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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF
AMERICAN POW IN SARAVANE PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 1963 TO 9 NOVEMBER 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO

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[REDACTED] AS
OF 9 NOVEMBER 1987, AN AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD IN PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE, SARAVANE PROVINCE. THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS [REDACTED] COMMENT: PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE IS DESCRIBED AS CONSISTING OF FIVE HOUSES AND IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE LPDR BORDER WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS FROM TA OUI DISTRICT, SARAVANE PROVINCE. IT WAS NOT INDICATED IF THE 70 KILOMETERS IS BASED ON STRAIGHT LINE OR ACTUAL ROAD DISTANCE. PAKXE LANONG IS POSSIBLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC8170, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF MUANG NONG (XD6009).)

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1963, IN THE VICINITY OF NAM PA CHON VILLAGE (NCA), AND FROM 1964 TO 1968, HE WAS IMPRISONED AT MUANG NONG, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NAM PA CHON VILLAGE IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO NAMPA VILLAGE (XD1273), SEPONE DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET.)

3. [REDACTED] PROVIDED A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTING FIVE MEN APPARENTLY BEING GUARDED BY A SOLDIER ARMED WITH A RIFLE. FOUR OF THE MEN APPEAR TO BE ORIENTAL WHILE THE FIFTH APPEARS TO BE A CAUCASIAN. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE CAUCASIAN AS [REDACTED] COMMENT: FOUR OF THE MEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH, INCLUDING THE ONE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] ARE DRESSED IN A SIMILAR MANNER, WEARING DARK WESTERN-STYLE TROUSERS AND LIGHT COLORED DRESS SHIRTS. THEY ALSO APPEAR TO BE BAREFOOTED. THE DRESS AND HAIR STYLES OF THE FIVE MEN GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1960'S. THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND BETWEEN 25 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE. THE BACKDROP OF THE PHOTOGRAPH INCLUDES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A WOODEN STRUCTURE AND HEAVY FOLIAGE.)

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW. HE STATED THAT HE OBTAINED THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM A [REDACTED] THE IDENTITY OF WHOM HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE. [REDACTED] SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH HE PROVIDED REPRESENTED A COPY OF THE PHOTO PROVIDED BY HIS [REDACTED] DID NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT HE IS UNDER GUARD, OR ON THE STATUS OF HIS HEALTH.)

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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