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14 November 80 From: [redacted] To: Director CIA [redacted]

"group of POWs consists of approximately 30 Americans, all pilots, currently constructing a road near [redacted]

"The officer in charge agreed to engineer their escape and that the entire Lao unit wishes to defect to Thailand."

[redacted] Comment: "Plan to instruct [redacted] to [redacted] to stand down on any plans to have the POWs escape, [redacted] has other views, and that priority must be given to positively confirming the existence of the POWs with [redacted] a list of names and the exact location.."

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