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CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI, CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI, FOSIF/WESTPAC,
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DIST: 29 SEPTEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA:- REPORTED CROSSING OF AMERICANS INTO LAOS
FROM THAILAND TO MEET AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW
PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN THE SRV.

DOI: JUNE - 7 SEPTEMBER 1987

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TEXT: 1.

[REDACTED] ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1987, A GROUP OF 20 RESISTANCE SOLDIERS ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS FROM THAILAND TO LAOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DETAINED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). THE GROUP, LEAD BY [REDACTED] DEPARTED THAILAND FROM KHEMARAT DISTRICT, UBON RACHATHANI PROVINCE, CROSSED THE MEKONG RIVER AND ENTERED LAOS THROUGH SOUTHERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

2. THE GROUP LEAD [REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY TO LINK UP WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES ALREADY IN LAOS. THE FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS WERE EXPECTING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE U.S. POW WHO WAS BEING BROUGHT TO LAOS FROM THE SRV. THE RENDEZVOUS POINT IS ALLEGEDLY SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TANGVAY (WD 7014), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE POW, WHERE HE WAS DETAINED IN THE SRV OR HOW HE ALLEGEDLY MADE HIS WAY TO LAOS WAS NOT PROVIDED.)

3. [REDACTED] IN JUNE 1987 THERE WERE THREE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE U.S. CITIZENS WHO WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING IN A HOUSE RENTED [REDACTED] IN MUKDAHAN CITY, MUKDAHAN PROVINCE. ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS TELEPHONED AN ASSOCIATE IN BANGKOK IN JUNE TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO "PRISONERS." [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISCUSSION OR THE PERSONS INVOLVED.)

4. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED], SOMETIME IN AUGUST, PERSONS SUSPECTED OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] WERE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH A LAO REFUGEE NAMED [REDACTED], WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO POWS LOCATED IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

ADMIN

DISSEM: [REDACTED] EMBASSY, DAO AT BANGKOK. SENT TO USCINCPAC, IPAC, WESTCOM, PACAF, PACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, FOSIF/WESTPAC.

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