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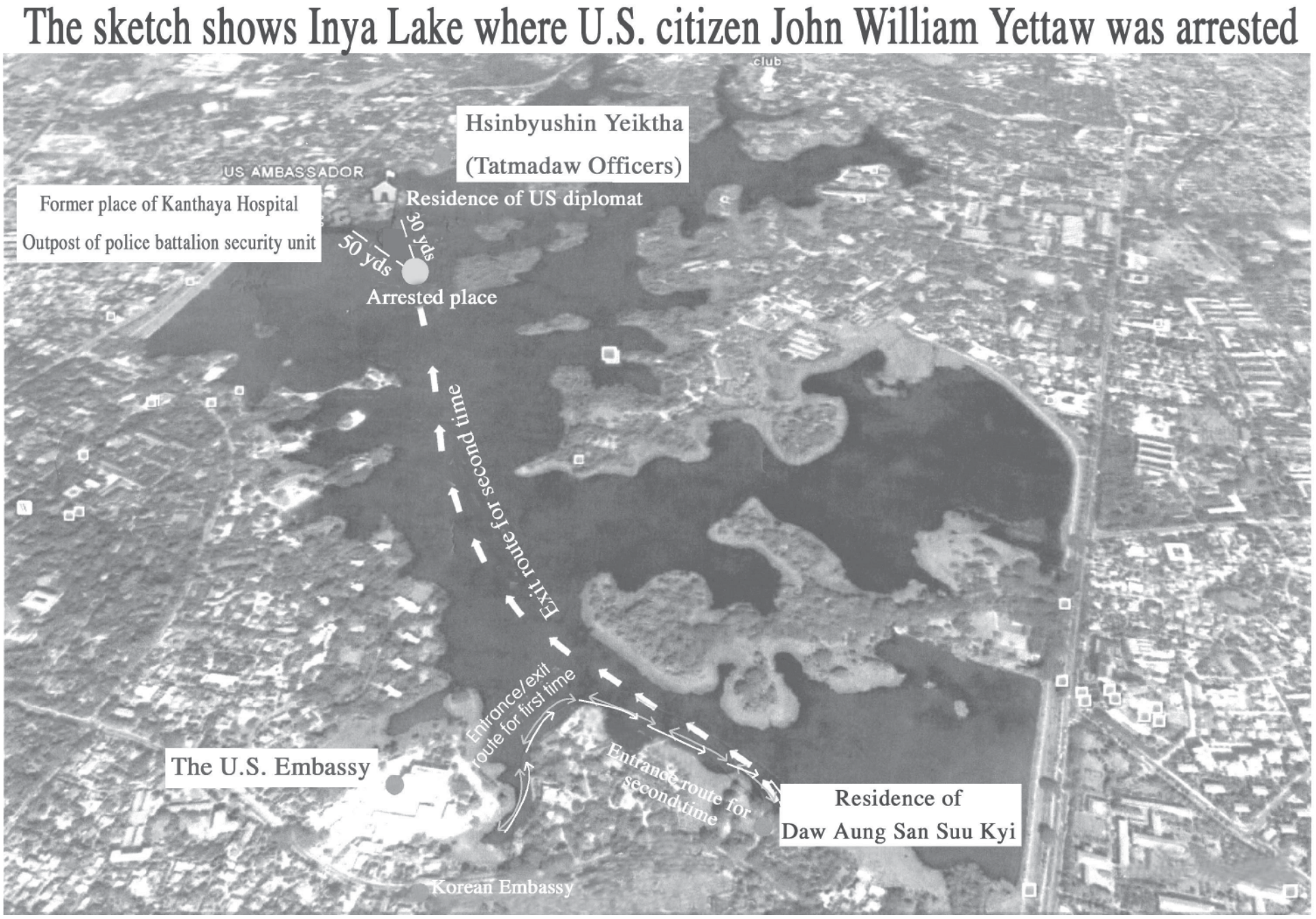

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—The judges of Yangon North District Court, the district law officers and defence lawyer U Khin Maung Oo together with Mr. John William Yettaw yesterday at about 1.30 pm inspected the scene to make it clear how Mr John William Yettaw entered and left the house compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi through Inya Lake in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 539 b. (1) and provisions of the article 621 of court manual.

At the scene, Mr. John William Yettaw stated that he entered the house compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the first time on 30 November 2008 and in the second time from 3 to 5 May 2009. Both times he entered the compound through the underground culvert placed across at the corner of University Avenue and Inya Myaing Road and then stepped over the fence the height of which was about over two feet only from the back of the house via Inya Lake. It was found that in the first time he left the house taking the route he entered but in the second time he left the house heading for the US counsellor's house compound that shares the fence with the Kanthaya Hospital.

The place in Inya Lake where Mr. John William Yettaw was found by Police Inspector Than Naing and party of the Myanmar Police Force at about 5.30 am on 6 May was one-minute swimming distance, about 30 yards from the residence of the US counsellor.

In the incident, they found two empty five-litre drinking water bottles, two small bags, a camera thoroughly wrapped up in plastic, a pair of pliers, a screw driver, a pair of folding pliers with laser, six memory cards, a torch light with dry cells, 28 separate dry cells, a hat, a white shirt with long sleeves, a pair of trousers, seven paper sheets with written English words, two paper sheets with printed words, two envelopes, an American passport stating the name of Yettaw, two 100-US dollar notes, 93 1000-kyat notes, two 10-US dollar notes, one 50-US dollar note and 10 visiting cards. The memory cards in the camera featured pictures of Bogyoke Aung San, a fighting peacock and a bookshelf.

On 6 May morning, the items confiscated from the room of Mr. John William Yettaw at Beauty Land (2) Hotel in Kyauktada Township were one small Sony Model DCR SR 45 video camera, one night vision Bushnell 3x40 binoculars, one Vocal Translator, one mobile phone with Nokia 3110-C card, Gjt brand battery charger, one Video Camera Sony brand charging cable, one Nokia phone charging cable, one 4 GB Memory Stick (black), a pair of scissors made in Pakistan for four purposes, the map published by Myanma Tourism Service and four paper sheets of hotel directory, totalling 61.

The confiscated items that remained at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi after Mr. John William Yettaw left were two black chadors usually worn by Muslim women, two black headscarves, two long skirts, one red torch light, six colour stencil pencils in a plastic bag, three pairs of sunglasses, two signal lights, a pair of swimming glasses, one two-pin plug, two pieces of circuit wire, one recharger, a set of headphones, a black bag with a zip in it that was used to keep the apparatuses, a plastic bag with a zip in it, two pairs of grey stockings, five parts of an English book and a bag with pieces of torn paper sheets in it.

According to his statement, Mr. John William Yettaw was a member of the US Army and was in battle nearly two years during the war in Vietnam. He entered Myanmar through Maesot and Maesai and visited Maetaw Clinic in Maesot about ten times. During the visit, he met with Bo Kyi of Assistance Association for Political Prisoners-AAPP.

The trial against Mr. John William Yettaw continues at Yangon North District Court after the law suit was filed against him for entering secretly the house compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, for violating the prescribed rules and regulations though he arrived on a tourist visa, for breaching the restriction on swimming in Inya Lake imposed according to the YCDC Water Supply and Sanitation Rules (41).

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