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REPORT CLASS SECRET

DIST: 20 SEPTEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED RELOCATION IN JUNE 1986 OF 226 AMERICAN
PRISONERS OF WAR TO SONGHON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE, LAOS FROM VIETNAM

DOI: JUNE 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1986,

SOURCE DATA

SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE ALLEGED REMAINS FROM AN
INHABITANT OF MONG CHIL (VC 449662) VILLAGE, SONGHON DISTRICT,
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DISCOVERED THE
REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN AT A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AT
VC 442864. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN ON 30
AUGUST. (THE REASON FOR THE SECOND MEETING WAS NOT SPECIFIED, BUT MAY
HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF THE BALANCE OF THE MIA REMAINS.)2. [REDACTED] FURTHER SAID THAT 226 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE
ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN LAOS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT THE
POW'S FROM [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER
[REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIT GUARDING THE PRISONERS.
[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN RELOCATED INTO LAOS FROM VIETNAM
CIRCA JUNE 1986. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD ASKED [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN NAMES AND
SIGNATURES OF THE POW'S FROM [REDACTED] WHICH [REDACTED] PLANNED TO SEND TO THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] HAD TRAVELED TO A
POINT LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) DISTANT FROM SEPONE (XD 3244)DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE NINE IN THE DIRECTION OF VIETNAM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT
WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE POINT ALONG ROUTENINE, [REDACTED] LEFT THE ROAD ON FOOT TRAVELING TO THE SOUTH.
[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WAS DIRECTED TO WAIT AT THE ROAD. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO
ROUTE NINE AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY
SIGHTED THE POW'S, BUT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO "DO ANYTHING" BECAUSE OFACTION: DIA/SPEC(8)
INFO: CJS(4) SECDEF-(1) USDP-(5)
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+SDG-GRID/SECDEF

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A LARGE NUMBER OF LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SECURITY FORCES AT THE
"INNER AREA" AND THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVA)
SOLDIERS AT THE "OUTER AREA" WITHIN A TEN KM. RADIUS OF THE CAMP.
[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] PLEDGED TO RESCUE THE POW'S WHEN OPPORTUNITY
PERMITTED.3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] HAD INVOLVED THEM-
SELVES WITH THE ALLEGED POW'S IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REWARD AND
RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. [REDACTED] ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE POW'S WAS ONE
OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE STORY WAS TRUE. THE PERIOD WHEN THE ALLEGED
POW'S WERE MOVED INTO LAOS COINCIDED WITH THE MUTUAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE U.S. ON POW/MIA MATTERS.)

ACQ:

DISSEM: [REDACTED] NONE.

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