

3.1 Intelligence Information Cable declassified
February, 1981 documenting forty-five American
POW's in Laos, the identification of six new
prisons, and descriptions of American POW's
and their prisons. Eyewitness sightings of
American Prisoners in Laos. Sightings of
American prisoners held in caves.

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DOI 25 NOVEMBER 1970 AND AS STATED

SUBJECT ENEMY PRISONS IN LAOS

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SOURCE

1. AS OF 25 NOVEMBER 1970 GROUND SOURCES CONFIRMED 45
 ENEMY PRISONS AND/OR PRISONER OR WAR /POW/ CAMPS OR COMPLEXES IN
 LAOS. BASED ON ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AN ESTIMATED
 1,000 ENEMY PERSONNEL WERE COMMITTED TO GUARDING AND MAINTAINING
 PRISON FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SIX NEW PRISONS
 HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED SINCE AUGUST, WHILE THE PRISON FACILITY
 PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED AT MUONG PHINE /RD 8027/ WAS DROPPED

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FROM THIS LISTING DUE TO RECENT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN THAT
 SECTION. PRISONERS PREVIOUSLY HELD IN THE IMMEDIATE PHONG

PHONG AREA PROBABLY WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PRISONS.
 (PHOS-114/12177-70)

COMMENT. THIS REPORT UPDATES ~~PHOS-114/12177-70~~ ISSUED
 IN AUGUST. THE LIMITATIONS OF THE TECHNIQUES USED IN
 COMPILING THIS REPORT ARE DISCUSSED IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH.

2. POW CAMPS IN CONTESTED AREAS FREQUENTLY CHANGE THEIR
 LOCATIONS TO INSURE BETTER SECURITY, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING
 SUCCESSFUL PRISONER ESCAPES. THE ENTRY STRESSES POLITICAL
 INDOCTRINATION OF INDIGENOUS POWS, AND THOSE PRISONERS WHO
 SHOW FAVORABLE PROGRESS OFTEN ARE INTEGRATED INTO TEAM SERVICE
 UNITS OR OTHER SUPPORT FACILITIES. MANY OF THESE PRISONERS
 ARE RELEASED TO THEIR HOME VILLAGES IF THEY PROMISE NOT TO
 SUPPORT THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT (PHOS).

3. AMERICAN POWS. UNTIL RECENTLY THE BAN WAKAY NEUA

* THE ONLY PHOS FACILITY IN
 BAN WAKAY NEUA
 WAS KNOWN TO ~~BE THE ONLY PHOS FACILITY IN~~
 BAN WAKAY NEUA. AMERICANS CAPTURED IN
 BAN WAKAY NEUA WERE ESCORTED TO THIS FACILITY, WHERE THEY WERE
 DETAINED ON A SEMI-PERMANENT BASIS. RECENT REPORTING INDICATES,
 HOWEVER, THAT ALL FOREIGN POWS INCLUDING THE AMERICANS HELD IN

BAN WAKAY NEUA

ONLY POW CAMP
 KNOWN TO HAVE
 HELD U.S. POWS

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K. MUONG SAI /RC 1150/ A PRISON FOR CIVILIANS AS WELL AS POWS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. /APR 1970/

L. RC 8783 VICINITY /MUONG SAI/ A TWO PRISONS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, ONE FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE OTHER FOR POWS, 100-200 PRISONERS GUARDED BY 40-60 PL. /JUL 1970/

M. NAM SAC /TH 3886 VICINITY/ A POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION CENTER FOR POWS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. /JUN 1970/

N. MUONG NGOI /TH 3891 VICINITY/ A THREE PRISONS IN THE MUONG NGOI AREA CONTAINING CIVILIANS, POWS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS /SEP 1970/ -

1/ PHA SAG CAVE /TH 3890/

2/ PHA PERNG CAVE /TH 3891 VICINITY/

3/ TH 3891

O. SAN NEUA /VN 8137 VICINITY/ A POLITICAL PRISON FOR LAO. AS OF DECEMBER 1969 ONLY NON-LAO PRISONER REPORTED WAS A THAI POW. /DEC 1969/

P. BAN NAKAY NEUA /VN 1254/ A PRISON COMPLEX. /NOV 1970/

1/ BAN NAKAY NEUA - MAJOR ENEMY PRISON. AS MANY AS 20 AMERICAN POWS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AT THIS LOCATION.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTING AS OF 20 OCTOBER INDICATES ALL POWS,

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AMERICANS, THAIS, LAC AND KEO. MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED

AN UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH OF BAN XAY NEUA. /OCT 1976/

12/ HANG LONG /VH 1042/ A PRISON IN CAVE. AMERICAN

THAI AND LAC PRISONERS. RECENT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS. /JUN 1976/

ALL POWS MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO MID-AUGUST TO AN

UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH OF BAN XAY NEUA. /NOV 1976/

9. BAN CHA /VH 1349 VICINITY/ - PRISON, POSSIBLY

CONTROLLED BY DECENT NEUTRALISTS. /FEB 1976/

8. BAN KHA /VH 1031/ A LARGE PRISON FACILITY REPORTED

TO HAVE BEEN BUILT IN SEPTEMBER 1969 BY PRISONERS WHO WERE

MOVED FROM BAN KHA /VH 1031/ /JUL 1976/

7. BAN KHA /VH 1031/ A LARGE PL PRISON AT ONE TIME

CONTAINED OVER 300 PRISONERS. MANY OF WHOM WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE

PLAINE BAN KHA DURING SEPTEMBER 1969. MANY OF THE

POWS WERE RELEASED INTO LABORER AND COOLIE

GROUPS. /AUG 1976/

6. BAN KHA /VH 1031/ A PRISON COMPLEX

LOCATED IN SEVERAL LINES IN BAN KHA AREA CONTAINS BOTH

CIVILIAN PRISONERS AND POWS. /JUN 1976/

5. BAN THA VENG /VH 9616/ A PRISON FACILITY, POSSIBLY

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