

14 November 80 From: [REDACTED] To: Director CIA [REDACTED]

"group of POWs consists of approximately 30 Americans, all pilots, currently constructing a road near [REDACTED]

"The officer in charge agreed to engineer their escape and that the entire Lao unit wishes to defect to Thailand."

[REDACTED] Comment: "Plan to instruct [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] to stand down on any plans to have the POWs escape, [REDACTED] has other views, and that priority must be given to positively confirming the existence of the POWs with [REDACTED] a list of names and the exact location..."

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