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REPORT CLASS **SECRET**

DIST: 26 APRIL 1987

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR  
BY HHONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET  
PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

SOURCE:

ADDENDUM

1. ON 8 APRIL 1987 A [ ] INFORMATION REPORT WITH THE  
ABOVE HEADING AND NUMBER WAS ISSUED. THE DEBRIEFING OF [ ]  
ON 14 APRIL REVEALED THAT ON 5 AND 8 APRIL 1987, DATA  
VILLAGER FROM SAVANNAKHET TOWN, TRAVELED TO SALEO (MCA) VILLAGE,  
SALEO CANTON, SAMOI (XD 9418) DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE,  
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN  
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING  
NEAR THE VIETNAM BORDER. SALEO VILLAGE CONSISTED OF SIX  
HOUSES AND APPROXIMATELY 30-40 INHABITANTS.

ACCOMPANIED S.O. ON THE TRIP. S.O. CLAIMED  
TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED TWO LIVE AMERICANS BEING HELD BY  
LOCAL HILLTRIBES, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED CLOSER THAN  
100 METERS FROM THE AMERICANS. S.O. SAID THAT THE HILLTRIBE  
CARETAKER DEMANDED A PAYMENT OF 500 OF THE "OLD FRENCH SILVER COINS"  
BEFORE HE S.O. WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE AMERICANS.  
COMMENT: THE FRENCH COINS ARE VALUED AT 2,800 KIP EACH  
AND ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH SILVER  
CONTENT. THE COINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE SHOPS IN LAOS.  
U.S.\$1.00 EQUALS 35 KIP AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE AND  
MORE THAN 400 KIP AT THE CURRENT BLACK MARKET RATE.)

2. (S.O.) SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN

LOCAL VILLAGE COSTUMES. S.O. ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED  
THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS HAD MARRIED A LOCAL VILLAGER AND  
HAD TWO SONS, A FIVE-YEAR-OLD AND A THREE-YEAR-OLD. THE

ACTION DIA/SPEC(B)

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AMERICAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN KEPT SINCE THE "LAM SON 917  
OPERATIONS." COMMENT: THE LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS  
WERE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLOSE THE HO CHI MINH  
TRAIL DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.)

3. COMMENT: IN HAND DRAWN SKETCHES OF THE AREA  
MADE BY SOURCE SALEO VILLAGE APPEARS TO BE IN THE VICINITY  
OF XD 9570, LOCATED NEAR THE TIGER CAVE (THAM SUA) AND THE  
HOUAI NAMSE STREAM. THE VILLAGE IS LOCATED ON THE WEST  
BANK OF THE STREAM AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE  
ALLEGEDLY BEING KEPT WAS ON THE EAST BANK. IN THE SKETCH  
MAP SOURCE INDICATED THAT IT IS ABOUT ONE DAYS WALK FROM  
SALEO VILLAGE TO SAMOI DISTRICT TOWN AND ANOTHER ONE-HALF  
DAYS WALK (BASED ON APPARENT DISTANCE ONLY) TO TA-OY, THE  
LOCATION OF OTHER REPORTED STORIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF  
WAR. DONG VILLAGE (XD 9138) IS LOCATED ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF TA-OY VILLAGE FROM SAMOI TOWN. DONG VILLAGE WAS THE  
SITE OF AN LPDR REEDUCATION CAMP; HOWEVER, NO RUMORS OF  
AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAMP.)

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