

FRYETT REQUESTS LENIENCY AND SAFE PASSAGE TO HIS
QTE COMPATRIOTS' COMMUNITY UNQTE. HE STATES
THAT HE WAS MISLED INTO BELIEVING THAT HIS
ACTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WERE CORRECT, BUT AFTER
HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE SITUATION,
DECIDED THAT THE HAD BEEN DUPED BY AMERICAN AND
DIEM AUTHORITIES. HE FURTHER STATES THAT IF HE
IS RELEASED, HE WILL QTE DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR
((THE VIETNAMESE)) PEOPLE, SUCH AS INFORMING THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE PRESENCE OF AND ILLEGAL
ACTS BY THE US TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM UNQTE.

LETTER TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS:

FRYETT STATES THAT HE HAS BEEN

QTE KINDLY TREATED UNQTE AND REQUESTS THAT THE
RED CROSS DELIVER HIS LETTER TO HIS FAMILY. HE
SAYS, QTE I WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED LONG AGO
AS A RESULT OF THE HUMANE AND LENIENT POLICY
OF THE ((NFLSVN)), BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
THE RECENT RELEASE OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN
CONFORMITY WITH THAT POLICY WAS SLANDERED BY
THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES, MY LIBERATION HAS BEEN
POSTPONED UNTIL THERE ARE MORE FAVORABLE
REARRANGEMENTS UNQTE. HE GOES ON TO EXPRESS
HIS HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WILL
ACT AS THE ((NEUTRAL)) AGENCY EFFECTING HIS
RELEASE.

LETTER TO FAHILY OF FRYETT:

FRYETT RECONFIRMS HIS KIND TREATMENT
AT THE HANDS OF HIS CAPTORS AND
ENLARGES UPON HIS DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE ROLE

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THANKS TO THE LENIENT POLICY OF THE ((NFLSVN))

TOWARD PRISONERS OF WAR. I ALSO WAS TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED AT THE TIME, BUT BECAUSE THE TRUTH WAS SLANDERED AND BECAUSE THE FRONT'S HUMANE AND LENIENT ACTION WAS NOT RPT NOT CORRECTLY RECOGNIZED, I HAVE BEEN DETAINED UNTIL THERE IS A NEW AGREEMENT SO THAT MY RELEASE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING RESULTED FROM THE (KIND?), HUMANE, AND LENIENT ACTION OF THE ((NFLSVN)) AND NOT FROM ANY OTHER REASON UNQTE.

COMMENT: FRYETT MENTIONS TWICE THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED EARLIER, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE RELEASE OF TWO OTHER AMERICANS ((QUINN AND GROOM)) ((E)) WAS REPORTED BY GVN AND US AGENCIES. KEEPING IN MIND THE FACT THAT QUINN AND GROOM WERE RELEASED ON 01 MAY 62, A MAJOR HOLIDAY AND SYMBOLIC DATE WITHIN THE COMMUNIST BLOC, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT FRYETT WAS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE ON 19 MAY 62, BIRTHDAY OF DRV PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH, THUS PROVIDING THE VIET CONG ((VC)) WITH A SOLID, "ONE-TWO" PROPAGANDA PUNCH.

BECAUSE THE VC WERE DENIED RECOGNITION FOR RELEALING QUINN AND GROOM, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE CONDITIONS THEY WOULD IMPOSE ON SUTSEQUENT RELEALES OF CAPTURED WESTERNERS WOULD NATURALLY BE BETTER CALCULATED TO E HANGE THEIR HUMANTIARIAN, "OF-THE-PEOPLE" IMAGE. THE DECISION ON THE PART OF THE VC TO INSURE THEIR BEING IDENTIFIED AS A RESPECTABLE CHALLENGE TO THE CURRENT GVN ADMINISTRATIOI WAS REFLECTED IN THE METHOD OF HANDLING

THE RELEASE OF HEINRICH MULLER((F)), WEST GERMAN BUSINESSMAN CAPTURED IN TAY NINH PYOVINCE ON 30 MAR 62. IN AN EFFORT TO RECOUP THEIR APPARENT PROPAGANDA LOSSES, THE VC HAVE SUGGESTED THROUGH FRYETT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY OF NO LESS TATURE

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COVERAGE OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

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