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VIET CONG REPORT RELEASE OF PRISONERS BY EASTERN NAM BO
LIBERATION FRONT COMMITTEE

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Two specialists--one Filipino and one Japanese--were released by the Liberation Army on the orders of the Eastern Nam Bo Liberation Front Committee, according to LNA. MUNKADA((B)), described as "overseer" of a group of Philippine and American specialists sent into South Vietnam for research on and drawings of military maps "for the Americans and DIEM", was captured on

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19 December 1961 by the People's Armed Self-Defense Forces [LWC LWONG NHAN DAN VO TRANG TW VE]. After a period of close contact with the Liberation Army, MUNKADA came to understand the situation better. Upon his release, he expressed his admiration and sympathy for the cause of the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam and repented his former actions which had served "the aggressive schemes of the imperialist Americans". According to his statement, "in sharp contrast with the distorted propaganda of the American-DIEM gang, he knew many people who had arisen in opposition to the fascist dictatorial policy of the American-DIEM gang. He had met personally people from every class--workers, civil servants, teachers, intellectuals, and students--whose entire families had been terrorized and murdered by the Americans and DIEM". These, as well as "a number of American-DIEM soldiers" had joined the revolutionary movement of their own free will. He reiterated that "the South Vietnamese revolutionary movement is by no means the activity

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of a single group; it is, rather, a united front with principles and strict organization, supported by the people".

MUNKADA promised that when he returned to the Philippines, he would speak out to his family, friends and the Philippine people and explain clearly the struggle of the South Vietnamese people and try to promote friendship between the two peoples of Vietnam and the Philippines.

LNA reports further that during the last ten days of January 1962, the Eastern Nam Bo National Liberation Front Committee released a Japanese specialist called S. FUKAI((C)), an electrical engineer who was captured by the Liberation Army while he was laying electric wires for the American military bases in Bien Hoa [10-57N 106-49E] and Thu Duc [10-51N 106-44E]. Like MUNKADA, FUKAI was very touched by the kindness he received from the Liberation Army and he too will report to his family,

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friends and the Japanese people, so that they will clearly understand the struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

- ((A)) Complete text available if required.
- ((B)) According to a collateral source of 26 December 1961, ALFREDO P. MUNCADO, a Filipino contract employee of the U.S. Army Map Service Far East, was kidnapped by the Viet Cong on 9 December 1961 from a Ban Me Thuot/Saigon bus on Highway 14 about 15 kilometers southwest of Ban Me Thuot. A collateral source of 26 February 1962 announced his release on that day.
- ((C)) According to a collateral source of 22 December 1961, Mr. FUKAI, construction manager for the Da Nhim Power line from the Da Nhim Dam to Saigon, was kidnapped by the Viet Cong on 18 December 1961. A collateral source of 31 January 1962 stated that he was released on 14 January 1962 and that he and MUNCADO were held at the same detention camp.

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