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SERIAL: (U) [redacted]
BODY
COUNTRY: (U) CAMBODIA (KHM); VIETNAM (VNM).
IPSP: (U) POWS; IFC1587.
SUBJ: [redacted] POSSIBLE BURIAL SITE RELATED TO CASE 1610 (U).
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED
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DOI: (U) 19700502.
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SOURCE:
SOURCE A.
1. (U) DESCRIPTION -- //OPEN SOURCE//MR. BUI VAN AN. A 73-YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM, AND FORMER COMMANDER OF 4TH CO, H19 COMMUNICATIONS UNIT, B2 FRONT DATE OF SOURCE: 19700502.
2. (U) CONTEXT STATEMENT -- MR. AN WAS INTERVIEWED DURING A JPAC JFA

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IN THE PRESENCE OF BOTH CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE POW/MIA OFFICIALS.
SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.
ENCLOSURES
TEXT: 1. (U) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. AFTER A U.S. HELICOPTER CRASH IN MAY 1970, MR. BUI VAN AN RECALLED SEEING THREE INDIVIDUALS ACROSS A RICE FIELD NOT FAR FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE DAY AFTER THE INCIDENT THEIR BODIES WERE DRAGGED FROM ACROSS THE FIELD AND BURIED IN ONE LOCATION. ENCLOSURE.
2. (U) ON THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT, MR. ((BUI)) VAN AN WAS CONDUCTING RADIO TRAINING IN A FIELD OFFICE NEAR THE K30B HOSPITAL IN KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. HE HEARD THE BEATING SOUND OF HELICOPTER BLADES OUTSIDE. AFTER A SKIRMISH, MR. AN RECALLED SEEING THREE INDIVIDUALS ACROSS A RICE FIELD. ONE WAS LOCATED THREE METERS TO THE WEST OF A SMALL STREAM. TWO OTHERS WERE 10 TO 15 METERS EAST OF THE SMALL STREAM. ALL THREE HAD BEEN SHOT.
3. (U) THE DAY AFTER THE INCIDENT, THE THREE BODIES WERE DRAGGED FROM ACROSS THE FIELD AND BURIED IN ONE LOCATION IVO//MGRS: 48PXU 23961 01323//. THE BURIAL SITE MEASURES MORE THAN TWO METERS LONG AND ONE METER DEEP. THE THREE BODIES WERE BURIED FACING SKYWARDS. THE TWO TALLER BODIES WERE BURIED WITH THEIR HEADS AT THE EASTERN END. THE SMALLER BODY WAS BURIED IN THE MIDDLE WITH THE HEAD AT THE WESTERN END. (FIELD COMMENT - FOR A SKETCH OF THE BURIAL SITE SEE ENCLOSURE ONE. MGRS COORDINATE ACQUIRED FROM A GARMIN GPS USING WGS-84 MAPPING DATUM.)

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DIA 3.3(b)(1)+FOIA 5 USC § 552(b)(3): 10 USC § 424

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ENCL: (U) TO FOLLOW - 1 ENCLOSURES.
1. DIGITAL, SKETCH - (U) SITE SKETCH FOR POSSIBLE BURIAL SITE, ONE

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FORMER PINEAPPLE GROVE

SMALL STREAM

POSSIBLE BURIAL SITE
IVO 48PXU 23961 01323

RICE PADDY & DIKES

TREES ALONG SIDE OF RICE FIELD
48PXU 23973 01315

TREE ALONG SIDE OF RICE FIELD
48XPU 24021 01317

LARGE BANYAN TREE

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FORMER BAMBOO THICKET
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