military barracks built by the previous government. The camp had a number of barracks which were not being use for detention of the Vietnamese POWs. One evening, he does not recall the exact date, but he situated it around August 1976, he recalls it was the time when he heard over the radio that Mao Tse Tung died. One evening in that period, the prisoners were ordered to go to bed early and were forbidden to go outside. Tiep's cell happened to be near the other part of the camp which was unoccupied. Only a barbed wire fence separated his cell from the empty barracks, he couldn't sleep so he stayed awake. Late in the evening, perhaps 10 or 11 pm, he saw a convoy of Molotov trucks pulling into the empty compound. Then he saw guards popping out and opened the doors of the trucks and he saw tall men, apparently prisoners coming out and escorted into the barracks. The guards used electric torches, so he saw that the tall men wore the red and brown striped pajamas which he said he and his cellmates knew was the American POWs uniform. He was about 100 meters from the trucks and he estimates that the number of tall men he saw was about 30-32.

The men left before the night was over. The night was not dark, so it was possible to see at some distance, although not clearly. But he said he saw the color of the pajamas very clearly because the guards used electric torches flashing on them.

Suggestion: The time, the location suggest there may be connection with Ngo Fai Heng's report.

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Tiep report to [unclear] DIA in the [unclear]

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