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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE U.S. POW'S IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR)

SOURCE:

[REDACTED]

1. ON 15 MARCH 1983, SOURCE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFO ON ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN THE LPDR. INFO PARA 2 AND 4 ACQUIRED ON 11 MARCH 1983 FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (THE 33RD REGIMENT IS AN ACTIVE RESISTANCE GROUP WHICH OPERATES IN XHAMMOUN PROVINCE, LPDR.) INFO PARA 3 WAS ACQUIRED [REDACTED] (LNU), A RESISTANCE

LPDR, ON 25 FEBRUARY. INFO PARA 5 WAS OBTAINED BY A LAO DEBRIEFER ON 2 MARCH 83 FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED] RESISTANCE MEMBER WHO OPERATES BETWEEN NAKASAI AND SAYANNAKHET, LPDR, AND WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE ACQUIRED THE INFO ON 25 FEBRUARY 1983, FROM [REDACTED] (LNU) WHO PROBABLY ESCAPED FROM NADENG PRISON IN LATE JANUARY 1983. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

NEEDS BACKGROUND INFO AVAILABLE ON BAN NADEN OR NADENG PRISON TO INCLUDE ALLEGED SIGHTINGS THERE AND SOURCING OF INFO.

2. [REDACTED]

3. ON 25 FEBRUARY 1983, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THERE WERE FOUR U.S. POWS BEING HELD AT NADENG PRISON. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PRISON IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, ONE PART WAS FOR CONFINING PERMER RLG OFFICIALS AND PAR OFFICERS AND THE OTHER PART IS FOR THE FOUR AMERICANS. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT ONE OF THE PRISONERS WAS ILL WITH "SCIATIC DISEASE" AND THAT ANOTHER OF THE AMERICANS WAS ALLOWED TO LOOK AFTER HIM. THE TWO OTHER "HEALTHY" PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY PAVN SOLDIERS TO CONDUCT PROPAGANDA OPERATIONS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT 18 PAVN SOLDIERS WERE GUARDING THE PRISON.

*Source of info
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5. SAID THAT DURING HIS ONE AND A HALF YEAR DETENTION AT NADEN PRISON (CIRCA MID-11 TO JANUARY 1983) HE MET WITH TWO U.S. POWS. SAID THE TWO ALLEGED POWS WERE NOT INCARCERATED WITHIN THE JAIL PROPER BUT WERE BEING HELD IN A CAVE NEARBY THE NADENG PRISON FACILITY. WAS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY EITHER OF THE TWO ALLEGED POWS BY NAME BUT SAID THAT ONE OF THEIR "SERIAL NUMBER PLATES" WAS AVAILABLE AT BAN MOUNDENG (PROBABLY BAN MUNDENG (ME 2507)). SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE PLATE.

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