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[] THE THO ((PRIESTS)) WERE RELEASED ON THE 3RD AFTER 107 DAYS ((OF
CAPTIVITY)) AND ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. THE PLACEMENT BOTH OF THEM WERE LIVING IN
A VILLAGE NEAR TAKED WHICH IS 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH. THE NAME OF
THE PLACE IS UNKNOWN. IT IS UNCLEAR WHY THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, BUT I
FEEL THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THEY WERE RIDING IN AN AMERICAN MADE CAR
((LINCOLN)). THOSE WHO PLACED THEM UNDER ARREST WERE CAMBODIANS, BUT []

[] THERE WAS A LEADER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE A VIET CONG. I
THE REASON WHY THEY WERE RELEASED IS THAT IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT
THEY WERE PRIESTS AND AS SUCH WERE NOT ENGAGED IN SPYING ACTIVITIES.

[] THEIR TREATMENT AFTER THEY WERE TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY WAS NOT SO BAD. [] THE MAJORITY OF
ENEMY ((TROOPS)) IN THE SOUTHERN PART ((OF THE COUNTRY)), INCLUDING THE REGION
IN QUESTION, ARE COMMUNIST KHMER AND THEIR LEADER IS ALWAYS A VIET CONG OR
NORTH VIETNAMESE. ONE OF THESE VIET CONG REPORTEDLY TOLD BOTH OF THEM. SOME OF
THE ((VIET)) ARABIAN AND FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING IN TAKED
PROVED SINCE THE END OF MAY ((1970)) WERE SUSPECTED OF BEING SPYES AND SHOT
TO DEATH AND SOME ARE STILL ALIVE. []

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[REDACTED] THE TWO ((PRIESTS))

WERE RELEASED ON THE 3RD AFTER 107 DAYS ((IN CAPTIVITY)) AND ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. THE PLACEWHERE BOTH OF THEM WERE LIVING WAS A VILLAGE NEAR TAKEO WHICH IS 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH; THE NAME OF THE PLACE IS UNKNOWN. IT IS UNCLEAR WHY THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY [REDACTED] IT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THEY WERE RIDING IN AN AMERICAN-MADE CAR ((LINCOLN)). THOSE WHO PLACED THEM UNDER ARREST WERE CAMBODIANS, BUT [REDACTED] THERE WAS A LEADER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE A VIET CONG. [REDACTED] THE REASON WHY THEY WERE RELEASED IS THAT IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE PRIESTS AND AS SUCH WERE NOT ENGAGED IN SPYING ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] THEIR TREATMENT AFTER THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WAS NOT SO BAD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE MAJORITY OF ENEMY ((TROOPS)) IN THE SOUTHERN PART ((OF THE COUNTRY)), INCLUDING THE REGION IN QUESTION, ARE COMMUNIST KHMERS AND THEIR LEADER IS ALWAYS A VIET CONG OR NORTH VIETNAMESE. ONE OF THESE VIET CONG REPORTEDLY TOLD BOTH OF THEM% =SOME OF THE U.S., JAPANESE AND FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING IN TAKEO PROVINCE SINCE THE END OF MAY ((1970)) WERE SUSPECTED OF BEING SPIES AND SHOT TO DEATH AND SOME ARE STILL ALIVE.=

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