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COUNTRY: LAOS

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SUBJECT: Estimated Enemy Prison Facilities in Laos

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1. As of 25 January 1969, there were an estimated 500 personnel committed to guarding, escorting and providing support for prisoners of war (POW) in enemy camps in Laos. These personnel are reflected as a portion of the command and support personnel in the total estimated enemy personnel for Laos. Comment: Command and support personnel were mentioned in the summary of Estimated Enemy Order of Battle for Laos as of 15 January 1969.

2. Generally, POW's receive humane treatment. Food, although often reported as insufficient, unclean and unseasoned, is probably adequate for existence. Medical treatment, while usually not adequate by Western standards, is normally available in primitive form. POW's are normally confined to a cave and/or stockade type structure during the night, but they are permitted to go outside for exercise during the day. In some cases, part or all:

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of the POW in a camp are allowed to go beyond the confines of the prison under light guard to forage for jungle foods. POWs are often used as a source of labor for construction projects and to carry supplies and perform housekeeping chores.

3. As of 25 January, enemy persons were confined at the following locations:

Location

IZ 0103

CD 2344

CD 2113

IZ 752449

IZ 7449

IZ 7530

IZ 747300

NC 0183

NC 1250

NC 1291

IZ 531773

VA 0157

VA 195345

VA 1955

VA 193564

VA 125512

VA 1363

VA 1965

VA 2049

VF 2761

CC 134542

CC 147526

CC 1552

CC 1571

Over 100 prisoners.

Prisoners in cave (possibly Americans).

Approximately 15 American prisoners.

American prisoners.

Forty-eight pro-government personnel.

American pilots (possibly in a cave).

American pilots.

American pilots (possibly 20).

American prisoners.

17 crippled FAR prisoners.

Political prisoners.

Approximately 100 FAR prisoners.

officers.

FAR non-commissioned and junior.

300-500 FAR enlisted men.

released.

Royal Lao Army (RLA) prisoners.

Local prisoners.

500 prisoners.

PL prison containing 450 to

Number of prisoners

Possible nationality and/or

Location

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