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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

14 AUGUST 1987

SUBJECT:

[ ] SURFACED ; AS A (b)(1)  
PURPORTED [ ] 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 [ ] ABOUT THE REPORT AND SHE  
ACKNOWLEDGED SHE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH [ ] ABOUT  
HIS CLAIM HE SAW A BLACK AMERICAN PW IN LAOS AND CLAIMED HE  
HAD NOT DISCUSSED IT WITH DIA. [ ] REVIEWED THE  
INFORMATION WITH MISS VILLELLA WHICH SHE CLAIMED .  
HAD OFFERED HER AND NOT OFFERED DIA. THE SUBSTANCE OF  
INFORMATION, AS RELATED BY [ ] IS IDENTICAL TO  
TWO REPORTS FROM [ ] 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 [ ] 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 [ ] WAS  
INCLUDED AS PART OF THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF [ ] IN  
MID-1984 WHEN DIA/VO-PW CONCLUDED [ ] WAS NOT A  
RELIABLE REPORTER. WE ANTICIPATE NO NEED AT THIS TIME TO  
REINTERVIEW [ ] 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 [ ] HAD ACCESS TO EITHER.

.. GS-14, ACTING BRANCH CHIEF

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