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AMERICAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN KEPT SINCE THE "LAM SON 917
OPERATIONS." COMMENT: THE LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS
WERE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLOSE THE HO CHI MINH
TRAIL DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.)

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DIST: 28 APRIL 1987

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR
BY HONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

SOURCE:

ADDENDUM

1. ON 8 APRIL 1987 A [] INFORMATION REPORT WITH THE
ABOVE HEADING AND NUMBER WAS ISSUED. THE DEBRIEFING OF []
ON 14 APRIL REVEALED THAT ON 5 AND 6 APRIL 1987, DATA
VILLAGER FROM SAVANNAKHET TOWN, TRAVELED TO SALEO (MCA) VILLAGE,
SALEO CANTON, SAMOI (XD 9418) DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE,
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING
NEAR THE VIETNAM BORDER. SALEO VILLAGE CONSISTED OF SIX
HOUSES AND APPROXIMATELY 30-40 INHABITANTS.

ACCOMPANIED S.O. ON THE TRIP. S.O. CLAIMED
TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED TWO LIVE AMERICANS BEING HELD BY
LOCAL HILLTRIBES, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED CLOSER THAN
100 METERS FROM THE AMERICANS. S.O. SAID THAT THE HILLTRIBE
CARETAKER DEMANDED A PAYMENT OF 500 OF THE "OLD FRENCH SILVER COINS"
BEFORE HE S.O. WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE AMERICANS.
COMMENT: THE FRENCH COINS ARE VALUED AT 2,800 KIP EACH
AND ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH SILVER
CONTENT. THE COINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE SHOPS IN LAOS.
U.S.\$1.00 EQUALS 35 KIP AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE AND
MORE THAN 400 KIP AT THE CURRENT BLACK MARKET RATE.)

2. (S.O.) SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN
LOCAL VILLAGE COSTUMES. S.O. ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED
THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS HAD MARRIED A LOCAL VILLAGER AND
HAD TWO SONS, A FIVE-YEAR-OLD AND A THREE-YEAR-OLD. THE

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