COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: PURPORTED ALBASIAN PRISONER HELD BY HOSTILE FOREIGN NATIONALS

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DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT: Sketch of Viet Cong prisoner of war camp

EXHIBIT I
On 17 and 18 June 1965, SC Battalion, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), stationed at SBD, Phuoc Long Province, Republic of Vietnam, was interrogated in the headquarters of Advisory Team 44, Phuoc Long Province, ARVN, who had been captured by the Viet Cong (VC) near Phuoc Long Province at SBD 1965. Furnished the following information concerning American personnel held by hostile foreign elements:

On 5th 1965, 5th ARVN soldiers were captured by the VC. After capture, the VC searched the prisoners in an easterly direction for approximately 20 hours, at which time the VC and prisoners arrived at a temporary camp. There were no American captives at this camp. There were a total of 9 ARVN prisoners at the camp, although SBD does not recall the names of any of these captives.

On 5th 1965, all the ARVN captives were marched by the VC from the temporary camp to a more permanent type site. SC could not be sure, but believed they marched in a southeasterly direction. While marching, the captives were blindfolded part of the time, apparently to keep them from recognizing their location. After marching for one day, the VC and the ARVN captives arrived at the VC camp, location unrecorded.

SC furnished a sketch of the camp layout (SHOWN). A picket type bamboo fence surrounded the camp site, and security was provided by approximately 15 VC guards. Not all of the guards stayed at the camp at any one time, although six or seven guards were usually stationed around the inner perimeter of the site.

There were approximately 16 prisoners held at the camp, including one American who was known only as Nelson (photograph). A description of Nelson, as furnished by SC, is as follows:

- **Age**: 20 to 25 years
- **Height**: 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 6 inches
- **Weight**: 120 to 130 pounds
- **Build**: Small
- **Eye**: Dark
- **Hair**: Dark
- **Dress**: Black VC pajamas or US Army 

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**Nelson** was captured but because they did not speak the same language the two men maintained only a casual interest in each other. Learned that Nelson was a US Army Corporal, a medic, and was captured sometime in January or February 1965. The circumstances of Nelson's capture for the
1965, vicinity T045205, when the Phong sub-sector came under attack by the VC.

Source's reliability is unknown SD, and the truth of the information which he provided cannot be judged.