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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. PAVN ARTILLERY CAPTAIN NGUYEN QUAN BECAME KNOWN TO EMBASSY ELEMENTS SHORTLY AFTER HIS DESERTION TO THE KHMER RESISTANCE IN LATE JANUARY 1980.

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3. THE SAMUEL ARTICLE SEEMS TO BE BASED ON A JULY 1982 REPORT WRITTEN BY QUAN FOR A US CITIZEN INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE PHYSICIAN WHO ASSISTS
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INDOCHINA. THE SAMUEL ARTICLE DISTORTS SOME OF THE CLAIMS OF QUAN'S REPORT. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS QUAN'S CLAIMS TO BE VERY QUESTIONABLE.
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