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SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTINGS OF U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING
IN ACTION IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79

1. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS IN THE
PERIOD 1969-79 WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. IN A CONVERSATION IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC (LPDR) WITH [REDACTED] IN FEBRUARY 1981, AN UNIDENTIFIED
LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD
U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN A CAVE IN
HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE. THIS LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT ALL
OF THESE POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
(SRV) "IN 1979." THE LPLA OFFICER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. ABOUT DECEMBER 1971, WHILE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FROM LONG TIENG
(TG 8313) TO ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF LATSEN (UG 0338)
IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, HE [REDACTED] BESIDE AN [REDACTED]
UH-1 HELICOPTER THAT HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN DEMOLISHED. THE
COCKPIT OF THE HELICOPTER, WHICH WAS ON A LANDING ZONE BEING
FIRED UPON BY HOSTILE FORCES, CONTAINED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN
PILOT, AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DEAD. [REDACTED] SAID FIRING BY THE
ENEMY, WHO HAD ALREADY OVERRUN LATSEN, PREVENTED HIM FROM
RECOVERING THE BODY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]
WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]
RECORDS CANNOT CONFIRM THIS INCIDENT WITH THE TIME FRAME AND
DETAILS GIVEN HERE.)

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4. ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1970 A HMONG RLG MILITARY REGION II OFFICER AT BOUAMLONG (UG 2585) TOLD [REDACTED] THAT A BUNKER CONTAINING THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD SUSTAINED A DIRECT ENEMY HIT AND THAT THESE MEN WERE NOT SEEN TO EMERGE FROM THE BUNKER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE EXACT TIME FRAME AND LOCATION WERE NOT GIVEN NOR WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.)

5. ABOUT AUGUST 1969 [REDACTED], WHILE FLYING TO PHATHUNG (TH 1726) ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, HEARD THE DISTRESS CALL OF A DOWNED U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THE SIGNAL [REDACTED] LOCATED A U.S. PILOT, PICKED HIM UP, AND TURNED HIM OVER TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT LUANG PRABANG. [REDACTED] COMMENT: APPARENTLY NO MIA IS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.)

REPORT CLASS S E C R E T- [REDACTED]

RVW 03JUL01. [REDACTED] BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. ALL PORTIONS CARRY CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROLS OF OVERALL DOCUMENT.

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