

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

14 AUGUST 1987

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] SURFACED ; AS A (b)(1)  
 PURPORTED [REDACTED] OF A SIGHTING OF A BLACK AMERICAN IN LAOS. (b)(3)  
 SHE SURFACED THIS INFORMATION TO CONG. BOB SMITH (R-NH) WHO  
 PASSED IT TO THE DIA/VO (GEN SHUFELT). LAST WEEK  
 CONTACTED [REDACTED] ABOUT THE REPORT AND SHE  
 ACKNOWLEDGED SHE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH [REDACTED] ABOUT  
 HIS CLAIM HE SAW A BLACK AMERICAN PW IN LAOS AND CLAIMED HE  
 HAD NOT DISCUSSED IT WITH DIA. [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE  
 INFORMATION WITH MISS VILLELLA WHICH SHE CLAIMED .  
 HAD OFFERED HER AND NOT OFFERED DIA. THE SUBSTANCE OF  
 INFORMATION, AS RELATED BY [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL TO  
 TWO REPORTS FROM [REDACTED] WHICH DIA/VO-PW HAS ALREADY  
 RECEIVED. ONE REPORT IS THAT WHICH HE OFFERED WHILE IN HONG  
 KONG IN LATE 1983, THE SECOND AN EXTREMELY DETAILED  
 HANDWRITTEN REPORT HE PROVIDED TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF  
 FAMILIES AT ABOUT THAT SAME TIME WHILE HE WAS STILL IN HONG  
 KONG. DIA/VO-PW DID NOT DEBRIEF [REDACTED] ON THE SUBSTANCE  
 OF THAT REPORT BASED ON HIS DETAILED PRIOR REPORTING.  
 DIA/VO-PW DID CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF HIS BLACK  
 AMERICAN IN LAOS REPORT AND DETERMINED HIS REPORT TO BE A  
 FABRICATION. THIS REPORT AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF [REDACTED] WAS  
 INCLUDED AS PART OF THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF [REDACTED] IN  
 MID-1984 WHEN DIA/VO-PW CONCLUDED [REDACTED] WAS NOT A  
 RELIABLE REPORTER. WE ANTICIPATE NO NEED AT THIS TIME TO  
 REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] ABOUT THE ACCOUNT HE HAS ALREADY  
 DESCRIBED IN DETAIL. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT IN HIS REPORT TO  
 OBTAINED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG HE CLAIMED HIS  
 INFORMATION WAS HEARSAY FROM HIS BROTHER, IN HIS REPORT TO  
 THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES HE STATED "WE", MEANING HIS  
 PURPORTED RESISTANCE ELEMENT, OBTAINED THE INFORMATION. WE  
 HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE [REDACTED] HAD ACCESS TO EITHER.

.. GS-14, ACTING BRANCH CHIEF

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NND 982005

3  
2619