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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF LAO
 REEDUCATION CAMP 402, LOCATED AT ATTOPEU PROVINCE, LAOS;
 ACTIVITIES OF REEDUCATION INMATES AT CAMP 402

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TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY JANUARY 1987, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], THERE WERE NOT, AND NEVER HAD BEEN, ANY U.S. PRISONERS-OF-WAR AT REEDUCATION UNIT 402, LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF FANGDENG (YB 0839) VILLAGE, ATTOPEU PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). WHEN THE "PATHET LAO" CAME TO POWER IN LAOS IN 1975, [REDACTED] AND OTHER [REDACTED] PERSONNEL IN THE AREA WERE PLACED IN A ONE-MONTH (REEDUCATION) SEMINAR AT THE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT KILOMETER-3, PAKSE (WB 8671) DISTRICT TOWN, CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE. AFTER THE FIRST MONTH, THE REEDUCATION INMATES WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO ATTOPEU PROVINCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 DAYS OF SEMINAR. THE INMATES WERE RELOCATED TO THE VICINITY OF YB 0938 WHERE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO WORK AS LABORERS. [REDACTED] WAS REQUIRED TO HAUL RICE WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY MOTORBOAT. EACH INMATE RECEIVED 600 GRAMS OF RICE PER DAY AND A RATION OF 200 GRAMS OF SALT PER MONTH. THE SALT WAS GENERALLY IN SHORT SUPPLY AND THE INMATES WERE FORCED TO PURCHASE OR BARTER WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS FOR THEIR SALT. OBTAINING FRESH FOOD WAS THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INMATES. HOUSING WAS PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF ABANDONED VILLAGERS HUTS. THE FAMILIES OF THE INMATES WERE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE REEDUCATION CAMP.

2. THE INMATES WERE ORGANIZED INTO COMPANIES WHICH WERE COMPRISED OF THREE PLATOONS. EACH PLATOON HAD APPROXIMATELY 25 INMATES WHO HAD BEEN BETWEEN THE RANKS OF SECOND LIEUTENANT AND CAPTAIN. THE 2ND COMPANY, COMMANDED BY ((SOMPHON)) (LNU), WAS LOCATED OPPOSITE FANGDENG VILLAGE. SECURITY WAS PROVIDED BY VILLAGE MILITIA. THE INMATES WERE RESTRICTED TO A ONE-KILOMETER RADIUS FROM THE CAMP. IN 1977, THE 2ND COMPANY WAS MOVED TO HOUET POK (POSSIBLY YB 0238) VILLAGE, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS WEST OF FANGDENG VILLAGE ALONG ROUTE 16. THE INMATES REPAIRED AND CONSTRUCTED BRIDGES ACROSS THE HOUET POK STREAM, NEAR A FERRY CROSSING. THE INMATES WERE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN FOOD. FEW ESCAPES ATTEMPTS WERE MADE, WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF [REDACTED]

3. IN 1980, THE 2ND COMPANY WAS REORGANIZED. THE 100-MEMBER BRIDGE, ROAD REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION UNIT WAS LOCATED ABOUT 20 METERS WEST OF THE AIRSTRIP, POSSIBLY IN THE VICINITY OF XB 9638. THE UNIT WAS TASKED WITH BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE HOUET TAO HAI (POSSIBLY XB 9538) STREAM NEAR THE AIRSTRIP, AND TO REPAIR AREA ROADS. THE UNIT WAS COMMANDED BY ((SITHAT)) (LNU), ((SI ONG KAP)) (LNU), AND KIMLI.

4. SENIOR LPDR AUTHORITIES IN THE AREA INCLUDED ((PHEO)) BALDHEAD (SIC), ATTOPEU PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN; ((VINAI)) (LNU); MAJOR ((BOUNSOUNG)) (LNU), THE MILITARY COMMANDER; AND, MAJOR ((FEAU)) (LNU), POSSIBLY THE DEPUTY MILITARY COMMANDER. A LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY CAMP WAS LOCATED NEAR KHANG (POSSIBLY XB 8532) VILLAGE ALONG ROUTE 18. A MONUMENT TO FALLEN PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM SOLDIERS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN 1985 AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 16 AND 18 (XB 9540). AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE AREA DUE TO RESISTANCE BY THE LOCAL POPULACE WHO COMPLAINED THAT THEIR STANDARD

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OF LIVING HAD NOT IMPROVED AFTER THE FIGHTING HAD CEASED AND THE LPDR
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