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REPORT CLASS S E C R E T

DIST: 18 MAY 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS FROM DECEMBER 1975 TO  
AUGUST 1986 AT PHONG SAVAN REEDUCATION CAMP IN XIENG  
KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 1975 - 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
FROM LATE 1975 TO AUGUST 1986, THERE WERE NO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR  
(POWS) BEING HELD AT THE PHONG SAVAN REEDUCATION CAMP LOCATED NEAR  
LEE (UG 1052) VILLAGE, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEITHER  
SAW NOR HEARD ANY RUMORS OF AMERICAN POWS AT THE PHONG SAVAN CAMP.

2. IN DECEMBER 1975, (AT THE TIME OF THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER),  
39 FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RLAF IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE WERE ROUNDED  
UP BY LPDR OFFICIALS AND WERE TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK TO PHONG SAVAN  
AIRFIELD. THE FORMER RLAF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE PHONG SAVAN CAMP  
WERE FROM PRIVATE TO CAPTAIN RANK. RLAF OFFICERS ABOVE THE RANK OF  
MAJOR FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE WERE ASSIGNED TO A CAMP IN VIENGSAI  
DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. THE PHONG SAVAN CAMP WAS CONTROLLED BY  
A GUARD FORCE OF 10 LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SOLDIERS. THERE WERE ALSO  
AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM TROOPS IN THE AREA.  
WORK AT THE CAMP CONSISTED OF WOOD CUTTING AND FARMING. THERE WERE  
FEW REEDUCATION CLASSES.

3. IN CIRCA 1981, [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE SAW A GROUP  
OF LPDR OFFICIALS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OR THREE CAUCASIANS. HE WAS  
TOLD BY OTHER PEOPLE THAT THESE LPDR OFFICIALS WERE FROM THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WERE SEARCHING WITH AMERICANS FOR THE REMAINS  
OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE CAUCASIANS DID NOT  
APPEAR TO BE UNDER GUARD AND THERE WAS NO PROOF THAT THEY WERE  
AMERICANS.)

4. [REDACTED]

DISSEM: [REDACTED] SENT TO USCINCPAC, IPAC,  
WESTCOM, PACAF, PACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, FOSIF/WESTPAC.  
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DECL: OADR DRV [REDACTED] BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. ALL PORTIONS  
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