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REPORT CLASS S E C R E T [REDACTED]

DIST: 16 APRIL 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: | POW/MIA: ABSENCE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR AT LAO
REEDUCATION CAMP 06 BETWEEN 1975-1979, VIENGSAI
BETWEEN 1979-1984, SAM NEUA [REDACTED] AND SOP
PAN [REDACTED] RELEASE OF SOME LAO
REEDUCATION INMATES

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WERE NO U.S. PRISONERS-OF-WAR OBSERVED AT CAMP 06, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, BETWEEN LATE SEPTEMBER 1975, AND APRIL 1979; AT VIENGSAI, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, BETWEEN APRIL 1979 AND JUNE 1984; AT SAM NEUA BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JANUARY 1985; AND, AT SOP PAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE LPDR AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO RELEASE SOME OF THE INMATES DURING 1986. RELEASED FORMER INMATES WERE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE SEMINAR SECTION, MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WERE NO U.S. PRISONERS-OF-WAR OBSERVED AT CAMP 06, (UJ 9604), MUENG HET DISTRICT, XIENG KHO DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, BETWEEN LATE SEPTEMBER 1975 AND APRIL 1979; AT VIENGSAI (VH 1957) DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, BETWEEN APRIL 1979 AND JUNE 1984; AT SAM NEUA (VH 0157) DISTRICT BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JANUARY 1985; AND, AT SOP PAN (VH 2164) [REDACTED]

2. WHEN THE PATHET LAO SEIZED CONTROL OF LAOS IN AUGUST 1975, [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE SENT TO THE "OLD LIBERATED AREA" FOR TWO TO THREE MONTHS TRAINING AND THEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME TO HIS FAMILY. HE WAS TOLD THAT HOUSING WAS READY AND THAT ABUNDANT FOOD WAS AVAILABLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CAMP 06, THE INMATES WERE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THEIR HOUSING. THEY RECEIVED 300 GRAMS OF FOOD TWICE A DAY AND WERE TOLD THAT THE FOOD WAS SUFFICIENT BECAUSE THE PATHET LAO HAD BEEN FIGHTING AND LIVING ON THAT AMOUNT OF FOOD FOR 30 YEARS, AND HAD BEEN ABLE TO WIN THEIR VICTORY. [REDACTED] WAS ALSO TOLD THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN REEDUCATION UNTIL DEATH. APPROXIMATELY 500 INMATES TRAVELED INTO REEDUCATION WITH [REDACTED] AND BETWEEN 700 AND 800 FORMER MILITARY, POLICE AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS WERE INCARCERATED IN CAMP 06. GENERAL ((KI)) (LNU), A CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE NATIVE, COMMANDED CAMP 06; ((TANSATI)) (LNU), A SAYABOURY PROVINCE NATIVE, WAS THE POLITICAL DEPUTY COMMANDER; LIEUTENANT ((KHAMPHONG)) (LNU) WAS IN CHARGE OF KEEPING THE PEACE; CAPTAIN ((THONGSING)) (LNU) WAS IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES; AND, SECOND LIEUTENANT ((FONGSAMUT)) (LNU) WAS IN CHARGE OF CAMP SECURITY. WHEN [REDACTED] ARRIVED AT CAMP 06, APPROXIMATELY 30 CHINESE ADVISORS WERE WORKING IN THE AREA ON DAM CONSTRUCTION, BUT LEFT THE AREA WHEN THE SINO-VIETNAMESE BORDER DISPUTE AROSE. WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED AT CAMP 06, THE INMATES WERE GIVEN SOME SOCIALIST-MANUFACTURED CANNED FOODS, INSECT INFESTED FIVE-YEAR-OLD RICE AND BUFFALO MEAT WHEN IT WAS AVAILABLE. EACH INMATE RECIEVED 20 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF RICE PER

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MONTH, ONE QUARTER KG OF MEAT AND 600 GRAMS OF SALT. THE INMATES WERE SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION. LOCAL VILLAGERS WERE TOLD TO STAY AWAY FROM THE REEDUCATION INMATES WHO WERE CALLED "CRUEL DEVILS" WHO WOULD RAPE, PLUNDER AND STEAL IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.

3. IN APRIL 1979, [REDACTED] TRAVELED BY TRUCK ALONG ROUTE SIX TO VIENGSAI. [REDACTED] OBSERVED TWO VIETNAMESE COMPANIES AT XIENGKHO (VJ 1202) VILLAGE, ONE OF WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF FEMALES WHO MADE BRICKS AND WORKED AT CONSTRUCTION. ONE INMATE LEARNED THAT THE COMPANY WAS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 40,000 BRICKS EACH DAY (SIC). THE VIENGSAI CAMP WAS LOCATED ON A WIDE OPEN PLAIN. NEARBY WERE THE RESIDENCES OF ((KAISONE)) PHOMVIHAN AND ((SOUPHANOUVONG)), A RADIO STATION, STAFF HEADQUARTERS, GENERATOR, MARKET, TWO HOTELS, CULTURAL CENTER, AIRSTRIIP, HELICOPTER PAD, AND A SOCCER FIELD. THE INMATES WORKED ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION, HARVESTED TIMBER, CUT FIREWOOD AND WOOD USED AS FUEL FOR THE BRICKMAKING FACTORY. THE VIENGSAI AREA HAD MANY CAVES WHICH WERE RUMORED TO BE USED FOR WEAPONS STORAGE. THE INMATES WERE NOT ALLOWED NEAR THE CAVE AREAS.

4. IN JUNE 1984, [REDACTED] WAS SENT TO SAM NEUA BY TRUCK TO

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 WORK AT CUTTING FIREWOOD. [REDACTED] ALSO WORKED AT CONSTRUCTING A
 30-YARD WIDE BRIDGE OVER A SMALL STREAM. A VIETNAMESE BATTALION WAS
 LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM SAM NEUA TOWN.

5. [REDACTED] WAS TRANSFERRED TO SOP PAN
 NEAR HOUEI CHA, AND WORKED ON ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, AND
 TRANSPORTING RICE. SENIOR FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT INMATES BEING
 HELD AT SOP PAN INCLUDED GENERAL CHAO (ROYAL TITLE) ((SAYAVONG))
 (LNU), GENERAL ((MONEEVONG)) (LNU), GENERAL CHAO ((VANNASENG)) (LNU),
 GENERAL ((SAENGSOUVAN)) (LNU), GENERAL ((HOUMPHAN)) NORASING, GENERAL

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((BOUNMA)) VONGPRACHAN, GENERAL ((KHAMLOM)) (LNU), AND GENERAL ((PHEUI)) MEESAIPHON. ALL OF THE SENIOR INMATES WERE ELDERLY AND WERE ONLY REQUIRED TO PERFORM LIGHT WORK. THE LPDR AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO RELEASE SOME OF THE INMATES DURING 1986. IN MAY, 47 INMATES WERE RELEASED; 17 INCLUDING TWO FORMER GENERALS, DURING AUGUST; APPROXIMATELY 100 FROM SOP RAN (VH 2164) DURING JANUARY 1987; AND 16 DURING FEBRUARY FROM SOP RAN.

[REDACTED] WERE INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO THE SEMINAR SECTION, MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, THE NEXT MONDAY FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL IN VIENTIANE.

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