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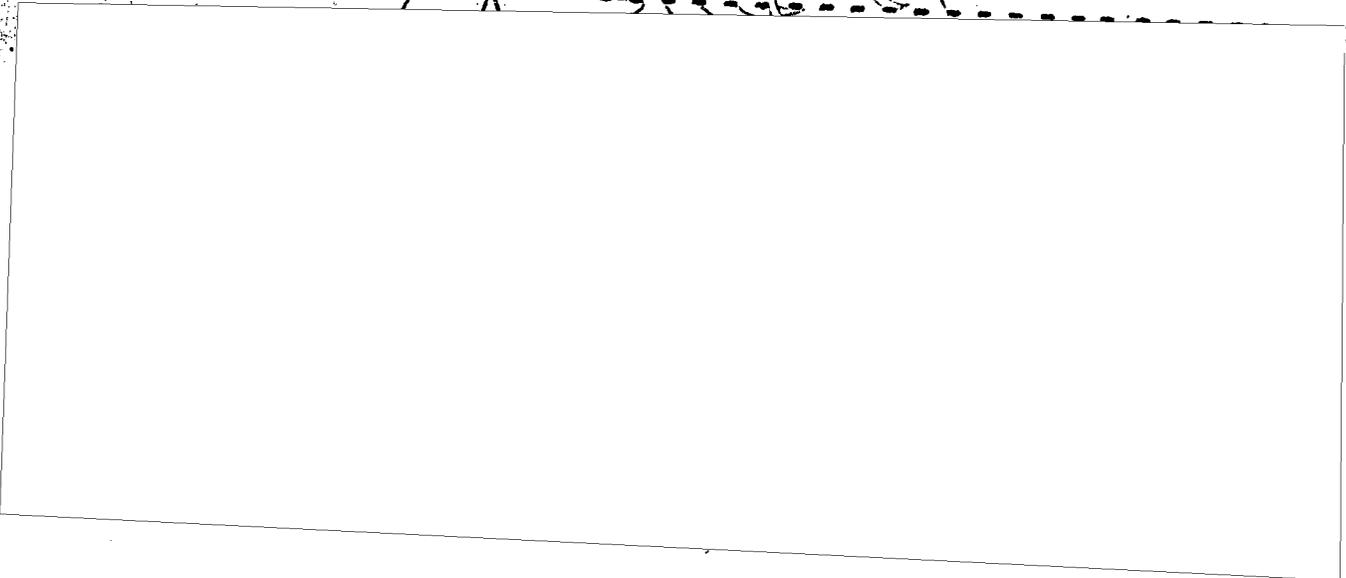
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I. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SOURCE'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:

June 1936 - September 1957: Lived with his parents and attended the elementary school in his native HOAI MY Village, HOAI NHON District, BINH DINH Province, SVN. He finished the NVN fifth form (U.S. 7th grade) education at the NGUYEN HUE Second Grade School and in 1954 joined the KHANH HOA Province Unit (Company 222) and carried ammunition. After the armistice in 1954, he was transferred to Battalion 323 quartered in QUI NHON with the responsibility to protect QUI NHON airfield and the International Control Commission. He regrouped the ~~on the last Soviet ship to~~ NVN in 1955 and arrived in SAM SON, THANH HOA Province, and fulfilled a labor mission. In August 1955 he was assigned to MR4 and later rebuilt dikes and reviewed military training.

October 1957 - May 1959:

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[REDACTED] This course for both AA and artillery branches was composed of about 1000 trainees.

June 1959 - January 1963:

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February 1963 - November 1964: After receiving orders to infiltrate SVN, Source was transferred to Independent Battalion 30 under the jurisdiction of MR4 Headquarters then quartered near CUA LO estuary, VINH City.

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The first sapper training course was organized by Battalion 30 in 1961, the second course in 1962, and the third course in 1963. In 1964 this battalion infiltrated SVN under the designation 407, and left behind only skeleton cadres who were merged with Brigade 338 in XUAN MAI, HA DONG Province.

December 1964 - April 1965: Battalion 407 (300 men equipped with light weapons) started infiltration by vehicles from VINH to QUANG BINH Province, NVN, through Mountain 1001, LAOS, the pine forest, QUANG NAM Province, and assembled in District H67 in KONTUM Province, SVN, on 28 February 1965. About 85 percent of the strength remained. From February to April 1965, they rested, recuperated and increased production. In April 1965 the battalion moved to MR5 Headquarters quartered in the TRANH River, TRA MY District, QUANG NAM Province, in order to survey PLEIKU airfield located southeast of the DAK DOA area.

May 1965 - July 1966:

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[REDACTED] This was a newly established sapper company (65 men) with the responsibility of using sapper tactics mainly on U.S. targets around DANANG. They attacked: DANANG airbase on 1 July 1965; the LIEU CHIEU fuels storage on 5 August 1965 (they were just the secondary element in this attack) and NUOC MAN on 27 October 1965. The Company merged with QUANG NAM Sapper Company and a newly infiltrated company to form one sapper battalion designated Battalion 789 commanded by Captain Y. Then they quartered in SON GA Mountain, DAI LOC District.

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August 1966 - October 1967: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He completed two sapper training courses for company and battalion cadres; the first course was composed of about 27 trainees and the second by 40 men. - Each course lasted 6 months. All the graduated sapper cadres were assigned to KHANH HOA, PHU YEN, DARLAC, BINH DINH, KONTUM, PLEIKU, QUANG NGAI, QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces.

November 1967 - 20 January 1968: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In December 1967 the city unit commanded by Senior Captain HIEN was dissolved and DANANG was then divided by the VC into Districts 1, 2 and 3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While he was still making lodging arrangements and and deploying his subordinate personnel, he suddenly received orders to penetrate DANANG during the general offensive that was to be launched. On the way from DAI LOC to GO NOI, his trip was impeded by a GVN bomb and search operation. His 13 subordinate personnel were quartered in various places, and he had difficulty gathering them.

21 January - 5 February 1968: After a meeting at DIEN PHUOC Village, held by HO PHUOC, the field grade political officer of QUANG DA Special Zone, Source was forced to penetrate DANANG although without legal personal papers. [REDACTED]

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II. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE:

On 30 January 1968 Source started from [REDACTED] house to go to TINH HOI Pagoda to see whether the demonstration organized by the political branch could be successful. About 0800 hours of the day, about 600 Buddhists came to worship in this pagoda. Professor VINH ordered his men to hang the slogans and used megaphones to declare themselves as the Front for Alliance of Democracy, Nation and Peace and to call upon the people to make demonstrations to demand peace. The people fled in confusion and the police appeared on the scene. Source realized the danger and ran to hide at [REDACTED] house again and since [REDACTED] did not press him to remain, he left [REDACTED]

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III. SUBJECTS OF INTERROGATIONS

The following are subjects on which Source has been interrogated, which will be published as they are completed:

1. VC/NVN Strategy for the TET General Offensive.
2. VC/NVN Tactics and strategy for the general offensive in SVN I Corps.
3. Communist Chinese presence in NVN because of the general offensive in SVN.
4. QUANG DA Special Zone; organization, geographic boundaries, and military units.

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