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DIST 11 DECEMBER 1969

COUNTRY: LAOS
DOI: MID-AUGUST 1969
SUBJECT: PATHET LAO PRISONER OF WAR CAMP IN MUONG SAI.

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE /20 - 30 NOVEMBER 1969/ [Redacted]

SOURCE: [Redacted]

1. AS OF MID-AUGUST 1969, A PATHET LAO PRISONER OF WAR CAMP WAS LOCATED AT BAN CHOM JANG /RC 079897/, FIVE KILOMETERS WEST OF MUONG SAI /RC 01881. THERE WERE FIVE BUILDINGS AT THIS LOCATION. EACH ABOUT 10 METERS LONG AND SEVEN METERS WIDE. THE BUILDINGS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO AND THATCH. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 120 PRISONERS AT THIS LOCATION, BOTH VILLAGERS AND PRO-GOVERNMENT IRREGULAR SOLDIERS. THE ONLY NON-LAO PRISONER AT THAT TIME WAS ONE CHINESE. THE REASON FOR HIS INTERNMENT WAS UNKNOWN.

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2. THE PRISON COMPOUND WAS GUARDED BY A 60 MAN PATHET LAO UNIT COMMAND BY /THAO/ K H A M P H A N. THE GUARD UNIT WAS CALLED THE 12TH POLICE COMPANY. KHAMPHAN ALSO HELD PROPAGANDA LECTURES FOR ALL PRISONERS TWICE A MONTH.

3. TEN OF THE PRISONERS WERE ASSIGNED COOKING DETAILS FOR THE CAMP. THESE TEN WERE ALLOWED OUT OF THE COMPOUND DAILY TO COLLECT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM THE JUNGLE TO FEED THE OTHERS. PRISONERS WERE FED A HANDFUL OF RICE TWICE A DAY, PLUS WHATEVER FOOD WAS COLLECTED BY THE COOK DETAIL. RICE WAS CARRIED FROM STORAGE AREAS AT BAN NA HIN /RC 096885/ AND BAN NA CHANG

/RC 075948/.

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APPROXIMATELY

15 PRISONERS DIED FROM MALNUTRITION OR LACK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT/.

4. PRISONERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER. THOSE WHO VIOLATED THIS REGULATION WERE PUNISHED WITH ONE WEEK IN A DETENTION PIT LOCATED IN THE COMPOUND. SECOND OFFENDERS SPENT TWO WEEKS IN THIS PIT. ANOTHER PIT ON THE COMPOUND WAS USED AS A GRAVE. IN JULY 1969 THREE VILLAGERS AND TWO PRO-GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS WERE EXECUTED FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS. THEY WERE KILLED BY A BLOW ON THE HEAD AND DUMPED IN THE PIT THAT WAS USED AS A GRAVE.

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5. [Redacted] COMMENT. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REFER TO THE AFORE-NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS:

PARA 1 AND 2, A POW CAMP IS CONFIRMED IN THE MUONG SAI AREA. SEE [Redacted] THERE ARE NO PRIOR REPORTS OF EITHER KHAMPHAN OR THE 12 TH POLICE COMPANY.

PARA 3, ANALYSIS OF TEAM REPORTS AND INTERROGATIONS CONFIRMS A STORAGE AREA AT RC 075948. >

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