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THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL

1. CTAY: NORTH KOREA (KN)

2. TITLE: OBSERVATION OF UNITED STATES PILOTS

3. DATE OF INFO: 680800

4. ORIG: COMBINED RESEARCH BN (PROV), 501ST MI GP, APO SF
96301, INT/074-80

5. REQ REFS: INITIATIVE

6. SOURCE: SC

SOURCE IS A

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DATA

THE INFORMATION IS POSSIBLY TRUE. SOURCE IS CONSIDERED TO BE RELIABLE AND

7. SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 1968, WHILE UNDERGOING DATA

TRAINING AT A DATA COMPLEX IN THE MARAM AREA ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF P'YONGYANG, KN, SUBSOURCE SSD OBSERVED TWO AMERICANS DRESS-
ED IN KN WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' RED GUARD UNIFORMS WALKING NEAR THE
FIRING RANGE WHERE SUBSOURCE WAS ENGAGED IN LIVE AMMUNITION FIRING.
SUBSOURCE CHALLENGED THE AMERICANS BECAUSE THEY HAD ENTERED A RE-
STRICTED AREA. THE AMERICANS SPOKE LIMITED KOREAN, BUT INDICATED
THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO SUNAM AIRFIELD FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS AND
HAD MISTOOK THEIR COURSE OF TRAVEL. AFTER RETURNING DATA
HOUSE THAT EVENING, SUBSOURCE ASKED A MAID AT THE COMPLEX ABOUT THE
TWO AMERICANS HE SAW. THE MAID STATED THAT THEY WERE US MILITARY
PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN VIETNAM AND BROUGHT TO KN AT AN UN-
SPECIFIED TIME. THE MAID FURTHER STATED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATE-

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→ LY TO US MILITARY PILOTS LIVING IN THREE DIFFERENT DATA HOUSES WITHIN THE MARAM COMPLEX, BUT COULD NOT SAY WHAT THEY WERE DOING THERE.

8A. DETAILS: NONE

8B. ORIG CHYS: SOURCE OBTAINED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FROM A DATA WHO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA AUTHORITIES IN MARCH 1980.

9. PROJ NO: 270331

10. CODES: NONE

11. SPEC INST: DIRC-MO

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14. REQ EVAL YES; REL TO NONE

15. ENCL: N/A

16. DIST BY ORIG: N/A

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SUMM SUMMARY: (C) A COMPOUND IN IPSONG-NI, P YONGYANG WAS
*SUSPECTED OF HOUSING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR FROM THE KOREAN WAR AND
(b)(2) *THE VIETNAM WAR. REPORT ALSO CONTAINS HEARSAY INFORMATION ON
*SUSPECTED TRANSFER OF VIETNAM-ERA PRISONERS OF WAR TO NORTH KOREA AND
ON CAST MEMBERS OF THE FILM "HEROES WITHOUT NAMES". ENCLOSURE.
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TEXT TEXT: 1. (C) CIRCA 1982/1983 HEARD FROM PRIVATE
(b)(2) ((KIM)), SANG-CH'OL, WHO HAD ATTENDED AMNOKKANG UNIVERSITY AND WAS
ASSIGNED TO 5TH BATTALION, 3RD COMMUNICATIONS BRIGADE, THAT THERE
*WERE UNITED STATES (U.S.) PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) FROM THE VIETNAM WAR
AT THE UNIVERSITY WHO WERE TEACHING ENGLISH.
(b)(2) 2. (C) IN 1986, A GUIDANCE OFFICIAL OF THE TRAINING SECTION,
CADRE BUREAU, GENERAL POLITICAL BUREAU, ADVISED TO ATTEND
AMNOKKANG UNIVERSITY BECAUSE IT PROVIDED GOOD ENGLISH INSTRUCTION BY
*U.S. POWS FROM THE KOREAN WAR AND VIETNAM WAR WHO SERVED THERE AS
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS. AROUND THE SAME TIME HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS OVER A RAILROAD BRIDGE AT
IPSONG-NI, SUNGHO-KUYOK, P YONGYANG,
APPROXIMATELY TEN TIMES, SOMETIMES IN THE COMPANY OF THE GUIDANCE
OFFICIAL, WHO POINTED OUT A COMPOUND AT

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* AND STATED IT HOUSED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR.
WAS ALSO AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN ANTIAIRCRAFT GUN UNIT
IN THE VICINITY OF
COMPOUND IDENTIFIED IS CLOSE TO IF NOT THE SAME FACILITY
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(b)(2) IDENTIFIED BY

A. (C) BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE, COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY
(b)(2) HUMAN FIGURES. HE OBSERVED A CLIFF ALONG THE RIVER BANK, BARBED WIRE
FENCING (AFFIXED TO CONCRETE POLES), AND FOUR BUILDING STRUCTURES.
B. (C) LEARNED FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICIAL THAT THE
*POWS HAD KOREAN WIVES; HOWEVER, WAS UNABLE TO LEARN HOW MANY
*POWS WERE AT THE COMPOUND, WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD WERE BEING HELD
AGAINST THEIR WILL, AND/OR WHAT ENTITY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR
SECURITY.
(b)(2) 3. (C) BETWEEN 1988 AND 1994 LEARNED FROM A FEMALE
STUDENT (NAME UNRECALLED) OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UNIVERSITY
*THAT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER U.S. POWS, INCLUDING

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*PILOTS, WERE BROUGHT FROM VIETNAM TO NORTH KOREA

4. (C) CIRCA SEPTEMBER 1996 LEARNED THROUGH HEARSAY
(b)(2) FROM A ((CH'OE)), YONG-TU THAT U.S. POWS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR WERE
TEACHING ENGLISH AT AMNOKKANG UNIVERSITY. ALL INSTRUCTORS WERE
*CAUCASIANS AND THEY LIVED IN IPSOK-TONG (CNA) (LIKELY IPSONG-NI). CH'OE HAD BEEN A CHINESE-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR AT
AMNOKKANG UNIVERSITY UNTIL AUGUST 1996 AND HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
THE MAEBONG TRADE COMPANY TO SERVE AS A RESIDENT DEPUTY
REPRESENTATIVE IN SHENYANG, CHINA.
(b)(2) 5. (C) WAS AWARE OF THE FILM "HEROES WITHOUT NAMES",
WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN PAST AS HAVING POSSIBLE KOREAN
*WAR-ERA U.S. POWS AS CAST MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO HEARSAY FROM
AFOREMENTIONED CH'OE, ONLY "LEWIS" (POSSIBLY LOUIS) FROM THE FILM HAS

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*A U.S. POW, FROM THE VIETNAM WAR, AND WAS TEACHING ENGLISH AT
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AMNOKKANG UNIVERSITY.

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(b)(2) COMMENTS:

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(5) Duration of Detention:

(a) Once they were detained, they were not allowed contact with the general public and eventually starved to death due to shortage of food after maintaining a self-help livelihood.

(6) Miscellaneous:

(a) Source heard there were special detention camps scattered around the YENBYON and HUE areas, but he did not observe those personally.

b. Detention of US Military Pilots as Vietnam War POW's at a Safehouse: Contents of what Source observed during the first phase of agent training at the Karan safehouse in August 1968.

(1) Place: Karan safehouse at YOTBANG Kuyok (District), PYNHANG

(2) Number of persons: Approximately 10

(3) Detention: It was said that they were undergoing training (details unknown) at the Karan safehouse, but detailed contents and purpose of detention were unknown.

(a) Attire: They were dressed in Red Guard uniforms and were not armed.

(b) Treatment: It was said that they were receiving special treatment, and were detained at the largest and best facility of the facilities scattered throughout the Karan safehouses.

(c) They became POW's during the Vietnam War and were evacuated to Hanoi, and were being detained at three different billets of the safehouse according to the rank of the safehouse (YI full name unknown, 3d years of age).

c. Munitions Plant 81: Source learned the following information through hearsay from one of his former students (YI full name unknown, 41 years of age) while serving as principal at the Pynsang Advanced Middle School in 1960.

(1) Location: CHUNGH'ON, KANTYU gun, CHUNGH'ON Do (Province)

(2) Size of Plant: Special-class enterprise (approximately 10,000 employees)

(3) Items Produced: Anti-aircraft machineguns, infantryman's automatic rifles and pistols.

NOTE: Almost all small arms were said to be produced at this plant.

d. Munitions Plant 90: Source learned the following information through hearsay from SIN Sung pil (60-year-old boilerman from the Hinhung Pharmaceutical Factory) in 1960.

(1) Location: HINHUNG

(2) Items Produced: Unspecified artillery pieces and tanks

(3) Size of Plant: Special-class enterprise