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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 24 OCTOBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED LOCATION OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN LUANG
PRABANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MID 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1.

THERE WERE SEVEN AMERICAN POW'S AS OF MID-1986 BEING DETAINED AT A CAMP NEAR NAM BAC (TH 3683) TOWN, OUDOMSAI DISTRICT, LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN THIS GENERAL AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, HAVE REPORTED A REEDUCATION CAMP AT NAM BAC. THE CAMP WAS EMPTIED OF REEDUCATION INMATES ABOUT 1980 AND THE CAMP WAS OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) TROOPS.) SIX OF THE AMERICANS WERE HISPANICS AND ONE WAS A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN. THERE HAD BEEN 12 AMERICAN POWS AT THE SITE BUT IN 1985 FIVE OF THE AMERICANS POWS WERE MOVED TO THE SOVIET UNION. ALL OF THE AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN 1968 WHILE WORKING AT THE NAM BAC CAMP. (COMMENT: NAM BAC WAS THE SITE OF AN AIRFIELD DURING THE INDOCHINA WAR. NO AMERICANS WERE STATIONED THERE, BUT SOME AMERICAN PERSONNEL VISITED THERE OCCASIONALLY. NONE OF THEM WERE LOST.) THE CAMP WAS OVERRUN BY THE ENEMY AND THE AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED. IN ADDITION TO THE AMERICANS, THERE WERE 30 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT THE CAMP.

2. THE PRISON CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY A DOUBLE FENCE. THE INTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH BAMBOO WHILE THE EXTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH NINE WALLS OF BARBED WIRE, EACH ABOUT 170 CENTIMETERS IN SIX TO EIGHT BUILDINGS FOR PRISONERS IN THE

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 18 MAY 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGATION OF A SECRET DOCUMENT THAT
MENTIONS THE ISSUE OF U.S. MISSING-IN-ACTION
SERVICEMEN AS OF MID-1986

DOI: MID-1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF MID-1986 AN ALLEGED SECRET VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT
CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. PRISONERS OF
WAR (POW'S): "THE REQUESTS FROM THE AMERICANS CONCERNING THE PILOTS"
(YEU CAU CUA PHIA MY VE PHI CONG). "THIS MATTER DEPENDS ON THE COMING
SECRET MEETINGS" (VAN DE CON TUY THUOC NHUNG CUOC HOP MAT SAP TOI).
THE REMAINING CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT KNOWN.

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SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoner of War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

TEXT: 1. Circa March 1983, [redacted] a militia chief [redacted] claimed that there is a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp located at the foot of Ngoua Mountain (NCA), approximately 25 kilometers south of Kadon Village. According to [redacted] there were 23 American prisoners of war (POW's) detained in the camp. Prior to 1975 the camp contained 25 American POW's, but two had since died. [redacted] said that Kadon Village is responsible for growing food for the camp and insisted that he had personally seen the POW's on numerous occasions while escorting food convoys to the camp. [redacted] added that the militia forces of Chavan Village (YB 2197) were actually responsible for security at the camp.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director For Collection
Management
Department of Defense
Principal Advisor For Prisoner of War
Missing In Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoners of
War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's
Democratic Republic

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained

refugee observed an apparent detention camp in Saravane Province, Laos, which a local village militia chief told him contained 23 American Prisoners of War.

2. This very sensitive information is for your background use only. There will be no further distribution of this report and additional dissemination or extraction of this information requires prior approval from this Agency. DIA is authorized to pass this information to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC)

Deputy Director For Operations

cc: DCI
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Attachment: Report as stated

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escorted him to the top of Nqoua Mountain and pointed out the camp to him. According to the camp consisted of four buildings and was surrounded by a fence and a canal. did not claim to see any of the POW's. Both Chavan and Kadon Villages have been under the influence/control of the Communist Pathet Lao since circa 1954.)

3. Udorn Source Comment: This account is the first believable story on the possibility of live American POW's in the LPDR that has been heard since 1975.)

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DIST: 02 NOVEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN HOUA
PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AS OF JANUARY 1987

DOI: 18 JUNE 1968 - JANUARY 1987

TEXT:

AS OF JANUARY 1987 "SOME" FORMER AMERICAN POWS WERE

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STILL IN THE GENERAL AREA OF BAN BOUAK.

COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE
POWS IS NAMED WHO WAS CAPTURED ON 18 JUNE 1968 IN
THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE AND SON LA PROVINCE
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). ACCORDING TO
WAS DETAINED FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME BUT
WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED AFTER HE HAD BEEN "REFORMED". (SOURCE
COMMENT: THE TWO ELDERS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CONTINUES
TO LIVE IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA UNDER HIS OWN VOLITION. THE DID
NOT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE EVER HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR
ANY OTHER POW PURPORTEDLY STILL IN THE AREA).

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DIST: 18 MAY 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGATION OF AN INTERROGATION CENTER STILL
HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN AN UNKNOWN LOCATION
IN SOUTHWEST HA NAM NINH PROVINCE IN EARLY 1986

DOI: EARLY 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY 1986, ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR WERE STILL
BEING HELD AT AN UNKNOWN INTERROGATION CENTER IN AN AREA IN THE
SOUTHWEST QUADRANT, FROM NINH BINH CITY (XH 0340), OF HA NAM NINH
PROVINCE.

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DIST: 10 NOVEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: POSSIBILITY OF EXISTENCE OF AMERICAN POWS
IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM

DOI: AUGUST 1987

TEXT: 1. A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) OFFICIAL COMMENTED
IN PRIVATE IN LATE OCTOBER 1987 THAT HE IS CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE
AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) STILL BEING HELD IN REMOTE AREAS OF
SOUTHERN VIETNAM BY PRIVATE MILITANT GROUPS ACTING WITHOUT THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE SRV LEADERSHIP. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, THESE
GROUPS ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE
GOVERNMENT WHOSE MOTIVATION IS FINANCIAL. THIS OFFICIAL COMMENTED
THAT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, THE VIET CONG MAINTAINED THEIR MILITARY
UNITS IN THE JUNGLES AND TUNNELS FOR YEARS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED,
SO IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT POW COULD STILL BE HIDDEN.

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TO DIA//VO-PW/ 281935 Z Oct 87

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SUBJECT: COMMENT BY LOW-ECHELON SRV OFFICIAL ON POW'S IN INDOCHINA

2. IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1987 A

REMARKED ON THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF PRIVATE U.S. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PERSONS KILLED, CAPTURED, OR MISSING-IN-ACTION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, SAYING THAT "THERE ARE LESS THAN 1,200 PRISONERS OF WAR" (POW'S). LATER REMARKED IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION THAT "THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF POW'S IN THE SRV IS SMALL COMPARED WITH THOSE IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA, BOTH IN KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS." HE CONTINUED THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD LAOS AND CAMBODIA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF POW'S EFFECTIVELY AND THAT "THE NUMBER OF POW'S AS ESTIMATED BY THE AMERICANS, 1,270, IS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL FIGURE." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. (COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE 1,270 FIGURE CITED IS FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA OR MERELY THE SPV.)

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ADDITION, HIS NORMAL HABIT WHEN FACED WITH A QUESTION HE DOES NOT WISH TO ANSWER IS TO IGNORE THE QUESTION. IT IS CLEAR HE CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT OF POW'S TO BE SENSITIVE. HE ALSO APPEARS, HOWEVER, TO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE TOPIC AND HAS REMARKED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILS WHEN AND IF HE GAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE WORD _____ USED IN REFERRING TO THE POW'S WAS THE VIETNAMESE WORD "TU BINH," THAT IS "PRISONER OF WAR." WHETHER HE MEANT TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF HOSTAGES OR PRISONERS UNDER THIS TERM IS UNCLEAR.)

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LATER REMARKED IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION THAT THERE WERE POW'S IN
LAOS AND CAMBODIA, BOTH IN KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS. HE
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IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF POW'S
EFFECTIVELY AND THAT THE NUMBER OF POW'S AS ESTIMATED BY THE
AMERICANS, 1,270, IS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL FIGURE. HE CONCLUDED BY
SAYING THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN LAOS
AND CAMBODIA. (COMMENT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE 1,270 FIGURE IS
FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA OR MERELY VIETNAM. THE MOTIVATION FOR THE
TO MAKE SUCH REVELATIONS TO THE CONTACT
IS UNCLEAR. IT IS ALSO UNCLEAR WHY OR HOW A LOW-LEVEL
WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION.)

END OF MESSAGE

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To: Bill Codinha, Bob Taylor
Subject: President's Daily Intell Briefings

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I've asked Bob Magner for access to file copies of the Daily Intell Summaries prepared for the President by CIA. They are usually about one or two pages of the most timely intell topics of the day, and are limited to only a handful of people. I am specifically looking for references for briefings given to the President regarding the possibility of POWs being transferd to the East Bloc after Homecoming. I have a source who claims to have seen them.

Almost in the same nano-second that the briefings were mentioned, he said they were not available to anyone. This only made me want them more. I said surely the Senators could review them. He evaded an answer to that, by saying they could look for a specific topic, if we knew the timeframe, and they could tell us about it. Right! I went ahead and gave him a specific window of time and subject (Moscow Bound) and asked him to look, but told him to expect the Committee to revisit the issue of reviewing this potential goldmine. If you happen to talk to Magner you may wish to mention we would like access to review, in person, these briefings. MFR 22/6/92 Bob T.