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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Congressional Affairs

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations (b)(3) CIAAct

FROM:
Chief East Asia Division

SUBJECT: Provision of Requested POW/MIA Information to Senator Shelby, Chairman of the SSCI

REFERENCES:

- A. Letter From SSCI Chairman Shelby to DCI Tenet, dated 24 July 2000
- B. Letter From Senator Bob Smith to SSCI Chairman Shelby as an Attachment to Ref A, dated 10 June 1999
- C. Draft List of 18 Questions Faxed to CIA by Office of Senate Security and Attached to Ref A, dated 2 August 2000
- D. Congressionally Directed Action, Executive Order 12812 (unavailable to East Asia Division)

1. Action Requested: ~~(S)~~ Provide the documents listed in paragraph six below on a "read and return" basis to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Members, Senator Bob Smith and appropriately cleared members of Senator Smith's staff.

2. Background: ~~(S)~~ Refs A-D represent a series of requests that SSCI Chairman Shelby has made, in conjunction with Senator Bob Smith, for Agency and Intelligence Community documents and information concerning POW/MIA's. Within the Agency, it was agreed that East Asia Division (EA) would respond to the following three items: 1) the request for Agency documents described in Ref C, items 2-7; 2) the request, based on Ref D, as expanded and refined by Ref C, item 16, for a listing of the Agency Vietnam conflict POW/MIA documents dated prior to 1993 which have not been declassified; and 3) the request for a listing of the Agency Vietnam conflict POW/MIA documents dated subsequent to 1993 which have not been declassified.

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3. (S) Concerning the first, the six responsive documents are described in more detail in paragraph 6 below and attached. Please provide them on a "read and return" basis to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Members, Senator Bob Smith and appropriately cleared staff members of Senator Smith's staff.

4. (S) Concerning the second, EA has completed the listing in question. It is being provided separately to your office via the Directorate of Operations Information Review Officer.

5. (S) Concerning the third, EA has completed its search for the documents and is assembling the list. EA hopes to have this work completed by 1 October 2000.

6. (TS) The following documents are being provided to the paragraph 1 Congressional recipients in response to Ref C, questions 2-7:

- o 101319Z Oct 96
From CIA to DoD POW/MIA Office
Subject: Vietnam - POW Information
Classification: SECRET
(Responds to question 2)
- o 042156Z Nov 96
From CIA to DoD POW/MIA Office
Reference: 101319Z Oct 96 message from CIA to DPMO
Classification: SECRET
(Responds to question 3)
- o 26 August 1998
CIA DO Memorandum, Intelligence (b)(1)
FIRM-312/18028 (b)(3) NatSecAct
Classification: TOP SECRET
(Responds to question 4)
- o TOR: 161615Z Sep 76

Subject: Socialist Republic of Vietnam Decision to
Withhold Further Names of American MIAs until after the
United States Presidential Elections in November 1976
(Responds to question 5)

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- o CIA [redacted]
Date of Report: April 19, 1973
Subject: [redacted]

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(Responds to question 6)

- o Intelligence Report referenced on page 2 of SECRET CIA Biographic Highlight on [redacted] forwarded to Sen. Bob Smith, via Office of Senate Security on April 29, 1993. (CIA Biographic Highlight states, "according to one intelligence report, [redacted] was physically located in North Vietnam and passed orders from Hanoi to MR-V by radio.")

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(Responds to question 7)

7. ~~(S)~~ In response to questions 6 and 7 for CIA [redacted] and the Intelligence Report Biographic Highlight, we wish to note that the two versions in question are the same report. Neither report has the quote cited in request description "according to one intelligence report, [redacted] was physically located in North Vietnam and passed orders from Hanoi to MR-V by radio." For the recipients' information, we have included an unclassified biography of [redacted]

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CONCUR:

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Deputy Director for Operations

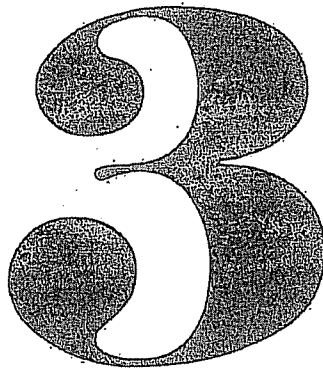
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Date

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Attachments:
as stated in paragraph 6

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SENATOR BOB SMITH

New Hampshire

To: (b)(6)

From: Chief of Staff (b)(6)

Date: 8/31/03

Notes:

As a follow-up to our meeting today, please ~~also~~ review + share with Jack + Don. I would hope the precedent on full. Mem. requests like this has already been set.

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*Look forward to seeing you next week.
Thanks again for today.*

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

26 July 1993

The Honorable Bob Smith
 United States Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Smith:

Your letter of May 17, 1993 asked that the Agency provide declassified copies of three intelligence reports and that you be afforded an opportunity to review any other documents relating to these original reports.

I instructed that the reports you requested be reviewed for declassification, and am happy to enclose declassified copies for you. I understand that declassified copies of the same reports were made available earlier to the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs in lightly redacted form.

To meet your need for detailed background on the three reports cited in your letter, CIA compiled summaries of the relevant operational histories of the several sources involved, and made those summaries available to you in October 1992. I also instructed that those summaries be reviewed for declassification, and enclose them with this letter.

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The [redacted] (numbered [redacted]) [redacted] about which you inquired is accompanied by a copy of the recall notice issued when the report was found to be a fabrication. You requested copies of the "original reported information" as acquired from the source in 1977. There is nothing in our files further to the report as prepared [redacted] format, which is the form in which you saw the information.

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In an effort to reconstruct the circumstances of acquisition, we queried the officer who acquired the original report. He could not recall the details behind that specific report but remembered that the source reported orally information purportedly [redacted]

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The Honorable Bob Smith

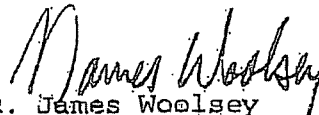
You will appreciate that your broader request for "any documentation concerning the original reported information" is more problematic. As former DCI Bob Gates wrote you last October, CIA has done its utmost, within the obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods, to support the work of the POW/MIA Committee in making the fullest possible accounting to the American people.

To that end, CIA has made available to members of the POW/MIA Committee staff files of relevant classified operational correspondence on issues under review by the Committee. Further, CIA has made many of its former assets and officers directly available to the Committee for depositions on the record, and many of these depositions have been declassified at the Committee's request. As the Committee was completing its work, CIA gave Mr. Art Grant of the Senate Intelligence Committee unrestricted access to all operational files on these matters, so that the Committee could confirm for itself that no material relevant to its work was being withheld by the Agency and that our replies to Committee requests were faithful to the classified originals.

I renew my predecessor's pledge to make the fullest possible accounting to the American people on the POW/MIA issue. CIA supports completely the pledge made by President Clinton that all relevant documentation will be released consistent with Executive Order 12812 of July 22, 1992. I can assure you that Agency officers will spare no effort to ensure that their reporting which responds to the President's call is made available to the public.

Please advise me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



R. James Woolsey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senate

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UNCLASSIFIED SOURCE SUMMARIES

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[redacted]
The source of this report claimed to enjoy excellent access to [redacted] and his reporting improved continuously through the 1970's. The source allegedly acquired this report in January 1977 from [redacted]

[redacted] to whom the source claimed access.

When the source was [redacted] in 1979, however, and [redacted] again in 1980, he admitted that he had been controlled from the outset by an eastern European intelligence service. He further admitted that he had had relationships with the Soviets and with the intelligence services of several other countries; that he had lied about his claimed access to various [redacted]; and that he had fabricated or forged many reports. As a result of these revelations, contact with the source was terminated in October 1980.

This report (which has come to be known as [redacted]) had been considered highly suspect by our Headquarters for some time. In September 1983 a former Congressman claimed to U.S. media that the U.S. Government was covering up knowledge of the existence of American POW's. He based his charges, at least in part, on the claims made in this disseminated report. Since the report now had no credence in view of the more recent discoveries about the source, our Headquarters decided to investigate this report anew. (Contrary to the former Congressman's insistent claim, this report did not originate from an audio operation.)

In September 1983 two officers [redacted] had occasion to talk with [redacted] who had been [redacted] and was allegedly the original source of the 1977 report from the now discredited source. In conversation, [redacted] said very explicitly that while he was [redacted] no Vietnamese official had ever mentioned any remaining American prisoners to him.

As a result of the revelations about the source, combined with [redacted] very specific statement to the American diplomats, Headquarters concluded that this report was a fabrication, and a fabrication notice was duly published on 26 September 1983.

When Senator Smith inquired about this report (and two others) in September 1992, we researched the history of the report as thoroughly as possible. We spoke with the officer who had been the former source's case officer in 1977, when this report was acquired. Although the officer did not recall this specific report, when told that its alleged source was [redacted]

[redacted]

The officer said that when the

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source later admitted to large-scale fabrication of his intelligence reporting, all his reports were considered to be highly suspect, including this one.

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[REDACTED]

The source of this report was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While there he talked with members of the Vietnamese delegation. He had never reported on Vietnamese topics before, and did not do so again.

The source and the Vietnamese discussed the general situation in Vietnam, and the head of the Vietnamese delegation provided his views on the establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States, including Vietnam's preconditions for it.

The source also obtained some additional comments from other members of the Vietnamese delegation. Before he left [REDACTED] the head of the delegation invited the source to visit Hanoi to observe firsthand the progress being made by the SRV. The source did not follow up on that offer, however. In 1978 the Agency's relationship with the source was terminated.

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[redacted]

The source of this report was [redacted]. He was considered politically reliable by the SRV, which invited him to various embassy functions and activities. The source got along well with the lower-ranking functionaries [redacted] and sometimes had an opportunity to speak with the few (higher- (b)(3) NatSecAct ranking) officials of the embassy as well.

In [redacted] 1977 the source attended a representational dinner given by the SRV Embassy. During the course of the evening an embassy functionary told the source privately that the U.S. planned to send a delegation to Hanoi in mid-March. The source commented that the delegation would undoubtedly be interested in the question of the American MIA's. The functionary said, "Naturally Hanoi knows where U.S. pilots shot down over North Vietnam are buried." When the source said that "of course" there were no longer any living Americans still imprisoned in Vietnam, the functionary replied, "No, I wouldn't say that." The functionary went on to say that Hanoi did not intend to release American prisoners until the U.S. government provided substantial financial aid for Vietnam's reconstruction.

The functionary acted rather nervous during this private conversation, as if he did not want other embassy employees to overhear their conversation. He told the source that he should not repeat what they had talked about. The functionary did not identify the source of his information, nor did he provide any specifics about the Americans allegedly still held by the SRV.

Since the functionary was a low-level embassy employee, it was impossible to determine whether he was simply expressing his own views, repeating rumors, or reciting statements he had heard in an official embassy briefing. The functionary tended to be quite open with the source, whom he trusted.

The source was considered a reliable reporter, who reported accurately what he had heard. He did not exaggerate or fabricate his reports. He was later [redacted]

In March 1977 the source had an opportunity to engage one of the embassy officials privately on the topic of American POW's. The official said the SRV had lists of U.S. MIA's, and that for Vietnam, the American MIA's fell into several categories:

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American pilots who were shot down over Vietnam and killed;

American prisoners of war who died from illness during their imprisonment;

A few "good" American prisoners who had seen the light, and were now living and working in the SRV;

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and "those POW's who proved to be so stubborn (that) we had to execute them in prison."

The official sounded quite authoritative when he made these statements, as if he had read the information or received it in some official fashion. The official then made additional statements which he said were based on his personal opinion. He said he "believed" there were still some living American POW's in Vietnam. He said that in his opinion, Hanoi would have to use a slow, piecemeal approach to its negotiations with the U.S. Government.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Because of this official's relatively low-level position, we were reluctant to attach too much weight to his personal views. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The source was unable to acquire any additional information on the POW-MIA issue from SRV embassy officials, and in 1979 his relationship with us was terminated.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20505

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

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SUBJECT: Comments of [redacted] on American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam

NO HARD COPY FOLLOWS

Attached is a notice to recall the report bearing this title and number.

Deputy Director for Operations

[redacted] (CORRECT)

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SUBJECT: Comments of [redacted] on American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam.

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On 16 March 1977 a memorandum report bearing the above subject and the number [redacted] was disseminated. It has been subsequently learned that the source, who was described as [redacted]

[redacted] has provided fabricated information, and the [redacted] that he never received any information [redacted] that five U.S. prisoners of war were being held by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Government. Therefore, the information in the memorandum should be disregarded and all references to the report should be removed from computer listings and file holdings.

[redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

16 MAR 1977

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

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Department of State:

[redacted] Commander, USN (R)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center

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[redacted] Captain, USN
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War and
Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense

FROM :

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SUBJECT :

Comments of [redacted]
on American Prisoners of War Remaining in
Vietnam

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report resul
from information obtained from an agent source in late January
1977. We are giving this report no further dissemination.

Attachment:

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[Redacted]

COUNTRY: Vietnam

DOI : January 1977

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SUBJECT: Comments of [Redacted] on American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam

ACQ : [Redacted] (Late January 1977) (b)(3) NatSecAct

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SOURCE : [Redacted]

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1. Upon his return to [Redacted] in January 1977, [Redacted]

[Redacted] reported to [Redacted] that, according to Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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(SRV) [Redacted] and other SRV officials with whom [Redacted] was in contact, there were American

prisoners of war (POW's) still remaining in Vietnam and that these POW's posed a problem to the opening of diplomatic relations between the SRV and the United States (U.S.).

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[Redacted] told [Redacted] that these POW's included some who did not want to return to the U.S. [Redacted] No reason was given as to why [Redacted] would make such a statement on POW's especially to an [Redacted] (b)(3) NatSecAct

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2. [Redacted] Other than one American civilian who was arrested in Saigon after its fall in 1975, the SRV is not known to have any live American military or civilian prisoners. Nevertheless, several unconfirmed reports have appeared since May 1975 on the possibility of some U.S. prisoners still remaining in Vietnam.)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Department of State

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Department of State

[Redacted] Commander, USM (B)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center)
Defense Intelligence Agency

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FROM:

[Redacted]

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

Comments of a Socialist Republic of Vietnam
(SRV) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Official on
Relations with the United States and the
Presence of Americans in the SRV

The attached report, which is of possible interest to you,
was obtained from an agent source on 9 March 1977. We are
giving this information no further dissemination.

Attachment:

[Redacted]

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1977

SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL ON RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS IN THE SRV.

ACQ:

(9 MARCH 1977)

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SOURCE:

[Redacted]

1. IN EARLY MARCH 1977 WHILE ON A VISIT TO TUNISIA TO

[Redacted]

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MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING SRV RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND PRESENCE OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM.

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2. ACCORDING TO [Redacted] FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SRV WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE PAST HAD BEEN THE U.S. VETO OF VIETNAM'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED NATIONS BUT THAT NOW HIS COUNTRY FEELS THE U.S. WILL DROP THESE EFFORTS.

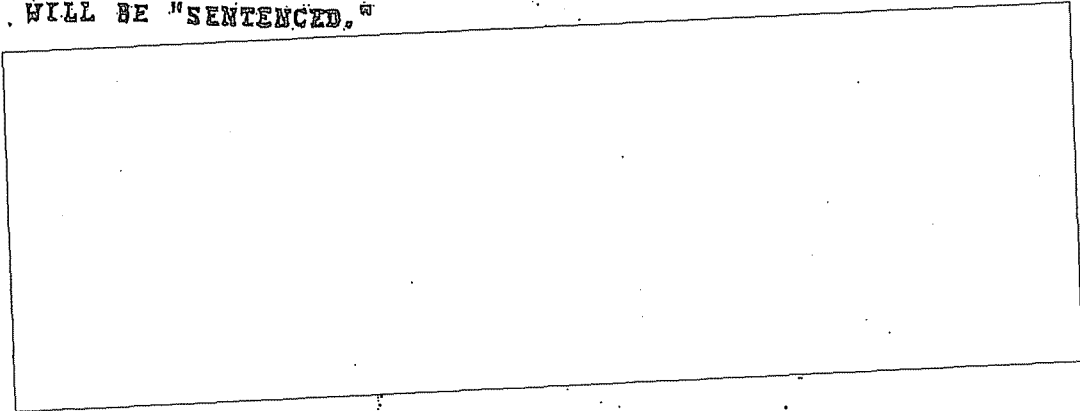
3. REGARDING U.S. INSISTENCE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME AMERICANS IN VIETNAM WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, [Redacted] SAID THAT THE ONLY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM ARE THOSE WHO MARRIED VIETNAMESE WOMEN AND HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND HAVE BECOME

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A SMALL NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO WERE IN VIETNAM AT THE TIME OF LIBERATION AND WHO WERE JUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THESE AMERICANS RENOUNCED THEIR CITIZENSHIP (SIC) AND WERE PLACED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. AT THE END OF THIS THREE-YEAR PERIOD THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADMIT TO THEIR CRIMES AND MAKE A "SELF-CRITICISM," AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE JUDGED AND EITHER SET FREE AND PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN VIETNAM AS FULL CITIZENS, OR, IN THE CASE OF A LACK OF ADMISSION OF GUILT AND REFUSAL OF SELF-CRITICISM, THEY WILL BE "SENTENCED."



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[Redacted]

Director, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

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Deputy Coordinator for Prisoner of War and
Missing in Action Matters
Department of State

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Commander, USN (R)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center)
Defense Intelligence Agency

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FROM

[Redacted]

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT

: Comment by Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV)
Embassy Employee [Redacted] on Possibility of U.
Prisoners Being Held by the SRV for Use in
Negotiations on Aid from the U.S. for the SRV

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report
resulting from information obtained from an agent source in
early March 1977. We are giving this report no further
dissemination.

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Attachment:
Report as Stated

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]
COUNTRY: Vietnam

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DDI : Late February 1977

SUBJECT: Comment by Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV)
Embassy Employee [REDACTED] on Possibility of
U.S. Prisoners Being Held by the SRV for Use in
Negotiations on Aid from the U.S. for the SRV

ACQ : (4 March 1977)

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SOURCE : [REDACTED]

1. In a private conversation at a diplomatic function in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) Embassy [REDACTED] in late February 1977, a lower echelon SRV Embassy employee commented on the visit of a U.S. delegation to Hanoi in mid-March 1977. In response to a statement on the U.S. interest in the U.S. personnel missing in action (MIA's) in Vietnam, the Embassy employee said that Hanoi naturally knows where U.S. pilots shot down over North Vietnam are buried. In response to a statement that the SRV no longer has any Americans still under detention, the Embassy employee demurred and said that there are American prisoners of war (POW's), some of whom are members of wealthy families, still in the SRV and they would not be released until U.S. financial aid for the SRV was forthcoming. [REDACTED] Comment: Other than one American civilian who was arrested in Saigon after its fall in 1975, the SRV is not known to have any live American prisoners.)

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2. The Embassy employee indicated that the information on MIA's was one trump card the SRV held in the forthcoming negotiations with the U.S. and explained that the SRV, as the victor in the Vietnam war, would take advantage of this situation in negotiating with the U.S. for aid in economic reconstruction. He said that some wealthy prominent American families had been in direct contact with Hanoi in an effort to acquire information about family members who were MIA's.

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However, the SRV had not released such information on the assumption that more could be gained by the SRV economically... by awaiting the opening of formal negotiations with the U.S. Government. [redacted] Comment: The SRV Embassy employee appeared nervous in making these comments on U.S. POW's and MIA's, as if it gradually dawned upon him that he was talking about a matter which he had no right to discuss.) [redacted] Comment: The SRV Embassy employee did not indicate the basis for the information he provided on U.S. POW's and MIA's; thus it cannot be determined whether his statements reflect reliable information or unsubstantiated hearsay.)

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

6 August 1992

OCA 0886-92/1

Mr. J. William Codinha
Chief Counsel
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Codinha:

Enclosed is the analysis requested in your letter of July 13, 1992 regarding the photography dated January 22, 1988.

If you need anything further, please contact me.

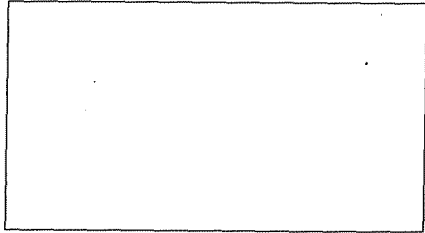
Sincerely,

Stanley M. Moskowitz
Director of Congressional Affairs

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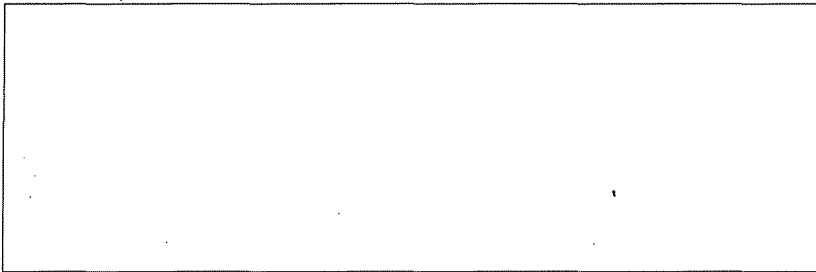
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SUBJECT: Letter to Codinha, POW/MIA Cmte re July 13 Request
Regarding Photography January 22, 1988

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Analysis of Surface Markings
Near Muang Tan, Laos (C)

REFERENCE: Senate Select Committee Memo, dated 13 July
1992, Requesting Analysis of [redacted] (C)
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1. [redacted] showed what appeared to be ground markings resembling possible numbers and letters in rice paddies 500 meters south of the village of Muang Tan, about 43 kilometers southeast of Xieng Khouang provincial town, on Highway 42. These markings resembled (depending on the orientation) "A5!", "K5!", "i5Y", or "iSY" in one rice paddy, and in the other paddy either "07" or "L0". Although a conclusive assessment of the origin and the intent of these markings may never be achieved, recent analysis has provided some additional information that may be useful in determining whether or not these markings can be attributed to a possible American POW/MIA presence. (~~S~~ ~~NF~~ ~~WN~~)

2. [redacted]
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[redacted] (~~S~~ ~~NF~~ ~~WN~~)

3. Our review [redacted] indicates that the possible markings most likely were associated with the rehabilitation of terraced rice paddy dikes.

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Near Muang Tan, Laos (C)

an angular but--at the time--disconnected section of terraced dike. [redacted] shows a completed dike with the "7/L"-shaped angle incorporated into a lengthier terrace. The "0" (actually resembling a square with rounded corners) had disappeared by the [redacted] [redacted] but one side of this round-cornered square had been incorporated into a new terrace dike. However, this shape routinely occurs throughout rice paddies in this region, and may represent a small diked area employed in the growing, harvesting, or processing of rice.

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- Similar analysis of the [redacted] terraced rice paddy in which the possible "A5!/K5!/i5Y/i5Y" marking was previously observed indicated that portions of the possible "5/S", the "!/i" and the "A/K/Y" were also part of an effort to rehabilitate and realign the dike. However, only a portion of the possible markings can readily be attributed to shadow caused by the buildup in height of a section of dike wall. The remainder may result from shadows in depressions--possibly caused by excavation of soil to rebuild the dike.

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- [redacted] shows that much of the roughly 90,000 square meter paddy area containing the possible markings/shadows had been rehabilitated. The repair and rehabilitation of terraced paddies is a routine occurrence in Southeast Asia. This work generally occurs in the dry season (November through April), after the rice harvest. (~~S NE WNT~~)

4. We also reviewed other sources to assess contemporaneous activity in the Xieng Khouang area in 1988.

- There was a small number of [redacted] reports during this time regarding either sightings or the lack of sightings of possible American POWs in Xieng Khouang Province. Evidence cited in many of these is inconclusive, and often contradictory.
- A few Soviet military advisors were involved--at least in the earlier stages--in a long-term effort beginning in


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1975 to upgrade the Xieng Khouang (aka Thong Hai Hin) Airfield. Some probably were still in the area in 1988.

- The Lao resistance was active in Xieng Khouang Province in 1987-1988, although the small size of the insurgency limited it to hit-and-run attacks against government outposts in the countryside. This may account for some reports of unusual activity.
- In 1986, the US Embassy Vientiane reported on an ongoing ordnance disposal effort by the Mennonite Central Committee. The Mennonites reportedly were given access to Xieng Khouang Province (and the western sections of Savannakhet) beginning in 1977, but we are unaware if this access has produced any significant reporting of a possible POW/MIA presence. (~~S NE WN~~)

Attachments:

1. Explanation of Graphics
2. Line Drawing
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ATTACHMENT 1 OF 4

Explanation of Graphics of Possible POW/MIA Markings

The attached graphics are based on analysis of terrain features at two rice paddies in Laos. The black and white drawing (Attachment 2) provides a view of the estimated 90,000 square meter area in question, along with the drafter's representation of the possible markings present at that location. Attachments 3 and 4 are computer enhancements using color application to show variations in the appearance of possible markings against the paddy background. Attachments 3 and 4 have been subdivided into two images of the same location for comparison of the possible marking with and without the color enhancement. (C)

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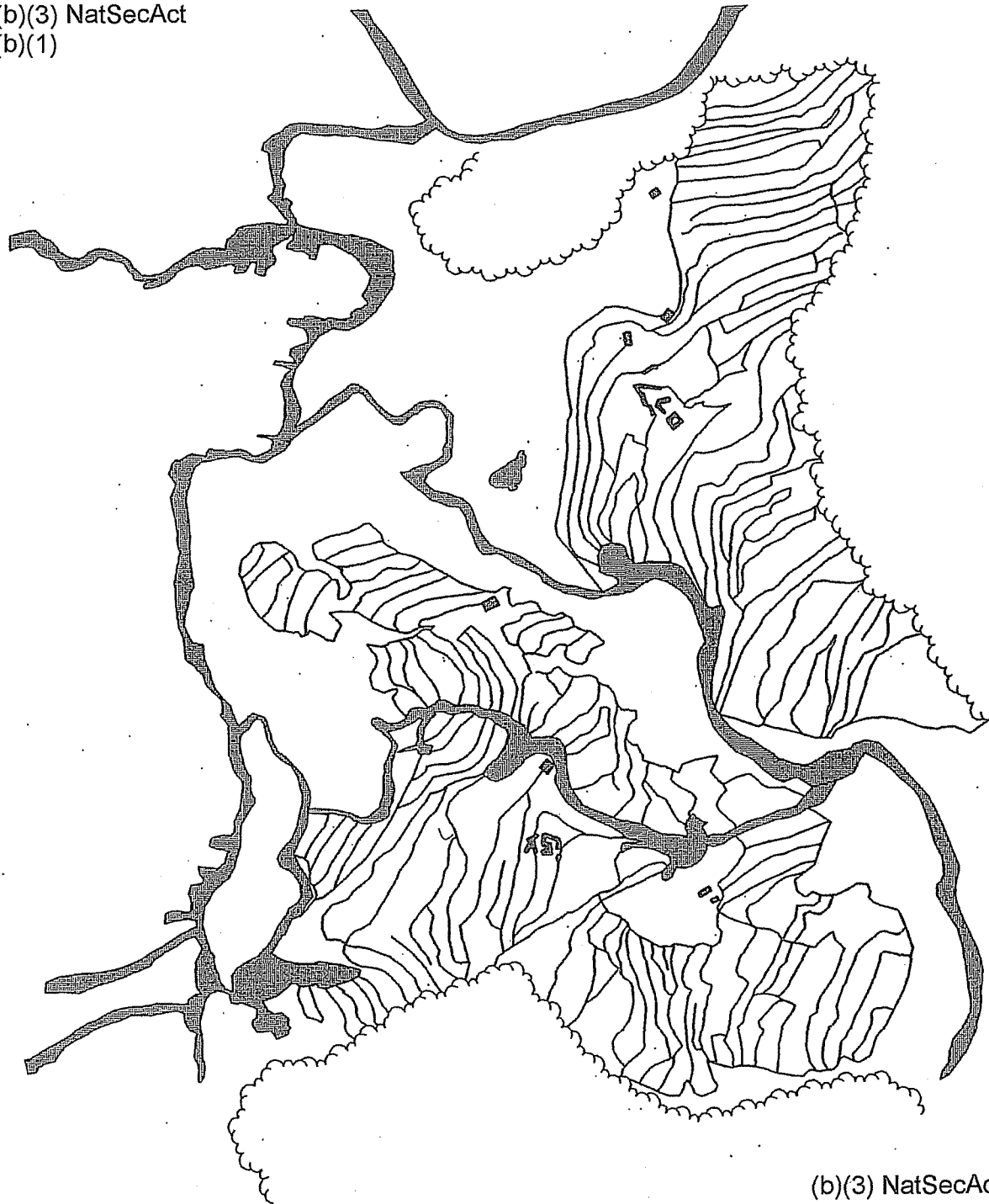
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Surface Markings Muang Tan, Laos 22 January 1988



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Enhancement of Markings in
Rice Paddies Near Muang Tan, Laos

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7 August 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Charles Boykin
Acting Chief, Collection Requirements and
Evaluation Staff, DI

SUBJECT: Declassification of Document on POW/MIAs (U)

1. Action: Approve the declassification of the attached document on **Possible POW/MIA-Associated Markings in Southeast Asia**. This will respond to a Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs request. (U)

2. Background: We have been working with OIA to provide the Committee with documentation and graphics describing possible evidence that American POW/MIAs made markings on a prison roof in Vietnam and on the ground in Laos. OIA has analyzed this possibility using historical imagery. (~~S/NF~~)

3. On 29 July, the Committee's lead staffer on this issue wrote to the Office of Congressional Affairs seeking declassification of imagery and classified OIA documents already provided to the Committee. **We do not want the imagery declassified because, in addition to the precedent it would set, it does not prove or disprove that POWs were present or made warning signals.** We believe public release of the imagery will raise, not reduce speculation about the POW/MIAs. It would surely increase pressure to release additional satellite imagery on other high interest issues, and give the media, Congress, and others the opportunity to second guess analysis of raw intelligence data. (~~S/NF~~)

4. Proposed Approach: OIA has prepared two unclassified line drawings to satisfy the 29 July request. The lead staffer recently visited OIA and expressed general satisfaction with the drawings. We think including the declassified text will fulfill the request. We maintained the substance of the original documents (enclosed in folder), but removed text we consider sensitive (~~S/NF~~)

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5. Staff Position: We recommend declassification of the attached document. In the event this fails to meet the requirements of the Committee, we have a draft memo to the DCI through you requesting declassification of the actual imagery, including implications of a decision to do so and suggestions on how to handle it procedurally. (S/NF)

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[Redacted Signature]
Charles Boykin

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Washington, D.C. 20505

23 June 1992

OCA 2340-92

Mr. J. William Codinha
Chief Counsel
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Bill,

Bill

Enclosed are the items [redacted] requested during his visit to Headquarters the end of May 1992:

- A copy of CIA report [redacted]

[redacted]

- The [redacted] provided the attached 1976 map of "Detention Camps in Laos Identified From Imagery," which identified the approximate locations of several camps, including one west of Muang Xepone, Savannakhet Province. (b)(3) CIAAct

We have also located information from an asset who visited Maung Ngoy in December 1986. We are prepared to show [redacted] this material when he next visits our office.

Sincerely,

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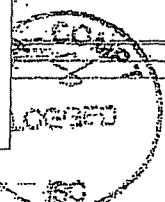
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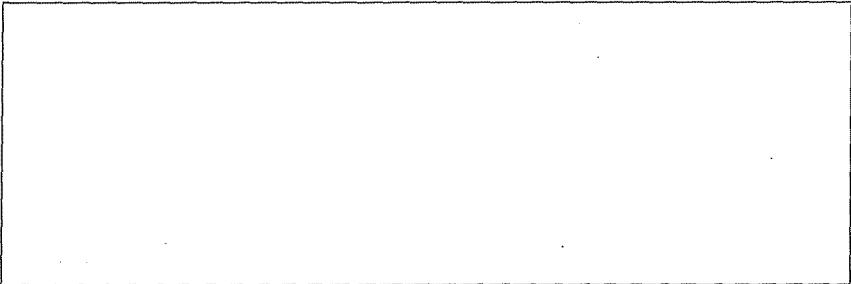
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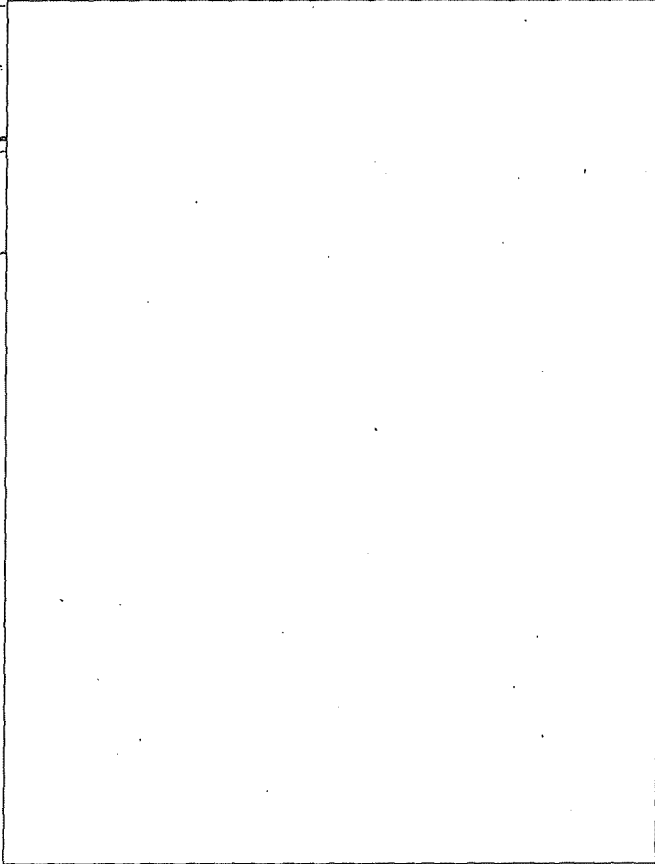


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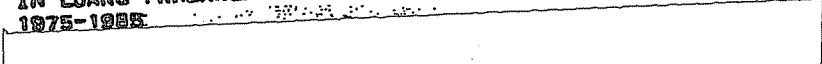
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 DIST: 30 OCTOBER 1986
 COUNTRY: LAOS
 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICAN POWS. AT NAT CHAM REEDUCATION CAMPT
 IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE. LAOS; ITS LOCATION AND OPERATION
 DOI: 1975-1985
 SOURCE: 

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TEXT: 1. A FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO WAS HELD IN MAT CHAM (TH 5789) REEDUCATION CAMP, LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY DISTRICT, LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, FROM 1975 UNTIL HE ESCAPED IN 1985 AND FLED TO THAILAND, STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN OR HEARD ABOUT ANY AMERICAN POWS WHILE IN REEDUCATION. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT ANYONE WHO SAID THAT THEY HAD SEEN AN AMERICAN POW WHILE IN REEDUCATION WAS LYING BECAUSE THE REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES WERE STRICTLY CONTROLLED.

2. MAT CHAM REEDUCATION CAMP WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU RIVER. IT WAS BORDERED ON THE SOUTH BY THE NAM HONG RIVER AND ON THE NORTH BY THE NGOY RIVER. THE WESTERN BOUNDARY WAS THE ROAD TO MUANG NGOY. THERE WERE ABOUT 15 BUILDINGS IN THE CAMP, INCLUDING FOUR BARRACKS FOR PRISONERS LOCATED AT THE NORTH END OF THE CAMP. THE SECURITY OFFICE, CLUB, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WERE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE CAMP, AND A WAREHOUSE, KITCHEN, DISPENSARY AND GUARD BARRACKS WERE LOCATED AT THE WEST END OF THE CAMP. THE CAMP ALSO CONTAINED A RICE MILL AND LUMBER YARD. THE GUARD FORCE CONSISTED OF 25 SOLDIERS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) COMMANDED BY ((PHOUMI)) PAGNASAVAT. THE LPA GUARDS HAD TWO BOATS WITH 125 HORSEPOWER ENGINES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION. THE NEAREST VILLAGE WAS SOP KHAN (TH 5687) LOCATED ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE CAMP. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CAMP ACROSS THE NAM OU RIVER, WAS THE PHA KEO CAVE. THE FAMILIES OF THE INMATES LIVED NEAR THE CAMP ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

3. THE CAMP WAS OPENED IN AUGUST 1975 AND CONTAINED FORMER RLG OFFICIALS FROM LUANG PRABANG AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES. THE CAMP CONTAINED ABOUT 750 PERSONNEL, INCLUDING 400 REEDUCATION INMATES AND 350 FAMILY MEMBERS. THE CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR COMPANIES: THE FIRST COMPANY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE PERSONNEL RECORDS, MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND CAMP MAINTENANCE; THE SECOND COMPANY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION AND CLASSES; THE THIRD COMPANY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CROP CULTIVATION, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHING; AND THE FOURTH COMPANY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WOOD CUTTING, BOAT BUILDING AND METAL WORKING. THE INMATES WERE SENTENCED TO THE CAMP FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER WHICH THEIR CASES WOULD BE REVIEWED AND EACH PERSON WOULD BE PLACED INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES: THE FIRST CATEGORY WAS COMPRISED OF PERSONS WHO WERE TO BE RELEASED FROM REEDUCATION; THE SECOND CATEGORY WERE THOSE WHO WERE TO REMAIN IN REEDUCATION AS SECURITY/GUARD PERSONNEL; AND THE THIRD CATEGORY WERE THOSE TO BE SENTENCED TO FURTHER REEDUCATION. THE CAMP WAS CLOSED IN 1980 BECAUSE OF BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE LAO AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS AND THE INMATES WERE EITHER RELEASED OR SENT TO REEDUCATION CAMPS IN XIENG KHOUANG OR ATTOPEU PROVINCES. SOME LPA PERSONNEL REMAINED AT THE CAMP AND SOME INMATES WERE KEPT AT THE CAMP TO TEND THE GARDENS AND WORK FOR THE LPA.

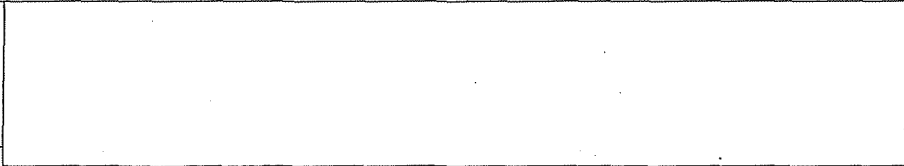
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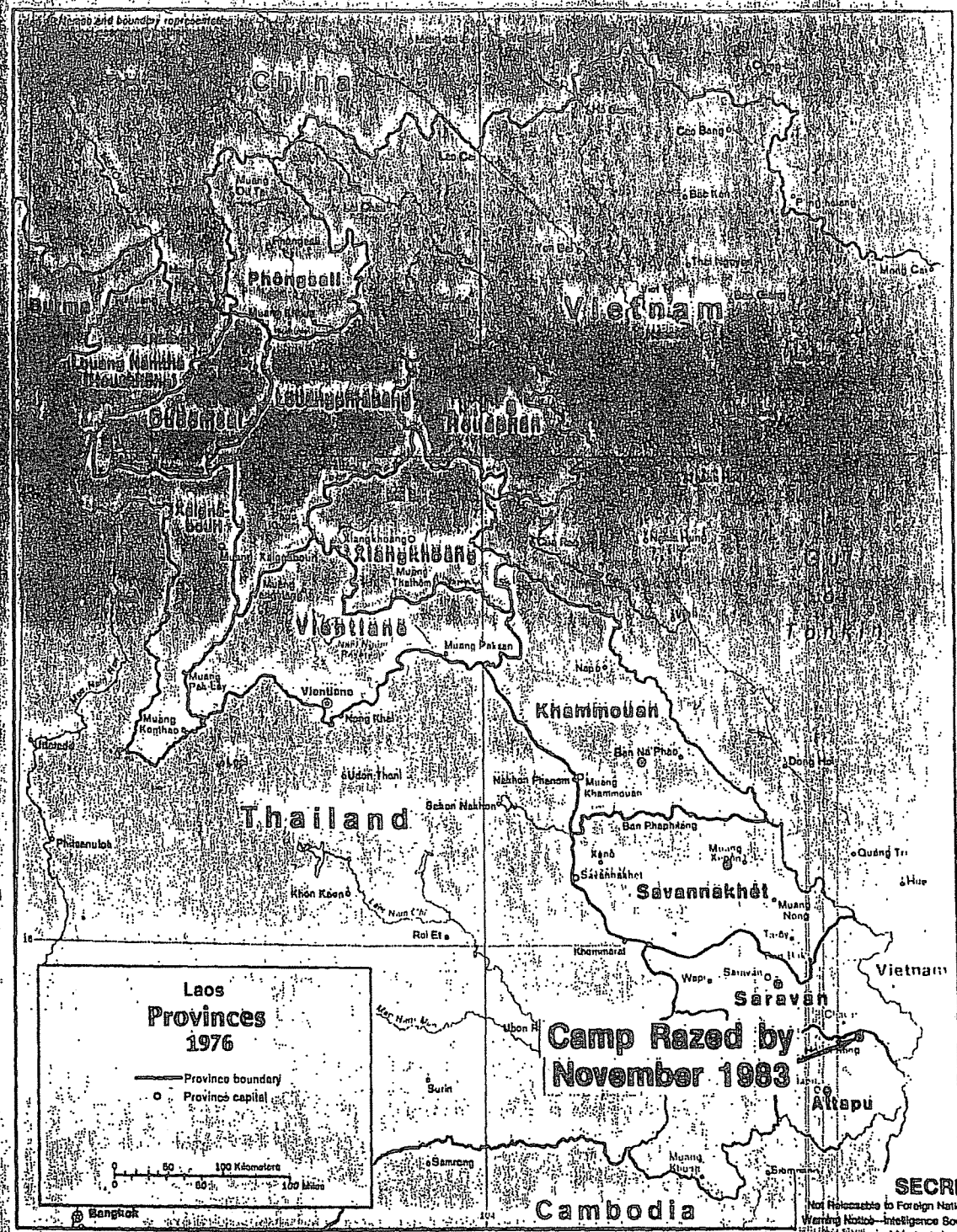
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| <p>TO: Bob Taylor Investigator Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs</p> | |
| <p>OCA 3068-92 29 September 1992</p> | |
| <p>Bob,</p> <p>Attached please find the response to your verbal request of 18 August 1992.</p> <p>Please let me know if you need anything further.</p> | |
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23 September 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: John Breckenridge
Chief, Senate Liaison Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

VIA: Office of the Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: (b)(3) CIAAct
Chief, Indochina Operations Group

SUBJECT: Declassification of an Extract from a
6 January 1981 Directorate of Operations
Spot Report, "Developments Concerning Alleged
Presence of U.S. Prisoners in Laos"

REFERENCE: 18 August 1992 verbal request by Senate Select
Committee Investigator Mr. Robert Taylor

The declassified extract requested by Mr. Taylor is attached, for passage to him. For internal Agency use only is a copy of the entire Spot Report, which remains classified SECRET. Please pass the unclassified sheet only to Mr. Taylor.

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Extract
Spot Report

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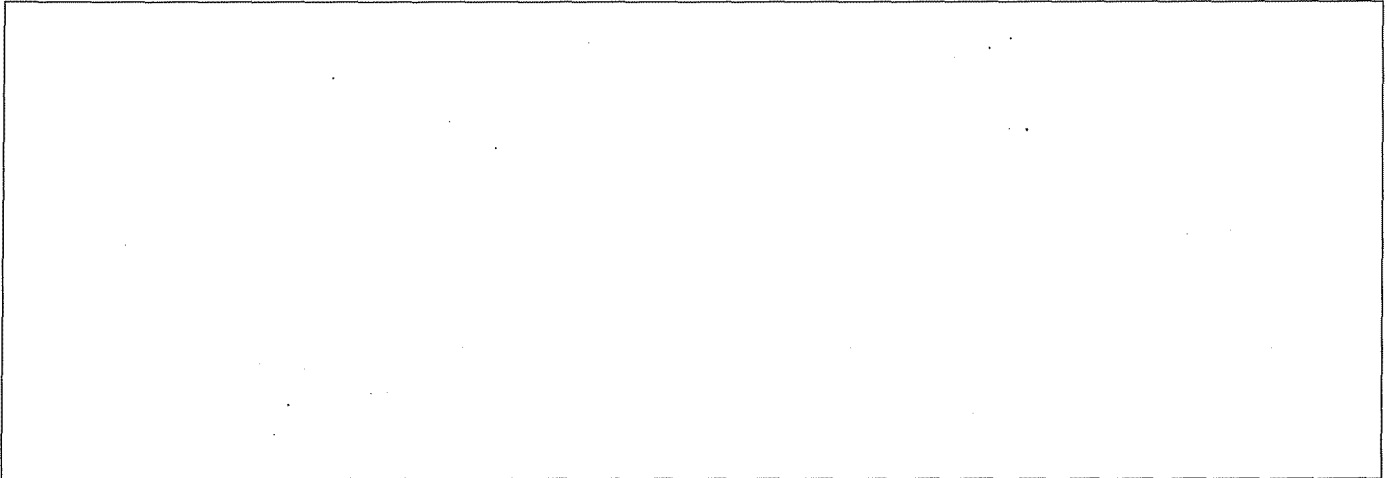
(Concerning what appeared to be a high security detention facility capable of holding perhaps 50 POW's in a remote area to the east of Nhommarath, Laos):

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Analysis of further imagery of 30 December 1980 located what appears to be the number "52", possibly followed by the letter "K", traced on the ground in an agricultural plot inside the outer perimeter of the above facility. DIA is unable to ascribe any particular significance to the number, but "K" was given to U.S. pilots as a ground distress signal. It is thus conceivable that this represents an attempt by a prisoner to signal to any aircraft that might pass overhead.

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OCA 0336-92

11 FEB 1992

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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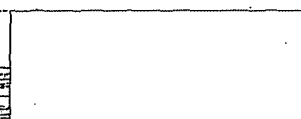
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~~The Honorable John F. Kerry~~

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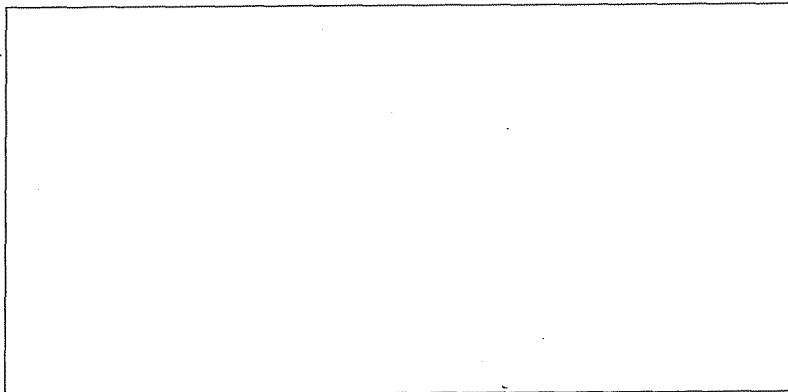
/s/ Stanley M. Moskowitz

Stanley M. Moskowitz
Director of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Response to Senators Kerry/Smith ltr of 20 Dec 91
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/s/ Stanley M. Moskowitz

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EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

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

DOI: 1963 TO 9 NOVEMBER 1987

TEXT: 1.

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WHO OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM AN UNNAMED PERSON IN SEPONE (XD3224), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, AS OF 9 NOVEMBER 1987, AN AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD IN PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE, SARAVANE PROVINCE. THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS [REDACTED] (SOURCE 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).) (b)(6)

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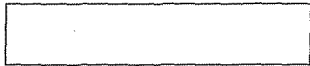
2. ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENT, [REDACTED] WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1963, IN THE VICINITY OF NAM PA CHON VILLAGE (NCA), AND FROM 1964 TO 1968, HE WAS IMPRISONED AT MUANG NONG, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: NAM PA CHON VILLAGE IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO NAMPA VILLAGE (XD1273), SEPONE DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET.)

3. THE RESIDENT 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. THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIED THE CAUCASIAN AS [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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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.) (b)(6)

4. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE RESIDENT 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 SOURCE IN SEPONE, THE IDENTITY OF WHOM HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE. THE RESIDENT SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH HE PROVIDED REPRESENTED A COPY OF THE PHOTO PROVIDED BY HIS SOURCE. THE RESIDENT 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.)



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DIST: 02 NOVEMBER 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

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 (FNU) ((HARLAND)), 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

HARLAND 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 HARLAND CONTINUES TO LIVE IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA UNDER HIS OWN VOLITION. THE DID NOT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE EVER HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH HARLAND OR ANY OTHER POW PURPORTEDLY STILL IN THE AREA).

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CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI, CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI, FOSIF/WESTPAC,
COMSEVENTHFLT.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 29 SEPTEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED CROSSING OF AMERICANS INTO LAOS
FROM THAILAND TO MEET AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW
PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN THE SRV.

DOI: JUNE - 7 SEPTEMBER 1987

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ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1987, A GROUP OF 20 RESISTANCE SOLDIERS ASSOCIATED WITH ACCOMPANIED FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS FROM THAILAND TO LAOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DETAINED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). THE GROUP, LEAD BY DEPARTED THAILAND FROM KHEMARAT DISTRICT, UBON RACHATHANI PROVINCE, CROSSED THE MEKONG RIVER AND ENTERED LAOS THROUGH SOUTHERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

2. THE GROUP LEAD BY WAS REPORTEDLY TO LINK UP WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES ALREADY IN LAOS. THE FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS WERE EXPECTING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE U.S. POW WHO WAS BEING BROUGHT TO LAOS FROM THE SRV. THE RENDEZVOUS POINT IS ALLEGEDLY SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TANGVAY (WD 7014), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE POW, WHERE HE WAS DETAINED IN THE SRV OR HOW HE ALLEGEDLY MADE HIS WAY TO LAOS WAS NOT PROVIDED.)

3. IN JUNE 1987 THERE WERE THREE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE U.S. CITIZENS WHO WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING IN A HOUSE RENTED BY IN MUKDAHAN CITY, MUKDAHAN PROVINCE. ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS TELEPHONED AN ASSOCIATE IN JUNE TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO "PRISONERS." (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISCUSSION OR THE PERSONS INVOLVED.)

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IPAC, WESTCOM, PACAF, PACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT. FOSIF/WESTPAC

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 27 AUGUST 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF A LIVE CAUCASIAN
AMERICAN PRISONER AT KHAM KEUT TOWN, KHOUENG
KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN JUNE 1975

DOI: JUNE 1975

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TEXT: 1. ABOUT JUNE 1975, A CAUCASIAN PRISONER, ALLEGEDLY AN AMERICAN, WAS SITTING ON THE BAMBOO FLOOR OF A HOUSE IN KHAM KEUT TOWN (VF 710180), KHOUENG KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN THE CUSTODY OF THE 31ST SAPPER BATTALION OF THE FOURTH MILITARY REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) AND THE LAO ARMY PROVINCIAL UNIT. THE CAUCASIAN HAD SHORT BROWN HAIR, WAS UNSHAVEN, HANDSOME, WORE A WRIST WATCH AND ONLY HIS SHORT UNDERPANTS. HE WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL UNIT'S LOUDSPEAKER, HE WAS CAPTURED AT THE LAO-THAI BORDER, EXACT LOCATION NOT MENTIONED, BY TROOPS OF THE PAVN 31ST SAPPER BATTALION TWO DAYS BEFORE. A COMPANION OF HIS ESCAPED TO THAILAND BY SWIMMING THE MEKONG RIVER. THE PRISONER HAD BEEN FORCE-MARCHED FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS FROM WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED TO KHAM KEUT, LOCATED ON ROUTE EIGHT ABOUT 120 KILOMETERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE PUBLIC SECURITY BORDER CONTROL STATION TO THE EAST. THE CAUCASIAN WAS LOADED ON A "GAZ" TRUCK AFTER LUNCH AND TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ESCORTED BY TEN LAO TROOPS.

2. THE REFUGEE CLAIMED HE WATCHED THE CAPTURED CAUCASIAN IN THE HOUSE FROM A DISTANCE OF FIVE METERS FOR SOME 15 MINUTES AND HEARD THE ABOVE BROADCAST.)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 12 JUNE 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEDGED PHOTOGRAPH AND LETTER OF A LIVE
AMERICAN POW IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS, RECEIVED
IN MAY 1987

DOI: UNKNOWN

TEXT: 1. ON 27 MAY 1987,

RECEIVED A ROLL OF FILM

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FROM LAOS WHICH CONTAINED A PHOTO OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR (POW) IN LAOS. RECEIVED THE PHOTO AND LETTER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO RESIDENT. PROBABLY KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE LAO BUT WAS NOT WILLING TO REVEAL THE NAME.) IN ADDITION TO THE FILM, ALSO RECEIVED, FROM THE SAME SOURCE, A LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY THE POW TO HIS MOTHER. THE SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER WAS ((PHENSEN)) (SIC). THE PHOTO OF THE POW WAS TAKEN ON AN UNKNOWN DATE AT A LOCATION ABOUT 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LAKO (XD 5857) IN SA'ANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE POW WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM'S 576TH BRIGADE. THE UNIDENTIFIED LAO WAS ASKING 50,000 BAHT FOR INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN POW. THE PHOTO OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BLACK AND WHITE AND SHOWS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EMACIATED CAUCASIAN SITTING ON THE GROUND ON A MAT. HE IS WEARING ONLY A PAIR OF DARK TROUSERS. HIS FEET APPEAR TO BE SWOLLEN. THE AGE OF THE PERSON IN THE PHOTO IS CIRCA EARLY FORTIES. THE PHOTO SHOWS INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHOTOGRAPH. HOWEVER, THE NEGATIVE WAS OBTAINED FROM AND DEVELOPED. THE PRINT FROM THE NEGATIVE MATCHES PHOTO, BUT IS MUCH BETTER QUALITY AND DOES NOT SHOW THE INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTO OF A PHOTO. THE NEGATIVE FILM WAS THE BRAND "ORWO" WHICH IS NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN THAILAND BUT IS AVAILABLE IN LAOS. THE LETTER FROM PHENSEN TO HIS MOTHER TO HELP GET HIM OUT OF JAIL, CONTAINS MANY ERRORS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE MADE BY A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER.) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE EXISTENCE OF A PAVN 576TH BRIGADE IS UNCONFIRMED.)

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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DIST: 30 APRIL 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN POWS SEEN IN 1979 AND 1981
BEING MOVED THROUGH BAN LONG KAT, OUDOMSAI PROVINCE

DOI: 1979 -1981

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO

BROUGHT FOUR AMERICAN

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LOT 0100447 MAY 87

PRISONERS TO THE VILLAGE AND THE PRISONERS ATE A MEAL AT S. HOUSE. LEARNED FROM KHAM THAT THE FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT MAUNG HOUN (QC-5829), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE IN A PLANE CRASH (NFI). THE PRISONERS WERE BEING MOVED FROM PRISON AT PHON PA RAI, WHICH IS TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF BAN THIN (RC 0892), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE, ON ORDERS OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES WHO WANTED THE PRISONERS HIDDEN AND PUT INTO A RE-EDUCATION PROGRAM. SAID THAT IN 1981 HE LEARNED FROM A VILLAGER OF BAN THAM (UTM UNK) WHO CAME TO S VILLAGE TO BUY FOOD THAT TWO OF THE AMERICANS HAD DIED FROM SICKNESS AND STARVATION AND TWO WERE STILL ALIVE. THE AMERICANS WERE RAISING CHICKENS AND MAKING HANDICRAFT ITEMS AT A COVERT SITE (NFI).

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2. ACCORDING TO

IN OR ABOUT MARCH 1979 WHEN HE VISITED HIS HOME AT BAN LONG KAT HE SAW FOUR AMERICANS IN THE VILLAGE WHO WERE BEING GUARDED BY OUDOMSAI PROVINCIAL POLICE. THEY HAD A MEAL AT BAN LONG KAT AND LEFT IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION. THREE DAYS LATER THE POLICE CAME THROUGH THE VILLAGE AGAIN BUT WITHOUT THE AMERICANS.

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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DIST: 28 APRIL 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

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

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

ADDENDUM

1. ON 8 APRIL 1987 A [] INFORMATION REPORT WITH THE (b)(3) NatSecAct
ABOVE HEADING AND NUMBER WAS ISSUED. THE DEBRIEFING OF,
ON 14 APRIL REVEALED THAT ON 5 AND 6 APRIL 1987,
TRAVELED TO SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE,
SALEO CANTON, SAMOI (XD 9416) DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE;
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN

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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 ON THE TRIP. 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. SAID THAT THE HILLTRIBE CARETAKER DEMANDED A PAYMENT OF 500 OF THE "OLD FRENCH SILVER COINS" BEFORE HE 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.)

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2. SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN LOCAL VILLAGE COSTUMES. 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 AMERICAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN KEPT SINCE THE "LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS." THE LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS WERE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLOSE THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.)

3. IN HAND DRAWN SKETCHES OF THE AREA MADE BY SALEO VILLAGE APPEARS TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF XD 5570, 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 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 5138) 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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DIST: 09 JANUARY 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION FOR ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: REPORTED RECAPTURE OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-
IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS BY THE
LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY

DOI: 4 JANUARY 1987

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~~STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE TO THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THAT THE AUTHORITIES SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE PRISONERS EXISTENCE BUT NOT HIS EXACT LOCATION. SAID THAT HE GAVE SPOUSE 1,000 BAHT, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO LEARN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HER ABOUT THE ARREST. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00.~~

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DIST: 29 DECEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR BEING HELD
IN VIANGSAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 7 OCTOBER 1986

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TEXT: 1. ON 7 OCTOBER 1986, /

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TOLD HIM THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE,
PARENTS' NAMES, STATE OF RESIDENCE, A RECORDED CASSETTE TAPE AND ROLL
OF FILM CONCERNING AN AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR (POW). SAID
THAT DID NOT SHOW THE ITEMS TO HIM AND CLAIMED TO BE AFRAID OF
THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO WAS WILLING TO SELL
THE ITEMS FOR 100,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS
U.S. \$1.00).

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SAID THAT WAS ACQUAINTED
WITH THE POW WHILE HE WAS IN REEDUCATION AND HAD ACQUIRED THE ITEMS
DURING THAT PERIOD. CLAIMED THAT HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND
EXECUTED BY THE LPDR GOVERNMENT DURING 1984, AS A RESULT OF HIS POW
RELATED ACTIVITIES. AFTER DEATH, HAD HIDDEN THE ITEMS WHERE
THEY STILL REMAINED.

3. (SOURCE COMMENT) AGREED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE
DURING EARLY 1987 AND ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE TO PROVIDE THE NAME.

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SIGNATURE, PARENTS' NAMES AND STATE OF RESIDENCE OF THE POW WITHOUT
PAYMENT, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH HFD STORY (SAID THAT IT WOULD
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TEXT: 1. ON 26 DECEMBER 1986, [REDACTED] CROSSED FROM VEUN PRABAT VILLAGE, THA UTHEN DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE, THAILAND INTO LAOS TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) HOWARD D. ((STEPHENSON)), REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LAO AUTHORITIES IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] TRAVELED BY BUS TO MAHAXAI (WE 2125) DISTRICT TOWN. TWO DAYS LATER HE TRAVELED THROUGH PHAKEO (WE 6512) VILLAGE TO PAK PHANANG (WE 7723) VILLAGE WHERE HE ALSO REMAINED FOR TWO DAYS. WHILE AT PHAKEO VILLAGE, [REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED]

WHERE STEPHENSON WAS REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN, THAT THE LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE AND RECAPTURED STEPHENSON ON 20 DECEMBER. [REDACTED] CAUTIONED [REDACTED] AGAINST TRAVELING TO NAPANG VILLAGE WHICH WAS STILL QUITE "HOT" [REDACTED] PERSUADED [REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO NAPANG VILLAGE BECAUSE [REDACTED] BEING RELATED TO MAI WOULD PROVIDE A REASON FOR TRAVELING THERE. [REDACTED] WAS NOT AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF [REDACTED] TRIP TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE STORY OF STEPHENSON'S EXISTENCE. HOWEVER, THE REPORTED LPA RAID ON NAPANG VILLAGE HAS NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED.)

2. [REDACTED] AT NAPANG VILLAGE ON 31 DECEMBER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT LPA HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT OF THE MILITIA AND THAT [REDACTED] THE VILLAGER WHO HAD HIDDEN STEPHENSON, HAD BEEN ARRESTED ALONG WITH STEPHENSON AND THE TWO OF THEM HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN BOUALAPHA (WE 8075) DISTRICT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT TO ADMITTED TO CARING FOR THE PRISONER TO THE LPA BUT HAD NOT YET INFORMED THEM THAT ANY OTHER NAPANG VILLAGERS WERE INVOLVED. [REDACTED] PROMISED TO FOLLOW THE MATTER AND SAID THAT IF [REDACTED] TO HAD CONFIDED STEPHENSON'S EXACT LOCATION TO HIM, HE WOULD HAVE PERSONALLY HELPED STEPHENSON TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND WHEN THE LPA CAME. [REDACTED] SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, STEPHENSON HAD BEEN A "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT PILOT WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE AREA OF SEPONE (XD 3244) AT AN UNKNOWN DATE AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO BOUALAPHA DISTRICT. BOUALAPHA DISTRICT HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE AND OVERRUN. STEPHENSON HAD ESCAPED AND MET [REDACTED] WHO HAD CARED FOR HIM SINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE IN 1980. [REDACTED] THOUGHT THAT THE ATTACK WAS BY A RESISTANCE FORCE LED BY [REDACTED] THE LPA MAY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE IN THE NAPANG AREA BECAUSE OF [REDACTED] TO WHO HAD OPENLY TRAVELED TO THAKHEK TOWN TO PURCHASE MEDICINES FOR THE MIA AND HAD USED BAHT THAI CURRENCY. [REDACTED] MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME.)

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER FROM NAPANG COULD HAVE REPORTED

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SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS-
OF-WAR BEING HELD IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA OF SARAVAN,
PROVINCE, LAOS

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ON 24 DECEMBER 1986 A WITH THE ABOVE
HEADING WAS ISSUED. FOLLOW-UP DEBRIEFING ON 2 AND 3 JANUARY 1987, OF

IN JUNE 1985, INDICATED THAT CLAIMED
TO HAVE SEEN A CAUCASIAN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS A PRISONER.

AND WHO WAS A
CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE, TRAVELED ON FOOT FROM POUI (XB 8329) VILLAGE
THROUGH XAKHE (YB 0352) AND KENGSAI (YB 0363) VILLAGES TO CHAPON (NCA)
VILLAGE. FROM CHAPON VILLAGE, THEY TRAVELED NORTHEAST TO AN UNLOCATED
AREA NAMED HOUA PHOU SOUT TO VISIT WITH DURING THE
ONE NIGHT VISIT IN THE AREA, WHICH CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY TEN HUTS FOR
HOUSING THE GUARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SAID HE OBSERVED THE
CAUCASIAN WALKING AT A DISTANCE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 200 METERS.

SAID THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS ABOUT 1.6 METERS IN HEIGHT AND WA.(b)(3) NatSecAct
EASILY RECOGNIZED BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN WEARING A SHIRT.
CLAIMED TO HAVE ASKED WHO THE MAN WAS AND REPEATED
THE QUESTION IN THE LAVEN DIALECT.

TOLD THROUGH
THAT THE MAN WAS A PRISONER. SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER
MANY OF THE DETAILS CONCERNING SPOTTING THE PRISONER BECAUSE AT THE TIME
HE HAD NO INTEREST IN HIM.

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PROVINCE, LAOS

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TEXT: 1. ON 12 NOVEMBER 1986,

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TRAVELED TO THAKHEK (VE 8023) DISTRICT TOWN, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO VISIT A RELATIVE. WHILE IN THAKHEK TOWN, SOSAK WAS REUNITED WITH HIS FATHER.

A FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT SERGEANT, AFTER TEN YEARS. A RESIDENT OF SA PHAI (WB 7779) VILLAGE, PAKSE DISTRICT, CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE, TOLD THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO THE DAKCHUNG (YC 4211) AREA, NEAR THE SARAVAN AND ATTOPEU PROVINCIAL BORDER AS A SMALL SCALE TRADER WHERE HE MET AND SPOKE WITH TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS). DAKCHUNG IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS EAST OF ATTOPEU PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO SAID THAT ONE OF THE POWS WAS LEAN AND TALL AND THE OTHER WAS RATHER FAT AND NOT TOO TALL.

CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE POWS THROUGH THE UNNAMED SON OF A FRIEND WHO WAS A GUARD AT THE PRISON. TOLD THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE POWS IN ENGLISH AND WAS TOLD BY THEM THAT THEY WERE "CRYING" TO GO HOME.

2. RETURNED TO THAILAND ON 15 NOVEMBER, AFTER MAKING PLANS TO RECONTACT, ON 19 NOVEMBER TO PURSUE THE MATTER. SOMSAK MISSED THE RETURN DATE AND ON 22 NOVEMBER,

YOUNGER BROTHER, TRAVELED FROM THAKHEK TO NAKHON PHANOM TO FOLLOW UP. PLANS WERE AGAIN MADE FOR TO TRAVEL TO THAKHEK ON 1 JANUARY 1987, IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. PLANNED TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE HIS FATHER TRAVEL TO MEET HIM IN THAKHEK IF POSSIBLE. (SOURCE COMMENT: INITIALLY REQUESTED 10,000 BAHT TO MAKE THE TRIP TO PAKSE TO MEET HIS FATHER.) ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00.) WAS TO HAVE HIS FATHER OBTAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE POWS INCLUDING NAMES, DATES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE PRISON AND SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS UNTIL MID-JANUARY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION. ALSO SAID THAT IF THE SOURCE WERE NOT HIS FATHER, HE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE STORY.

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DIST: 23 DECEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: STATUS OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION
AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS

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TEXT: 1. ON 8 DECEMBER 1986,

DISCUSS THE ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION WHO WAS BEING HELD IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. AFTER ESTABLISHED HIS BONA FIDES WITH BY PROVIDING HIM WITH THE SIGNATURE OF GAVE A SLIP OF PAPER WITH THE NAME "H.D. ((STEPHENSON)), AND PROTESTANT" WRITTEN ON IT. ACCORDING TO STEPHENSON WAS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH MALARIA. THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER CARING FOR STEPHENSON, ((TO)) (LNU), TOLD THAT HE HAD SOLD A PAIR OF OXEN VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 4,500 BAHT, A CART AND THREE "HANGS" (PIECES OF SILVER BARS) TO PURCHASE INJECTION MEDICINE FOR STEPHENSON. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE. STEPHENSON H.D. IS LISTED ON JCRC RECORDS AS AN AIR FORCE MAJOR, WHO WAS A CREW MEMBER ON AN AC 130 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN 1972 IN LAOS AT XD 165414, WHICH IS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF NAPENG VILLAGE.)

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2. TOLD TO HAVE SITHON COME FOR STEPHENSON IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE TO WAS AFRAID OF BEING TURNED IN TO THE LPDR AUTHORITIES FOR HARBORING HIM. CLAIMED TO HAVE GIVEN 6,000 BAHT, 4,000 OF WHICH WAS FOR ; WHICH HE RAISED BY SELLING A RELATIVE'S NECKLACE AND BY BORROWING FROM ACQUAINTANCES. HAD SPENT 1,500 BAHT DURING HIS TRIP WHICH LASTED UNTIL 12 DECEMBER.

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DIST: 19 DECEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN
PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 29 NOVEMBER 1986

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REF: 1972387 DEC 86

TEXT: ON 29 NOVEMBER 1986,

TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) BEING KEPT IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. TO WAS THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF HIDING THE AMERICAN MIA FROM THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. SAID THAT WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT THE MIA, TO, WHO DID NOT KNOW. WELL, ONLY SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS NORMAL AND DID NOT TRUST HIM WITH ANY DETAILS. SAID THAT ABOUT 11 NOVEMBER, THREE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY FROM VIENTINE, WERE MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT A LIVE POW IN THE AREA OF PHA KEO (WE 6612) AND KAVAK (WE 6513) VILLAGES.

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DIST: 10 NOVEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN
IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS;
REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE LAOS

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TEXT: 1. ON 30 OCTOBER 1986, A _____ REPORT WITH THE ABOVE HEADING WAS ISSUED. IN A FOLLOW-UP OF THIS REPORT OF A LIVE "MISSING-IN-ACTION" (MIA) (POW) IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE,

REVEALED THAT _____

_____ WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN MIA. _____ CLAIMED THAT _____ TOLD HIM THAT THE POW STAYED AT PHOU LOUANG (NCA) CAVE, LOCATED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS EAST OF NAPANG VILLAGE. _____ THE EARLIER REPORT PLACED "NAPENG" VILLAGE AT WE 7115. THE COORDINATES FOR PHOU LOUANG ARE WE 7916 AND THE LOCATION OF THE CAVE MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF WE 7920.)

2. THE MIA, WHO WAS A JET PILOT, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY 12.7-MILLIMETER (MM) ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE. _____ CLAIMED THAT SAID THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TO DO SO QUICKLY BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT THE EXISTANCE OF THE MIA MAY LEAK TO THE AUTHORITIES WHICH WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. (SOURCE COMMENT: PROBABLY HAD NOT PERSONALLY SEEN THE MIA BECAUSE THE VILLAGER IN CHARGE OF HIDING HIM, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS _____, CLOSELY GUARDED ACCESS TO THE MIA FOR SECURITY REASONS. _____ HAD SAID THAT THE MIA WAS ASKING ABOUT THE RESISTANCE, THEIR GENUINE INTENT AND THEIR TRUSTWORTHINESS, AND AFTER BEING REASSURED, HAD REQUESTED THAT THE RESISTANCE PASS WORD OF HIS EXISTENCE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.)

3. (SOURCE COMMENT: WHILE OPERATING IN THE NAPANG VILLAGE AREA FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS DURING 1983-1984, NO MENTION OF A MIA HAD BEEN MADE BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, FOR FEAR OF LEAKING THE SECRET. DURING THE LATE 1969 - EARLY 1970 TIME FRAME,

_____ RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO A PLANE CRASH SITE BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE SITE DUE TO HEAVY ENEMY FIRE.)

4. _____ TOLD _____ THAT LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY SOLDIERS HAD SHOT AND KILLED A VILLAGER FROM NAPANG VILLAGE, (DATE UNKNOWN) WHEN THE TROOPS ASKED ABOUT AN AMERICAN PRISONER AND THE VILLAGER REPLIED THAT HE DID

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NOT KNOW. SPECULATED TO THAT THIS SHOOTING MAY HAVE
PROMPTED THE VILLAGERS TO INFORM THE RESISTANCE AND THROUGH THEM, THE
U.S. AUTHORITIES.

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COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN
IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS;
REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: LATE JUNE - OCTOBER 1986

SOURCE: _____

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TEXT. 1. IN LATE JUNE 1986. (

TOLD A LAO REFUGEE THAT A FELLOW VILLAGER TOLD HIM OF A LIVE AMERICAN "PRISONER OF WAR" (POW) WHO WAS LIVING IN A CAVE AND WAS BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LPDR GOVERNMENT BY NAPENG VILLAGERS. THE VILLAGERS PROVIDED PROTECTION AND GUARDED THE POW. THE POW HAD SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG IN 1972 WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED, AND HAD BEEN TREATED BY A VILLAGER WHO STILL CONTINUED TO LOOK AFTER HIM. NAPENG VILLAGE CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 80 HOUSES AND WAS COMPRISED OF INHABITANTS WHO DID NOT CLOSELY COOPERATE WITH LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO THE POW HAD SAID THAT IF ANY OF THE VILLAGERS COULD CARRY A MESSAGE TO THAILAND AND ARRANGE TO EFFECT HIS RESCUE, THE POW WOULD "TAKE CARE OF THE ENTIRE VILLAGE."

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SAID THAT THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. AIRMEN WERE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF CHOMAT AND VIANG VILLAGES (POSSIBLY WD 5068) HAT CANTON, PHIN DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. TOLD THE REFUGEE THAT THE REMAINS COULD BE RECOVERED BUT THAT IT WOULD COST MONEY TO EXCAVATE THE SITE AND TO HOLD A CEREMONY FOR THE "SPIRITS" (PHI) BY THE VILLAGERS WHO OWNED THE SITE. SAID THAT IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 25,000 KIP PER SET OF REMAINS. 35 KIP EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE.) CLAIMED TO HAVE VISITED THE SITE.

3. IN SEPTEMBER, THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE HAD PROVIDED WITH 3,000 THAI BAHT TO GO AND GET THE REMAINS. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) THE REFUGEE CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER TOLD HIM THAT ONE SET OF REMAINS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PAKSEBANGFAI (VD 7373) VILLAGE ON 12 OCTOBER. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HIS BROTHERS WERE THE VILLAGE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF OF MILITIA. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO CROSS BACK INTO LAOS TO RETRIEVE THE REMAINS.

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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. ACCORDING TO A LAO RESIDENT WHO DROVE A SUPPLY TRUCK AND
REPORTEDLY SAW THE POWS, 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

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(LPR) THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN THIS
GENERAL AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, WHO FLED TO THAILAND IN 1986, 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 NAMED ((LINGER)) (PHONETIC). 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. 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 HEIGHT. THERE WERE ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT BUILDINGS FOR PRISONERS IN THE INTERNAL AREA. EACH PRISONER BUILDING WAS ABOUT 50X10 METERS IN SIZE, BUILT OF CEMENT WITH CORRUGATED-SHEET METAL ROOFING. THE TOTAL INTERNAL AREA WAS ABOUT 3 RAI IN SIZE. (FIELD COMMENT: 2.5 RAI EQUALS ABOUT ONE ACRE.)

3. THE AMERICAN POWS WERE GUARDED BY LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SOLDIERS AND HAD BEEN WORKING AS CONSTRUCTION FOREMEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISPENSARY AND LIVING QUARTERS BUILDING LOCATED ACROSS ROUTE SIX FROM THE CAMP WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE SIX. A PAVN SECURITY UNIT WAS LOCATED NEAR THE DISPENSARY/LIVING QUARTERS AREA AND A PAVN CHECKPOINT WAS LOCATED AT MUANG NGOY (TH 5891). THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POWS HAD BEEN SERVING AS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR THE PROJECT. THESE TWO BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETED IN 1985. THE PRISONERS WERE GUARDED BY LPA SOLDIERS WHEN THEY WORKED OUTSIDE THE CAMP, BUT WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS.

4. THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POWS WERE TERRIBLE. THEY WERE GIVEN MILLED BUT UNPOLISHED RICE TO EAT WHICH WAS SOMETIMES SUPPLEMENTED BY WHEAT OR BARLEY FROM CUBA. THE POWS WERE IN BAD HEALTH DUE TO MALNUTRITION.

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DIST: 20 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED RELOCATION IN JUNE 1986 OF 226 AMERICAN
PRISONERS OF WAR TO SONGHON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE, LAOS FROM VIETNAM

DOI: JUNE 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1.

SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE ALLEGED REMAINS FROM ((NGAM)) (LNU), AN
INHABITANT OF NONG CHIK (WC 449862) VILLAGE, SONGHON DISTRICT,
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. ACCORDING TO DISCOVERED THE
REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN AT A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AT
WC 442864. HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN ON 30
AUGUST. (THE REASON FOR THE SECOND MEETING WAS NOT SPECIFIED, BUT MAY
HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF THE BALANCE OF THE MIA REMAINS.)

FURTHER SAID THAT 226 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE
ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN LAOS. SAID THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT THE
POW'S FROM CLAIMED THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER
WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIT GUARDING THE PRISONERS.
SAID THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN RELOCATED INTO LAOS FROM VIETNAM

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CIRCA JUNE 1986. SAID HE HAD ASKED TO OBTAIN NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF THE POW'S FROM WHICH PLANNED TO SEND TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. SAID THAT HE, AND HAD TRAVELED TO A POINT LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) DISTANT FROM SEPONE (XD 3244) DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE NINE IN THE DIRECTION OF VIETNAM. SAID THAT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE POINT ALONG ROUTE

NINE, LEFT THE ROAD ON FOOT TRAVELING TO THE SOUTH. SAID THAT HE WAS DIRECTED TO WAIT AT THE ROAD. RETURNED TO ROUTE NINE AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED THE POWS, BUT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO "DO ANYTHING" BECAUSE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SECURITY FORCES AT THE "INNER AREA" AND THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) SOLDIERS AT THE "OUTER AREA" WITHIN A TEN KM RADIUS OF THE CAMP. TOLD THAT PLEDGED TO RESCUE THE POWS WHEN OPPORTUNITY PERMITTED.

3. SOURCE HAD INVOLVED THEMSELVES WITH THE ALLEGED POWS IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REWARD AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. THI'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE POW'S WAS ONE OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE STORY WAS TRUE. THE PERIOD WHEN THE ALLEGED POW'S WERE MOVED INTO LAOS COINCIDED WITH THE MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE U.S. ON POW/MIA MATTERS.)

WASHINGTON DISSEM:

TO WHSITRM:

EXCLUSIVE FOR THE DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM.

TO STATE:

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EXCLUSIVE FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIA.

TO NSA:

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TO: DIRNSA, DEPT OF STATE, DIA, WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM,
ZEN/CIA OFFICE OF CURRENT OPERATIONS.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF SIX PRISONERS OF WAR IN
XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MARCH 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY MARCH 1986,

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PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM FORCE WAS DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 5 THROUGH LAT
HOUANG (NCA) TO LAT SEN (NCA), CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE AREA.
ANOTHER LPA "SPECIAL FORCE" COMPANY COMPRISING 60 SOLDIERS COMMANDED

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BY [REDACTED] WAS DEPLOYED ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM THE CAVE. THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE CAVE WAS LOCATED, NEAR THE JOINT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) AND LPDR BORDER, WAS A VACATION AREA FOR LEADERS OF THE THREE "INDOCHINESE" COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AN INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES.

2.

ORIGINALLY TOLD OF THE SIX POWS BY

HAD BEEN

IN 1977, THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THE POW CASE AT THAM PHA LEUNG CAVE. ACCORDING TO THE SIX AMERICAN POWS AND TWO ROYAL LAO ARMY (FAR) T-28 PILOTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED AT THE CAVE. AFTER THE PATHET LAO HAD SUCCEEDED IN "LIBERATING" LAOS AND THE PEACE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, THE POW GROUP WAS TRANSFERRED TO LONG (UG 3512) VILLAGE, HOUA GNON CANTON, PEK (UG 1251) DISTRICT, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE POWS WERE USED AS LABORERS TO PLANT CROPS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SEVEN LPA SOLDIERS AND THE NURSE.

ACQ: (10 SEPTEMBER 1986).

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 24 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: INFORMATION ON MUANG NGOY, LAOS, LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED
AMERICAN POW SIGHTING

DOI: AUGUST 1986

SOURCE:

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2. ACCORDING TO

ON 17 AUGUST 1986, THERE WAS ABOUT ONE BATTALION OF PAVN TROOPS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF MUANG NGOY. THERE WAS A PAVN UNIT OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH STATIONED IN MUANG NGOY. THE TOWN OF MUANG NGOY HAD ABOUT 200 FAMILIES. A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY, HAD GUARD BUNKERS LOCATED AT EACH END. IN THE PAST, THE MERCHANT HAD HEARD THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOVIET AND CUBAN ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY. PRESENTLY, THERE WERE ONLY VIETNAMESE ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY.

3. ACCORDING TO

MUANG NGOY IS VERY IMPORTANT DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. ROAD TRAVEL FROM KIENG KHOUANG, HOUA PHAN, LUANG PRABANG AND OUDOMSAI PROVINCES PASSES THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THESE ROUTES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WHICH USES THEM TO TRANSPORT OPIUM FROM THESE PROVINCES FOR THE LAO GOVERNMENT, TO AREAS WHERE THE OPIUM CAN BE SHIPPED TO THAILAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO GOVERNMENTS HAD PLANS TO BUILD A HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN MUANG NGOY. THERE ARE SEVERAL CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE MUANG NGOY

AREA. PHAKEO (TH 5919), AND PHAKOU (NCA), ARE THE PRIMARY CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE AREA. THE MERCHANT, WHO WAS FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE AND HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN LAOS, HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.

4. A MERCHANT WHO TRAVELED THROUGH MUANG NGOY AND SPENT THE NIGHT OF 03 AUGUST IN MUANG NGOY,

REPORTED THAT MUANG NGOY WAS SITUATED ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE NAM OU RIVER. THERE WAS ONE PLATOON OF PAVN TROOPS WHO GUARDED THE BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER LOCATED AT MUANG NGOY. ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 20-30 HOUSES AND THREE NOODLE SHOPS, WHERE THE REFUGEE ATE DINNER. THE ROAD THROUGH TOWN HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE CHINESE AND WAS SURFACED WITH TAR. THE BRIDGE WAS CONCRETE AND HAD ONE CONCRETE GUARD HOUSE LOCATED AT EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. THE REFUGEE WAS TRAVELING WITH A CIVILIAN CONVOY ENROUTE FROM SAM NUEA (VH 0057) TO SAVANNAKHET (VD 7331). THE CONVOY TRAVELED TO MUANG NGOY ON ROUTE SIX. THE TIGHTEST SECURITY ON THE ROUTE WAS FROM MUANG HIEM (UH 3021) THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THE REFUGEE WAS TOLD THAT THE REASON FOR TIGHTER SECURITY WAS RESISTANCE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

5. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 100 HOUSES. ALSO CONNECTED TO MUANG NGOY WAS A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 200 HUTS. ALL HOUSES IN THE TOWN WERE OF WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND WERE ALL ONE-STOREY. IN WEST MUANG NGOY THERE WAS A SMALL STATE SHOP. THE PAVN TROOPS WERE BILLETED IN WEST MUANG NGOY, WHICH WAS BORDERED ON

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THE NORTH BY LARGE MOUNTAINS WITH CREEFS. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY
CAVES. SUBJECT SAID THAT MUANG NGOY HAD ELECTRIC POWER AT NIGHT FOR
ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS. THE WOOD HOUSES IN WEST MUANG NGOY WERE FOR
PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND AT THE STATE SHOP. THE
REFUGEE STATED THAT A CARGO BOAT WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE
NAM OU.

5. THE CONVOY WAS NOT STOPPED AT THE BRIDGE AND NO ONE
QUESTIONED THEM OR CHECKED ON THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN MUANG NGOY.
THEY SLEPT IN THE TRUCKS AND SUBJECT OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE
TOWN. THE REFUGEE DID NOT HEAR ANY RUMORS OR INFORMATION ABOUT
AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF FOUR AMERICAN POWS IN XIENG
KHOANG PROVINCE, LAOS IN 1983

DOI: NOVEMBER 1983

SOURCE

TEXT: 1. IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1986, [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HER
BROTHER HAD SEEN FOUR AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) IN NOVEMBER
1983 IN XIENG KHOANG PROVINCE, LAOS. THE BROTHER

THAT HE WAS A DRIVER WITH A TEN-TRUCK CONVOY TRAVELING FROM
XIENG KHOANG TO SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3051) IN NOVEMBER 1983.

(THE CONVOY PROBABLY TRAVELED ON ROUTE SEVEN.) ONE OF THE
TRUCKS HAD MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND THE CONVOY HALTED ON THE ROAD
ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS FROM XIENG KHOANG. ONE OF THE DRIVERS WENT INTO
BUSHES OFF THE ROAD TO RELIEVE HIMSELF. HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN
UNNAMED LAO MAN WHO STATED THAT HE WAS PART OF A GROUP WHICH HAD
ESCAPED FROM A PRISON CAMP AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE. THE DRIVER
RETURNED TO THE CONVOY AND TOLD THE MERCHANT'S BROTHER WHO WENT TO
MEET THE ESCAPEE. THE ESCAPEE TOOK THE BROTHER TO MEET THE OTHER MEN
IN THE ESCAPEE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED THREE FORMER ROYAL LAO ARMY
(FAR) GENERALS, FOURTEEN OTHER FAR SOLDIERS AND FOUR CAUCASIAN MALES,
WHICH THE BROTHER BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN POWS. THE BROTHER WAS TOLD
THAT THE FOUR CAUCASIANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT SOM THONG (TG 7924)
NEAR THE FORMER AMERICAN SUPPORTED BASE AT LONG THIENG (TG 8313). THE
DATE OF CAPTURE WAS NOT STATED.

2. THE BROTHER RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE ESCAPEES AS A FORMER FAR
(FORCE ARMEE ROYALE) PILOT WHO WAS A FRIEND OF THE BROTHER. THE
MERCHANT'S BROTHER WAS ASKED TO HIDE THE ESCAPEES ON THE TRUCK CONVOY
AND TRANSPORT THEM TO SAFETY. THE BROTHER STATED THAT HE TOLD THE MEN
THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY OF THEM AND THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO
TAKE THEM WITH THE CONVOY. INSTEAD THE BROTHER TOOK ONLY THE PILOT/
FRIEND. [REDACTED] AT HER BROTHER IMPLIED THAT THE FORMER

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PILOT HAD EVENTUALLY ESCAPED AND WAS SAFE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.
WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANY OTHER DETAILS OF THE STORY.

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ANOTHER LPA "SPECIAL FORCE" COMPANY COMPRISING 60 SOLDIERS COMMANDED
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ACQ: (10 SEPTEMBER 1986).

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
 Defense Intelligence Agency
 Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
 Missing in Action Affairs
 (International Security Affairs)
 Department of Defense
 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
 Department of State
 Office of the Assistant to the President for
 National Security Affairs
 National Security Council
 Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Reported Detention of 16 Americans in
 Laos-Addendum 15 AUG 1963

1. The attached additional information is from the source of
 in response to follow-up requirements levied
 upon his subsource/

Deputy Director for Operations

CC: DCI
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 NIO/EA
 DDI
 DDO

Attachment: Report as Stated

SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: 1. On 22 July 1985, a -- information report with the above heading and numbered -- was issued. The source reported the following additional information, based on further discussion with the subsource in early August 1986.

2. The American POW detention camp is at Doi Nang Lio, also known as Tham Mae Mai (Widow's Cave), which is in the area of Muang Ngoy (TH 585915). There is a road linking Oudomsai via Tasseng Phra That to Tasseng Don Lao of Muang Ngoy. This is a new road built by the Vietnamese in 1984 with a length of 36 kilometers. The road circles around Muang Ngoy District office and merges with the main road to Muang Na Mo. Muang Ngoy has six (sic) Tassengs: Ngoy, Nam Lat, Ban Mo, Nong Sing, and Don Lao, which is where the POW camp is located.

3. Headquarters Comment: No coordinates were given for the above locations.

22 JUL 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Defense Intelligence Agency
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State
Office of the Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
National Security Council
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

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Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: According to [redacted] who claimed (b)(3) to have visited the site, as of April 1986, there was a detention camp containing 12 male and four female American prisoners located at Ban Don Lae (near TH 5085), Ngoy District, Luang Prabang Province, Laos. [redacted] said the prisoners were being held in a cave that was used by the Pathet Lao and Vietnamese during the Indochina War years. Eight Vietnamese and 14 Lao ran the detention camp. There were three trucks assigned to the camp which were used to take the prisoners outside the camp to work everyday. [redacted] said eight of the prisoners worked repairing engines and four taught engine repair to the Lao. Th (b)(3) NatSecAct four females worked as nurses. The workday was 0800 hours to 1800 hours daily. The LPA soldier claimed that the Americans had been in Laos since before the communists took over the country. The LPA soldier said the Americans were confined in harsh conditions even though they had worked hard while in captivity. NatSecAct

2 JUL 1965

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 Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
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 Department of Defense
 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
 Department of State
 Office of the Assistant to the President for
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SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

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Deputy Director for Operations

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Attachment: Report as Stated

SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

TEXT: In a private conversation with friends and relatives in mid-April 1986, she had seen seven People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) guards controlling three caucasians eight kilometers east of Muang Ngoy (TH 5891) along the main road. stated that in mid March said at first she thought they were Soviet advisors but then noticed that two of the three prisoners were wearing leg irons. Local residents later told her the men were American prisoners captured prior to 1972. The men were about 150 meters from the road. At the time as traveling from Son La, Vietnam.

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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

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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STATE/EAP
DIA
NIO/EAP
NSA
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Attachment: Report as stated

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

TEXT: 1. Circa March 1983, a militia chief

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 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. 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. added that the militia forces of Chavan Village (YB 2197) were actually responsible for security at the camp.

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

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

2 Nov 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War
in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in
Northern Laos

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i. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report about the sightings of a total of six alleged U.S. prisoners-of-war at a detention camp in a small valley of Thao La Hamlet, Houa Phan Province, in northern Laos.

Deputy Director for Operations

cc: DCI
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Attachment: Report as stated

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SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in Northern Laos

TEXT: 1. In late April 1982, [redacted] saw a total of six alleged U.S. prisoners-of-war (POW's) at a detention camp in a small valley of Thao La Hamlet, Houa Phan Province, in northern Laos (grid coordinates 20 degrees north latitude, 104 degrees east meridian). On 26 April [redacted] saw four tall Caucasians who were said to be U.S. POW's being escorted by two small Asian guards from the prisoners' house of detention to the camp office. On 27 April [redacted] saw two blacks who were also said to be U.S. POW's carrying bamboo baskets on their back being escorted up a hill by a guard to carry out their labor duties. [redacted] made the observations from a steep hill at the edge of the Thao La Valley where the detention camp was located. (b)(3) NatSecAct

the men they had seen were U.S. POW's. He said the camp held about 50 such POW's who had recently been transferred to the camp from an unknown location.) (Headquarters Comment: Presumably the guards were Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) personnel.)

2. The camp was located across the valley to the southeast of Thao La Hamlet. The house of detention was a long, thatched house with a small front yard. It stood between two smaller houses with walls made of timber; apparently the camp office and a guards' quarters. The camp was surrounded by a trench and a fence of closely posted, pointed wood poles. Thao La Hamlet had about 50 small houses located next to a creek.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection

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Department of Defense
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
and Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT : Alleged Sighting of Live U.S. Prisoners of
War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

Deputy Director for Operations

cc:
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Exec Dir
D/DDI
STATE/EAP
DIA
NIO/EAP
NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT.

SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Live U.S. Prisoners of War
in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. On 24 February 1983,

was in the area of Ran (village) Song where several members of the were attending a propaganda session. According to an ethnic Lao who was present in that village, two Caucasians and six People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) soldiers were at that session. One of the Caucasians was giving a speech in Lao praising the LPDR regime. (Headquarters Comment: did not explain why he believed that the two Caucasians were U.S. Prisoners of War (POW's).)

2. On 25 February 1983,

informed that there were four U.S. POW's being held at the Nadenq Prison in the LPDR. member stated that the prison was divided into two sections. One part of the prison was used to confine former Royal Lao Government (RLG) officials and Royal Lao Army (FAR) officers. The other part of the facility was for the four U.S. POW's. One of the Americans was ill with "sciatic disease." Another U.S. POW was allowed to look after him. The two other U.S. POW's were allowed to accompany PAVN soldiers who conducted propaganda operations. 18 PAVN soldiers were guarding the prison.

3. indicated that his was willing to attempt to rescue the four Americans without advance funds for their efforts, and would hold the liberated U.S. POW's until negotiations for a reward were completed. (Headquarters Comment: asked how much money the might get for each U.S. POW.)

4. claimed to have met with two U.S. POW's during his one and one-half year detention from mid-1981 to January 1983. said that the two alleged U.S. POW's were not incarcerated within the prison facility but were held in a nearby cave. (Headquarters Comment: The was not able to identify either of the two alleged U.S. POW's by name. He stated that one of their "serial number plates" was available at Ban Nondeng (WE2507). The cited in Paragraph 2 of this report stated that he would attempt to recover the plate by 1 April 1983.)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

8 JUL 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Assistant Vice Director for Collection
Management
Department of Defense

Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
and Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

FROM:

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT

Claimed Sightings of U.S. Personnel
Missing in Action in Laos in the
Period 1969-79

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Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained

cc: D/DDI State/EAP DOD NSA
DDI/EAA State/INR DIA

Attachment: Report as stated

SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTINGS OF U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING
IN ACTION IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79

1. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS IN THE
PERIOD 1969-79

2. IN A CONVERSATION IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC (LPDR) WITH IN FEBRUARY 1981, AN UNIDENTIFIED
LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD
U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN A CAVE IN
HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE. THIS LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT ALL
OF THESE POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
(SRV) "IN 1979." THE LPLA OFFICER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. ABOUT DECEMBER 1971, WHILE
HELICOPTER

..... WAS PILOTING AN H-34

HE SET HIS AIRCRAFT DOWN BESIDE AN AIR
AMERICA UH-1 HELICOPTER THAT HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN DEMOLISHED. THE
COCKPIT OF THE HELICOPTER, WHICH WAS ON A LANDING ZONE BEING
FIRED UPON BY HOSTILE FORCES, CONTAINED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN
PILOT, AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DEAD. SAID FIRING BY THE
ENEMY, WHO HAD ALREADY OVERRUN LATSSEN, PREVENTED HIM FROM
RECOVERING THE BODY. (SOURCE COMMENT:
WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT.)

NOT

4. ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1970 A HMONG TOLD THAT A BUNKER CONTAINING THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD SUSTAINED A DIRECT ENEMY HIT AND THAT THESE MEN WERE NOT SEEN TO EMERGE FROM THE BUNKER. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE EXACT TIME FRAME AND LOCATION WERE NOT GIVEN NOR WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.)

5. ABOUT AUGUST 1969 WHILE FLYING TO PHATHUNG (TH 1726) ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, HEARD THE DISTRESS CALL OF A DOWNED U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THE SIGNAL, LOCATED A U.S. PILOT, PICKED HIM UP, AND TURNED HIM OVER TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT LUANG PRABANG. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: APPARENTLY NO MIA IS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.)

20 JUL 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR
AND MISSING IN ACTION MATTERS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHIEF, PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION BRANCH
RESOURCES AND INSTALLATIONS DIVISION
DIRECTORATE FOR INTELLIGENCE (RESEARCH CENTER)

PRINCIPAL ADVISOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND
MISSING IN ACTION AFFAIRS
(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM :

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT :

REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN
CENTRAL LAOS

ATTACHED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS [REDACTED] (b)(3) NatSecAct
REPORT RESULTING FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCE IN
MAY 1978. WE ARE GIVING THIS REPORT NO FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

CC: NFAC/NIO
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ATTACHMENT:
REPORT AS STATED

22 JUL 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR
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REPORT AS STATED

SUBJECT: REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN
CENTRAL LAOS

1. THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WAS
OBTAINED ON 30 MAY 1978

2. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF LAOS IN
1975, THE LPDR ESTABLISHED INDOCTRINATION CAMPS FOR
FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS
AT XEPON AND SARAVAN, WHICH WERE LITTLE MORE THAN FORCED
LABOR CAMPS. THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE PRISONERS AT THESE
CAMPS WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD LINKING THE TWO
TOWNS. DURING A ROUTINE ROAD SURVEY IN EARLY OCTOBER 1976,
CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A GROUP OF AMERICAN PRISONERS
BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL PRISON COMPOUND LOCATED IN A MOUNTAIN
CAVE ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SARAVAN. (SOURCE
COMMENT: PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS
SUBJECT.)

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SUBJECT: POW-MIA: COMMENTS OF A LAO OFFICIAL ON TENSIONS BETWEEN LAO AND U.S. SIDES CONCERNING EFFORTS TO VERIFY CLAIMED SIGHTING OF MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM

[REDACTED] SAID IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 THAT TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED BETWEEN THE LAO AND U.S. SIDES FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN SEPTEMBER TO VERIFY CLAIMED SIGHTING OF A MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN. ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED] LAO SEARCHERS FIRST WERE DISPATCHED FROM VIENTIANE TO ATTOPEU PROVINCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A LAO RESIDENT OF THE PROVINCE WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN "AMERICAN SOLDIER" LIVING IN A REMOTE VILLAGE. WHEN THE LAO SEARCH TEAM LOCATED THE INFORMANT, DESCRIBED ONLY AS AN "OLD MAN," HE REFUSED TO CONSIDER ESCORTING THE TEAM ON FOOT OVER WHAT HE INDICATED WOULD BE A SIX-DAY ROUND-TRIP TREK TO AND FROM THE VILLAGE WHERE THE CLAIMED SIGHTING HAD BEEN MADE. AFTER DEMANDING AND RECEIVING PAYMENT OF TWO BAHT-WEIGHT (30.4 GRAMS) IN GOLD, PLUS A LAO GOVERNMENT PROMISE OF MORE IF THE SIGHTING PROVED TRUE, THE INFORMANT AGREED TO CARRY A CAMERA INTO THE REMOTE VILLAGE AND ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PERSON WHOM HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN.

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3. THE INFORMANT RETURNED WITH EXPOSED FILM, BUT WHEN IT WAS DEVELOPED, THE ONLY RECOGNIZABLE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED JUST THE LEGS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON. THE LAO SEARCH TEAM NONETHELESS DECIDED TO BRING IN U.S. AUTHORITIES AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF VILLAGES IN AREAS MENTIONED BY THE INFORMANT TURNED UP THE EXISTENCE OF A PERSON WITH CAUCASIAN FEATURES LIVING IN ONE OF THEM. WHEN IT SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DETERMINED THAT THE APPARENT CAUCASIAN WAS A METIS OF FRENCH-ASIAN EXTRACTION, THE INFORMANT ATTEMPTED TO DENY THAT THIS WAS THE PERSON WHOM HE HAD SIGHTED. THE LAO SIDE TOLD THE INFORMANT TO KEEP QUIET AFTER HE CLAIMED THAT THE VILLAGE WHERE THE SIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE WAS NOT THE ONE WHERE THE METIS WAS FOUND BUT WAS IN A MUCH MORE REMOTE AREA.

4. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], THE U.S. TEAM BECAME UPSET WHEN THE LAO SIDE REFUSED TO CONSIDER FURTHER SEARCHES IN AREAS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY COVERED. [REDACTED] ATTRIBUTED LAO HESITANCE IN THIS REGARD TO CONCERN THAT SUCH SEARCHES WOULD TAKE THE U.S. TEAM OVER WHAT THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AS THE "FREE ZONE" ALONG THE XEKONG PROVINCE BORDER WITH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THIS ZONE AS BEING INHABITED BY VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, SOME OF WHOM DO NOT SPEAK LAO AND MOST OF WHOM DO NOT RECOGNIZE LAO AUTHORITY. ALSO, VIETNAM MAINTAINS A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THIS AREA, AS WELL AS INTERNMENT CAMPS FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE ELEMENTS. AS SUCH, [REDACTED] SAID THAT LAOS HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE ZONE, AND THE LAO SIDE IN THE

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SEARCH HAD NO AUTHORITY FROM THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO ENTER THE AREA WITH OR WITHOUT U.S. PERSONNEL.

5. (STONY BEACH COMMENT: A STONY BEACH OFFICER WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1991 INVESTIGATION IN LAOS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE LAO DELIBERATELY HINDERED HIS INVESTIGATION IN ANY WAY. IN HIS OPINION, THE LAO DISPLAYED MORE COOPERATION THAN USUAL. THE OFFICER SAID THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO VISIT ATTOPEU PROVINCE BECAUSE OF FLOODING AND IMPASSABLE ROADS, BUT THE LAO INVITED THE TEAM TO RETURN WHEN THE ROADS WERE DRY. THE PERSON THE TEAM WANTED TO INTERVIEW WAS NOT LOCATED SIX DAYS AWAY, AS SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT, BUT NOT MORE THAN FOUR OR FIVE HOURS AWAY. THE TEAM SAW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS PERSON, WHO WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. THE OFFICER DISPUTED THE CLAIM THAT THE TEAM WAS UPSET BY NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT ANOTHER AREA. THE TEAM ASKED TO VISIT AN AREA NOT PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE APPROVAL AND DID NOT DISPLAY ANNOYANCE AT THIS. THE OFFICER SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE VERACITY OF THE PARAGRAPH FOUR REASONS FOR NOT ALLOWING THE TEAM TO GO. HE SAID THAT AREAS FOR INVESTIGATION ARE GENERALLY AGREED ON PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN LAOS, IN PART TO ALLOW TIME TO GET APPROVAL FROM BOTH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS. REGARDING PARAGRAPH TWO, IN THE OFFICER'S JUDGMENT LAO OFFICIALS WOULD NOT PAY TWO BANT-WEIGHT IN GOLD FOR PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY WERE TRYING TO BE OBSTRUCTIONIST.)

6. NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PHOTO OF ALLEGED POW'S AND ON LIVE POW'S IN INDOCHINA

REF: [Redacted]

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS THE SOURCE OF REF, WHICH REPORTED ON THE EXISTENCE OF VIET CONG (VC) PRISON CAMP BETWEEN SAIGON AND CAMBODIA. THIS REPORT IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR ACTION.

2. [Redacted] AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1991 HE REGARDED THE WELL-PUBLICIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF THREE ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AS A HOAX. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HANDLED THE SAD SITUATION WELL, WITHOUT RAISING THE HOPES OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MIA'S WHO WERE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

3. THIS OFFICIAL STATED THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO LIVE POW'S IN VIETNAM. HE MADE THIS STATEMENT BASED ON HIS PAST PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE COULD NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE COULD BE U.S. SERVICEMEN ALIVE IN LAOS, BUT REGARDED THIS AS ONLY A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY, GIVEN THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND PRIMITIVE LIVING CONDITIONS THERE. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF SOME LIVING U.S. PERSONNEL TURNED UP IN LAOS, BUT HE HAD LIITLE BASIS FOR SUCH OPTIMISM.

4. [Redacted] THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE MET A POW NAMED "JOHN" (LNU), WHO LATER DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

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THE OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD JOHN'S DOG TAG AT HIS HOME IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND WOULD LOOK FOR IT WHEN HE RETURNED THERE (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IN REF REPORT THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT JOHN'S LAST NAME WAS DAVIS OR DAVIES.)

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TO: DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA (ATTN: COL PECK).

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON [REDACTED] AS OF 1971

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(b)(6) 1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN 1971 BY [REDACTED] WHO TASKED AN [REDACTED] TO SHOW THE [REDACTED] A CARD CONTAINING A PICTURE OF A U.S. PERSON MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). [REDACTED] THE CARD WAS INSCRIBED WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HIS FATE. THE CARD WAS SHOWN TO CONTACTS IN PATHET LAO (PL) COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS NEAR MUONG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS. THE RESPONSES WERE COLLATED IN ONE REPORT WHICH WAS SENT TO OUR THEN EXISTING OFFICE IN VIENTIANE. THE REPORT WAS NOT DISSEMINATED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE SOME STATEMENTS APPEARED DOUBTFUL, SUCH AS THE PL HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) NEAR MUONG PHINE. IN FEBRUARY 1991 [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE FILE AND RECONSTRUCTED HIS ORIGINAL REPORT TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. HE NOTES THAT THE DATES ARE APPROXIMATE BECAUSE THEY ARE BASED ON CONTACTS' RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OCCURRING AROUND THAT TIME, SUCH AS THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON.

2. THE PL CAPTORS TOOK [REDACTED] TO MUANG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS, IN JUNE 1966. ON 3 JANUARY 1967 HE LEFT MUANG PHINE AND ARRIVED ON 5 JANUARY AT A PRISON AT MUANG NONG (XD6009), WHICH CONTAINED ONLY EIGHT OTHER U.S. POW'S. AT MUANG NONG THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) CAPTORS GUARDED [REDACTED] STRICTLY AND HE SUFFERED VERY MUCH. WHILE THE PAVN GUARDS DID NOT TORTURE DEBRUIN, HE WAS HELD IN PRISON AND SUBJECTED TO PROPAGANDA LECTURES. PL GENERAL KHAMKONG (SIC) AND PAVN GENERAL TAO (SIC), WHO SPOKE ENGLISH, WERE THE ONLY HIGH RANKING OFFICERS TO INTERROGATE DEBRUIN. THE PAVN GUARDS OFTEN WERE ANGRY WITH THE POW'S BECAUSE OF U.S. BOMBING IN THE AREA. [REDACTED] WAS ALLOWED TO EAT AND TALK WITH THE OTHER POW'S, BUT WHETHER HE EVER RECEIVED LETTERS OR PACKAGES IS UNKNOWN. BECAUSE HE WAS STRICTLY GUARDED, [REDACTED] NEVER ESCAPED FROM EITHER PRISON. ON 2 JANUARY 1968 A PAVN GUARD NAMED "ONG (MR.) LUI" AND SIX OTHER GUARDS TOOK [REDACTED] AND EIGHT OTHER POW'S AWAY. THE VILLAGERS WERE TOLD ONLY THAT THE POW'S WERE BEING TAKEN AWAY

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~~TO: DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA (ATTN: COL. MIKE PECK)~~

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SUBJECT: REMAINS, DOG TAGS AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

REFS: [Redacted]

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1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN MID-SUMMER 1990

2. AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON AN UNKNOWN DATE A GROUP OF SEVEN POW/MIA'S WERE SHOT AND BURIED. ONE WAS A COLONEL IN FULL UNIFORM. ONE WITNESS OF THIS INCIDENT TOOK THE UNIFORMS AND REBURIED THE BODIES. THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS ARE STILL AT THE BURIAL SITE. ANOTHER MIA INDIVIDUAL (NFI) IS ALIVE AND UNDER GUARD, BUT IS AFRAID TO TRY TO ESCAPE. WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED HELP TO DO SO. HE IS MARRIED (POSSIBLY TO A LAO) AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. PARTIAL DOG TAG INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS IS AS FOLLOWS.

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B. STONEBR R (SIC) KENNETH A

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BAPTIST

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C. TR . D (SIC)

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[REDACTED]

PROTESANT

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4. NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE BORDER SMUGGLERS AND CASUAL SOURCES ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS. INFORMATION WAS PASSED AS NOTED TO JCRC AND/OR STONY BEACH. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS INFORMATION WITH JCRC AND STONY BEACH.

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2. WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON 15 VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE SOURCES AND FOUR BORDER SMUGGLERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED VARIOUS TYPES OF LIVE SIGHTING, DOG TAG/REMAINS REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE. ALL INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] WHICH PASSED THE LEADS TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION ON THE DATES NOTED BELOW WITH NO FURTHER FORMAL DISSEMINATION.

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A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE SAW AN AMERICAN LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN IN OCTOBER 1983 NEAR DAC TO VILLAGE, BAN ME THUOT PROVINCE. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAUCASIAN WITH LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1972. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STORIES ABOUT AMERICANS LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN INDIAN SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN THE AREA. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT IN OCTOBER 1984 HE SAW THREE AMERICANS IN SA HUYNH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. THE THREE AMERICANS WERE WORKING ON AN OIL PROJECT ON "HAI NAM" (PROBABLY HAINAN) ISLAND WHEN A STORM SENT THEM ADRIFT. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS JOHN PIERRE, THE SON OF A TEXAS JUDGE. AS OF EARLY 1985, THE THREE AMERICANS WERE MOVED TO HANOI. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE NAMES: RONNAL C. LUCSK, [REDACTED] BAPTIST; JOHN BOY; JAMNE CARTE; RONIE HARRIS. DOG TAGS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE TURNED OVER TO MR. LE VAN PHU OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC). (LE VAN PHU HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE MOI IN HCMC.) [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HEARSAY FROM [REDACTED] ABOUT THE SINKING OF AN AMERICAN SHIP OFF THE COAST OF MEGH KHEN DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NUMBER OF AMERICAN BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THAT VESSEL. [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

C. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED AN ACQUAINTANCE HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN. [REDACTED] SAID THE ACQUAINTANCE COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH HIS FAMILY AT 42/41 HOANG DIEU, 14TH QUARTER, 4TH DISTRICT, SAIGON. [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... A FORMER ARVN CAPTAIN, CLAIMED HIS SISTER
HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF ONE
AMERICAN.

INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND
STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... HELD THE REMAINS OF
ONE AMERICAN AT HIS HOME IN SAIGON. ... REPORTEDLY TURNED THE
REMAINS OVER TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND HOPED TO BE
RESETTLED VIA THE ODP PROGRAM. ... WAS MOVED TO PHANAT
NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND
STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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F. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN REEDUCATION
CAMPS IN YEN BAI AND HOANG LIEN SON HE CAME ACROSS A WHITE
AMERICAN USING THE NAME "TRAN VAN NAM." AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF
THE 776TH UNIT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE CAMP.
... SAW NAM AND A BLACK MAN. ACCORDING TO GUARDS, THESE TWO
AMERICANS VOLUNTEERED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. IN EARLY 1980,
WHILE IN HOA LO PRISON, ... CLAIMED HE SAW TWO AMERICANS (ONE
YOUNG AND ONE OLD). ... STATED THAT HE CONTACTED THEM BY
MORSE CODE AND THE TWO AMERICANS WERE VICTIMS OF A SHIPWRECK IN
1975 POSSIBLY NEAR CON SON. ... WAS INVOLVED IN SEARCHING FOR
AMERICAN REMAINS AND CLAIMED INFORMATION ON NEARLY 40 SETS OF
REMAINS, MOST OF WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO VIETNAMESE
AUTHORITIES. ... ALSO MENTIONED A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ALONG
THE BANK OF A RIVER NEAR THE BIEN HOA-PHUOC LONG-SONG BINH
PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES. ... PRODUCED ONE NAME BUT WAS NOT SURE
IT WAS CORRECT: RUSSEL COOK. ... NO PREF.

... WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988.
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH
1988.

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G. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT TWO
SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS BURIED IN HOC MON. ... ALSO CLAIMED
THAT HIS RELATIVES HELD ONE AMERICAN DOG TAG. ... WAS MOVED TO
PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO
JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

H. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN AMERICAN BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 1976 AND FEBRUARY 1978 AT THE CATHEDRAL IN SAIGON.
THE AMERICAN WAS NAMED PAUL, BORN ABOUT 1953, AND WAS FROM
PENNSYLVANIA. PAUL WAS REPORTEDLY AN "INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY
STUDENT" WHO WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. PAUL
REPORTEDLY LIVED AT THE FAUCAULD MONASTERY ON CUONG DE STREET,
HCMC. ... WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988.
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH
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I. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... CLAIMED HIS AUNT ... HAD
INFORMATION ON AMERICAN REMAINS.

... WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988.
INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH
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J. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

... TURNED OVER ONE DOG TAG AND EIGHT
RUBBINGS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES: L.C. WALKER, ... USN.
M. PROTESTANT; T.L. JONES, ... USMC, S. ASSEMBLY OF ...

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GECY [REDACTED] HONEYCUTT [REDACTED] CHRIST OF [UNREADABLE]
 WILBUR [REDACTED] RA [REDACTED] CATHOLIC EUGENE SMITH US
 BAPTIST ALFREDER COLEMAN
 BAPTIST J.R. GREEN [REDACTED] USMC S. BAPTIST RUBEN
 CASALLOS RA [REDACTED] THE DOG TAG AND RUBBINGS WERE TURNED
 OVER TO JCRC. [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY
 1989. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9
 MARCH 1989.

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K. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HER FATHER
 (A FORMER ARVN 1ST CORPS COLONEL) WAS HOLDING ONE SET OF
 AMERICAN REMAINS.

THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON
 11. 12 JULY.

L. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT TWO FRIENDS OF HIS
 KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN REMAINS
 COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH A [REDACTED]

THE INFORMATION WAS
 PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 11.12 JULY.

M. [REDACTED] WHO LIVED IN TRAT
 PROVINCE TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A PHOTOCOPY OF DOCUMENTS
 PURPORTEDLY OF AN AMERICAN HELD IN VIETNAM. THE INFORMATION
 CORRESPONDS TO DEWEY M. BALL, A KNOWN SCAM CASE. THIS SAME
 ALSO PROVIDED TWO OTHER NAMES WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE
 STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAM. THE NAMES WERE: RICHARD A. MANN, RA
 [REDACTED] BAPTISE (SIC); AND, WILLIAM T. OLLER.
 [REDACTED] THE SOURCE CLAIMED THAT AN AMERICAN COUPLE HAD
 CONTACTED HIM AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT PICTURES AND OTHER
 PROOF ON THE DEWEY M. BALL CASE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF POLITICAL
 STATEMENT DURING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS (AMERICAN). THE
 AMERICAN NAMES AND ADDRESS WERE LISTED ON THE REVERSE OF THE
 PHOTOCOPY. THIS INFORMATION WAS TURNED OVER TO THE STONY BEACH
 TEAM ON 12 JULY, AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE PASSED TO JCRC ON 11
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N. [REDACTED] TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A DOG TAG
 RUBBING ON FOIL PAPER OF AN AMERICAN REPORTEDLY KILLED IN
 VIETNAM. THE NAME WAS HAROLD A. [REDACTED] U.S. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] CHURCH OF GOD. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE
 BONES CONNECTED WITH THIS NAME WHICH WERE STILL INSIDE
 CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAG RUBBING WAS TURNED OVER TO JCRC ON 11
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[REDACTED] PASSED INFORMATION AND
 PICTURES TO [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY OF A FORMER AMERICAN SOLDIER
 HELD IN QUANG NGAI, DA NANG. THERE ARE THREE IDENTICAL BLACK
 AND WHITE PHOTOS OF AN APPARENT MALE CAUCASIAN. THE FILM WAS
 DEVELOPED BY [REDACTED] BUT THE NEGATIVES WERE RETAINED BY
 A XEROXED COPY OF A LETTER, PURPORTEDLY FROM THE AMERICAN.
 ACCOMPANIED THE PHOTOS AND READ AS FOLLOWS: "740R-04327 #CD
 120916 ROS VICHTA 15-01-74 I MET [REDACTED] I AM VERY -
 VERY HARD, AND I WANT TO HELP ME, RI (CROSSFD OUT) NOW I AM
 LIVING AT QUANG - NGAI DANANG CITY." [REDACTED] FOR
 UNKNOWN REASONS, PRINTED A NEAR DUPLICATE OF THE LETTER.
 [REDACTED] IS ONLY AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE AFFAIR AND SEEMED UNAWARE OF
 THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER
 MET ANY AMERICAN IN VIETNAM AND WAS SURPRISED THAT THE LETTER
 STATED THAT HE HAD. THE FIRST HAND SOURCE.

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IF IMMEDIATE CONTACT IS DESIRED BY STONY BEACH, SOMEONE NEED BE ON STANDBY DURING THAT PERIOD. THE MATERIAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO STONY BEACH ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, AND A MEETING WITH [] HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 17 JANUARY.

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P. PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. JOHN KANALY, NEW TIMES PRESSE AGENCY, 1102 SOUTH RD. APT C, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43207 USA, WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN GIA LAI-CON TUM PROVINCE (NO TIME FRAME GIVEN), AND IS STILL BEING HELD AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN VIETNAM. THESE DETAILS WERE PROVIDED BY

IS TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON KANALY. THE NOTE WITH NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO YOUR OFFICE ASAP. THE NOTE INCLUDES A LINE IN THE THAI LANGUAGE CLAIMING THAT THE ADDRESS IS IN KANALY'S HANDWRITING. THE ABOVE WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH CIRCA 23 MARCH 1989.

3. DURING MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED FOUR OTHER LEADS. ONE LEAD WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH IN BANGKOK AND THREE OTHER LEADS WERE PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH [] IN HONG KONG. WE HAVE NO RECORDS OF WHETHER ANY OF THESE LEADS WERE FOLLOWED UP BY STONY BEACH. THE LEADS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

4. ON 5 AND 22 MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING AND DOG TAG INFORMATION WHICH WAS OBTAINED BY [] BASE FROM [] ON 22 MARCH, STONY BEACH SAID IT WOULD TURN OVER THE REPORTING TO ITS OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM IN [] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION WITH [] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. ON 4 MARCH, [] RELATED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO BAN TAN VILLAGE, SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE, THAILAND. HE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIS THAI FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WHO WAS CONDUCTING SOME BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH HIS SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE TRADING. WHILE IN THE VILLAGE, WAS APPROACHED BY THE VILLAGE HEADMAN (NFI) WHO RELATED THAT HE KNEW AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO HAD SOME INFORMATION ON POW'S. THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO WAS AN ELECTRICIAN WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN A PRISON IN LAOS IN AN AREA CALLED HAI HIN (PHONETIC/NFI). THE ELECTRICIAN REPORTEDLY SAW SOME CAUCASIAN PRISONERS. THE EXACT NUMBER WAS NOT CLEAR, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THEM ALLEGEDLY RECENTLY DIED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES. ACCORDING TO THE ELECTRICIAN'S STORY, THE DECEASED PRISONER HAD THE INITIALS "KS" TATOODED ON HIS FACE. THE HEADSMAN SAID THE ELECTRICIAN ALLEGEDLY HAD DOG TAG(S) AND THE ASHES OR REMAINS OF A PILOT WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH (NFI). THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO ELECTRICIAN RESIDED IN THAILAND, PRESUMABLY IN THE SAKHON NAKHON OR NAKHON PHANOM AREA, AND WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE DOG TAG(S) AND OTHER POW INFORMATION FOR A PRICE.

[] SAID HE, HIS FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WERE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO PLACE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN CONTACT WITH THE HEADSMAN TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE INFORMATION. [] WAS ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO BANGKOK FOR FOLLOWUP AND THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTED IF HIS ASSISTANCE WAS REQUIRED. [] BASE COMMENTED THAT IT COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE APPROACH WAS LINKED TO UNSCRUPULOUS LAO RESISTANCE SCAM ARTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN RECOVERY EFFORTS, AND/OR WITH SRVIG-DIRECTED [] FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES DISINFORMATION EFFORTS ON THE ISSUE.

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~~RECONTACTED OUR BASE TO PASS ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE POW WE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED WHICH WAS PASSED TO YOUR OFFICE. [] STATED THAT WIT (LNU), THE BROTHER OF HIS FIANCEE, HAD HAD SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE VILLAGE~~

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HEADSMAN (NFI) WHO WAS KNOWN AS [REDACTED] (NFI).
OFFICIAL). AND WITH THE ETHNIC LAO ELECTRICIAN (NFI).

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT THE ASHES OF THE
DECEASED PILOT WERE THAT OF A PERSON IDENTIFIED AS CASTILLO.
[REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH ALLEGEDLY WAS
OBTAINED FROM CASTILLO'S DOGTAG: "CASTILLO NEIRA LINE# [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ROMAN: CATHOLIC."

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WIT, CASTILLO DIED AT THE
TIME OF THE CRASH (NFI). [REDACTED] STATED THAT WIT WAS TOLD
THAT THERE WERE CURRENTLY FIVE POW'S BEING HELD IN THE PRISON
WHERE THE ELECTRICIAN PREVIOUSLY WORKED. THE PRISON WAS
REPORTEDLY LOCATED ABOUT A SEVEN DAYS WALK FROM THE MEKONG
RIVER (NFI). WIT WAS TOLD THAT THE ELECTRICIAN WAS WILLING TO
GUIDE ANYONE TO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PRISON SITE.

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[REDACTED] APOLOGIZED FOR THE LACK OF ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS WHICH HE
ATTRIBUTED TO HIS POOR COMMAND OF THE THAI LANGUAGE.
[REDACTED] AGAIN OFFERED TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN
CONTACTING THE SOURCES OF THE POW REPORT SHOULD THEY WIS- TO
PURSUE THE INFORMATION FURTHER.

C. [REDACTED] BASE COMMENTED THAT STONY BEACH OFFICERS WERE IN
[REDACTED] DURING THE WEEK OF 14 MARCH BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
POW INFORMATION. [REDACTED] REQUESTED [REDACTED] TO ADVISE IF STONY
BEACH INTENDED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND IF ANY FURTHER ACTION
WAS REQUIRED BY BASE. [REDACTED] PASSED A COPY OF SUBPARAGRAPH E
ABOVE REPORT TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM ON THE MORNING OF 23
MARCH. STONY BEACH THEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE
ABOVE SUBPARAGRAPH A AND B REPORTS TO THEIR OVERT DEBRIEFING
TEAM IN [REDACTED] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED
FOR FURTHER ACTION BY BASE.

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5. ON 9 MARCH 1988, THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN HONG KONG WAS
PASSED THREE LEADS:

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[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE
STAYED AT TIMES WITH THE FAMILY OF HIS BROTHER
IN MINH DUC VILLAGE. HE MOVED TO GUANG HA DISTRICT, QUANG NINH
PROVINCE, IN 1975 UNTIL HE WAS DRAFTED INTO PAVN IN 1981. HE
AVOIDED THE DRAFT, RETURNED TO PHA LET AND LIVED AS A FISHERMAN
UNTIL 14 JULY 1987 WHEN HE LEFT VIETNAM WITH HIS FAMILY AND TWO
SISTERS. HE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON 18 AUGUST 1987. BOAT
NUMBER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT ON ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT OCTOBER 1972 TWO CAUCASIAN
U.S. AIRMEN RECEIVED EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT THE HA SAN
HOSPITAL, NUI DEO TOWN (XJ 7411), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT,
HAIPHONG CITY. ONE AIRMAN HAD A BROKEN LEG; THE OTHER AIRMAN
WAS WOUNDED IN HIS ARM. THEIR FACES WERE BLOODY, POSSIBLY FROM
INJURIES. THEY REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED AT THUY
DUONG VILLAGE (XJ 7512), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT. THEIR AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN AAA UNIT ON NUI DEO HILL AND CRASHED IN A
RICE FIELD AT THUY DUCNG AFTER IT AND TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT,
INCLUDING ONE ALLEGED B-52, BOMBED SEVERAL PLACES IN HAI
PHONG. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE SAW THREE AIRCRAFT BOMB A PLACE ABOUT ONE
KILOMETER FROM HIS VILLAGE OF PHA LE (XJ 815115) IN THE
MORNING. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE DIRECTION OF THUY DUONG,
ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF PHA LA. ON THE SAME AFTERNOON,
[REDACTED] WENT TO THE HA SAN HOSPITAL TO VISIT HIS MOTHER WHO WAS
HOSPITALIZED THERE, AND SAW THE TWO CAUCASIAN AIRMEN FROM THE
DOOR OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM. FROM PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL, [REDACTED]
LEARNED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRMEN'S CAPTURE AND THE
ALLEGATION OF A B-52 BEING AMONG THE AIRCRAFT. HE COULD NOT
DESCRIBE THE AIRMEN IN ANY MORE DETAIL.

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B. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN EARLY
FEBRUARY 1988 FROM [REDACTED]

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ABOUT 0900 HOURS IN MID-1970 DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE PHU LUONG BRIDGE, AN F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY DOWNED BY A MISSILE UNIT LOCATED IN KIM MON DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE. ONE CAUCASION U.S. AIRMAN BAILED OUT VERY HIGH UP IN THE SKY. AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HE LANDED AT QUANG TRUNG VILLAGE (APPROXIMATE XJ 575215) SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE YEN PHU MOUNTAINS, KIM MON DISTRICT. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT HIEP THUONG VILLAGE AT THE NORTHERN FOOT OF THE NEO PASS (XJ 565 230). THE AIRMAN WAS BEATEN BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE BEFORE A CHINESE VEHICLE FROM THE HAI DUONG (NOW HAI HUNG) PROVINCE MILITARY PROVINCE CAME AND DROVE HIM TO THE UNIT'S HEADQUARTERS. CLAIMED HE WAS WORKING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION IN THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT. LATER, HE AND OTHER WORKERS WENT TO "SEE" THE CAPTURED AIRMAN AND THE MILITIA DIGGING UP OF THE AIRCRAFT. HE DESCRIBED THE DIRECTION OF THE SITE WHERE THE AIRMAN LANDED AND THE CRASH SITE IN DETAIL. HE SAID HE COULD NOT GET CLOSE TO THE SCENE, SO HE DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRMAN. THE COMMANDER OF THE PROVINCIAL MILITARY UNIT WAS LE THUA DAO.

C. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN LATE FEBRUARY 1988 FROM

BEFORE NOON ONE DAY IN MAY OR JUNE 1968, TWO ALLEGED U.S. AIRMEN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT CHO HUONG OR LANG HUONG, SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE PHUC HAI ROAD JUNCTION (XH 30995), AN THUY DISTRICT, HAI PHONG CITY. ONE CAUCASIAN AIRMAN WAS ABOUT 1.3 METERS TALL, AND HAD LIGHTLY CURLED IVORY-WHITE HAIR AND GREEN EYES. HE WAS NOT FAT BUT HIS FLESH WAS SOFT. HE WAS WEARING A GREEN UNDERSHIRT AND WALKED BARE FOOTED CLUMSILY. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY THAT AFTERNOON BY A PUBLIC SECURITY VEHICLE. THE OTHER AIRMAN DIED WHEN HE LANDED. HIS BODY WAS COVERED, SO HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS WERE NOT KNOWN. HE WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO KIEN AN TOWN (XJ 6902) HOSPITAL, HAI PHONG. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MILITIA, HE WAS KILLED BY GROUND FIRE WHILE HIS PARACHUTE WAS DESCENDING. THEY ALSO SAID HIS PARACHUTE WAS RED AND THAT THE LIVE AIRMAN'S PARACHUTE WAS BLUE/GREEN. THEIR AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOME NINE KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH IN KIEN THUY DISTRICT, HAIPHONG. THE DEAD AIRMAN WAS EVACUATED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE LIVE AIRMAN. CLAIMED HE WAS THEN LIVING AT PHUC HAI (XJ 7300), AN THUY. THE AIRMEN WERE ALREADY CAPTURED WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE AIRMEN AND HAD TOUCHED THE LIVE ONE. WAS ABOUT 1.5 METERS TALL AND HIS HEAD ONLY REACHED THE LIVE AIRMAN'S ARMPIT.

5. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED BY OUR OFFICE:

A. ON 11 AUGUST 1988, A CASUAL CONTACT OF BASE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME DAY FROM HIS RELATIVE:

BROUGHT HIM A SILVER BADGE (DOG TAG?) MEASURING TWO INCHES BY TWO INCHES WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT FOUND AT THE SCENE OF AN AIR CRASH. THE SILVER TAG WAS INSCRIBED: R. O.

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CORONA, [REDACTED] USMC, N. CATH. STATED THAT THE BADGE HAD BEEN FOUND NEAR THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND THAT "THEY" WERE BRINGING THE UPPER PART OF THE SKELETON INCLUDING THE SKULL FROM THE LAO SIDE TO HIM SOON. "THEY" INFORMED HIM THAT "THEY" HAD FOUND THE REMAINS OF TEN MORE AMERICAN "SOLDIERS" IN LAOS AND VIETNAM. "THEY" WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT REWARDS FOR SUCH REMAINS. THE REPORT WAS PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN BANGKOK, WHICH WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION.

AS OF 4 FEBRUARY 1989.

REPORTED THAT A FRIEND, "A FORMER LP: SOLDIER," HAD LOCATED THE BODY OF A U.S. MARINE IN LAOS; DOG TAG IS WITH THE REMAINS. DOG TAG READS: MARSHALL, [REDACTED] USMC. BAPTIST S. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH TEAM.

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7. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1988.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A LAO BUSINESS CONTACT NAMED [REDACTED] WHICH REPORTED ON THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LIVE U.S. POW'S ALONG THE LAO/VIETNAMESE BORDER. TWO NAMES WERE PROVIDED GORDON D.C.A., [REDACTED] USMCM NOPREF. AND, MARSHALL, [REDACTED] USAC BATIT. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DAO OFFICE IN BANGKOK.

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8. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1988, OUR [REDACTED] OFFICE WAS APPROACHED BY A FORMER CONTACT, AN ETHNIC LAO NAMED [REDACTED] WITH POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION. [REDACTED] WAS BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE; CURRENT ADDRESS: [REDACTED] NAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH. [REDACTED] HAS AN ALLEGED JAW BONE FRAGMENT OF A PURPORTED UNIDENTIFIED U.S. POW. HE CLAIMS HE RECEIVED THE BONE FRAGMENT FROM UNSPECIFIED PERSONS IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE WHO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE A DOG TAG WHICH APPARENTLY WAS FOUND AT THE SAME SITE AS THE BONE FRAGMENT. [REDACTED] HAS A LIST OF 25 ALLEGED LIVE POWS IN LAOS-VIETNAM WHICH PURPORTEDLY WAS GIVEN TO A THAI DISTRICT OFFICIAL IN UBON PROVINCE IN MAY 1988 BY A DRIVER (NFI) OF LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN. [REDACTED] ALSO HAS A LETTER FROM AN ETHNIC LAO RESIDENT OF THE U.S. NAMED [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH UNIDENTIFIED U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OFFERED A REWARD OF ONE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE LAO RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RETURN OF A LIVE POW. [REDACTED]'S LETTER IS WRITTEN ON STATIONERY OF THE "NATIONAL MORREPLAN ORGANIZATION."

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[REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES [REDACTED] WAS A FORMER ROYAL LAO OFFICER ATTACHED TO U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 WHO HAD PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH "INSCM" ON POW/MIA MATTERS. ADDITIONAL FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES A PERSON NAMED [REDACTED] TRAVELED IN THAILAND WITH BO GRITZ.

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IS ALSO AVAILABLE. THE NAMES INCLUDE: JUNE PETER SA:EN;
ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLE LAST NAME IS ROSE; GUAG SONMET; POTTER
VIMLIAM J JR; ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLY KYMOTOH; PEARGE EDWIN T;
MORGAN SEPPERSON OCNAMJE; MERCER JACOB E; FORSITATI ATHNA; C.M.
[redacted] SIMMONE ROBENTE; WALTE HUGTH MOON; LINENCO WCON ROW;
VISH BROWN; BOUNKINA JEUD; BADINE ROGOUT JR; DEFFRONE THOMAS C;
VINESEP; BRANNY-LYNWOOD; N-W SARIDINE; N-W SAMAN; F-V.
317205; TGI ADOS METHODIST; TODD VILLIAM [redacted] AND, SAV
PRAN 197L.

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9. ON 30 DECEMBER 1988, STONY BEACH AND JCRC WERE PASSED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHOM WE CONSIDER
RELIABLE. ON 3 DECEMBER, C

SAID THEY EXPECT TO HAVE TWO POWS IN HAND FROM LAOS IN LESS
THAN ONE WEEK.

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TO: PRIORITY DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA (ATTN. COL. JOE SCHLATTER).

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN POW/MIA LIVING IN LAOS

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CORRECTION

- THIS IS A REISSUE OF [Redacted] WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY SENT UNDER THIS NUMBER. THE CORRECT NUMBER SHOULD BE [Redacted] PLEASE CORRECT ALL FILES. THE TEXT DOES NOT CHANGE. -

1.

THIS INFORMATION WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH AND JCRC.

2. ACCORDING TO

25 JANUARY 1990, THERE ARE NO AMERICAN POW/MIA'S LEFT IN LAOS, EXCEPT FOR ONE AMERICAN WHO MARRIED A LAO WOMAN AND RESIDES IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR (GOL) TURNED OVER ALL ITS AMERICAN POW/MIA'S TO VIETNAM IN 1982/1983 (SIC) BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PLACE IN LAOS TO DETAIN THEM. [Redacted] SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS THE GOL TURNED OVER TO VIETNAM, BUT HE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE BEING DETAINED AT A PLACE THAT IS 420 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM HANOI, ALTHOUGH [Redacted] DOES NOT KNOW IN WHICH DIRECTION. (COMMENT: IF THE PLACE IS INDEED 420 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE IN WHAT WAS FORMERLY SOUTH VIETNAM. THE LPDR WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1975.)

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3. SAID HE EXPECTED THE AMERICAN WHO REMAINS IN LAOS IS UNDER LOOSE DETENTION IN ONE OF THE FOUR POLITICAL DETENTION CAMPS OF LAOS IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE, WHICH INCLUDE:

- A. SOMEWHERE IN XAM NEUA DISTRICT (VH 0158)
- B. THE PHA DENG CAVE PRISON, TWO KILOMETERS EAST OF VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH 1957)
- C. SOMEWHERE IN XAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210)
- D. SOMEWHERE IN XIENG KHO DISTRICT (VH 3990)

4. SAID THAT SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1989, A

APPROACHED THE LAO WIFE OF THIS AMERICAN PRISONER TWO TIMES AND GAVE HER A PIECE OF PAPER FOR THE AMERICAN TO FILL OUT WITH HIS NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER. THE LAO WIFE TOOK THE PAPER TO HER AMERICAN HUSBAND, BUT BOTH TIMES HE REFUSED TO WRITE ANYTHING DOWN AND TOLD HER TO TELL THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MEET OR SPEAK WITH ANYONE.

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IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION IN TAIWAN ON 21 DECEMBER 1989. A

CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) DURING A TRIP TO LAOS IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1989. DURING THAT PERIOD WHEN WAS IN VIENTIANE DISCUSSING MINERAL PURCHASES, HE WAS TAKEN ON A TWO OR THREE DAY TRIP THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO A MINING CAMP, PARTLY BY VEHICLE AND PARTLY ON FOOT. SINCE HE WAS BLINDFOLDED DURING PORTIONS OF THE TRIP, WHEN HE ARRIVED HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS. AT THE MINE THERE WERE ABOUT SIX GUARDS AND A BEARDED MALE CAUCASIAN. CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN WITH EITHER THE CAUCASIAN PRISONER DIRECTLY OR A GUARD, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS AN AMERICAN. SAID THAT THE U.S. POW HAD BEARD, WAS GAUNT BUT NOT SICKLY, AND HAD GONE NATIVE BECAUSE HE HAD A LOCAL WIFE. SAID THAT IF CONDITIONS WERE RIGHT HE MIGHT GO BACK TO THE MINING AREA IN LAOS, BUT THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO TAIWAN FOR THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR (27 JANUARY 1990).

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2. IN NOVEMBER 1989 ON A VISIT TO BANGKOK, PROVIDED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT ABOUT THIS U.S. POW, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT HE DID NOT CLAIM TO BE THE POW. THE PERSON MAKING THE ACTUAL SIGHTING WAS

CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. AIR FORCE CRASH SITES, WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM TRIBESMEN OR OTHER UPCOUNTRY CONTACTS. BECAUSE AND HIS CONTACTS HAD HEARD OF A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR POW INFORMATION, THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. TO BACK UP HIS CLAIM TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. POW'S AND PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA), A SHEET WITH INFORMATION COPIED FROM EITHER AN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DOG TAGS AS FOLLOWS: JAMES BLAIR WHITE, DOB 14 MARCH 1942, RANK-CAPTAIN; AIRMAN RALPH W. MAGEE; AND AIRMAN GLENN MATTESON.

3. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 WAS RELAYED TO JCRC IN BANGKOK, AND IF THE LATTER WERE INTERESTED AN INTRODUCTION TO [Redacted] COULD BE MADE. [Redacted] STATION STILL HAS THE SHEET DESCRIBED ABOVE. SINCE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO

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TO: DIA//PW-MIA (COL JOE SCHLATTER)

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SUBJECT: POW'S ON LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER AND MIA REMAINS IN CAMBODIA

1. ON 19 OCTOBER 1989,

THE THREE CLAIMED THEY WERE FROM HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM. AND HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO SAVANNAKHET AS PART OF A TOUR GROUP. IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED AT THE PHANOM DISTRICT POLICE STATION.

2. THREE YEARS AGO (I.E. IN 1986) THERE WERE THREE U.S. POW'S LOCATED AT THE LAO BAO NORTH DETENTION CAMP (XD7036) ON THE LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER. ONE OF THE POW'S (NFI) HAD DIED. ANOTHER POW WAS FLIGHT LIEUTENANT THOMAS GRIFFIN. ACCORDING TO ALL THREE POW'S WERE BEING USED AS MECHANICS. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

3. ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1989 CONTACT REPORTED THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 4, WHICH HE SAID HE LEARNED FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN UBON.

4. CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) EITHER KNEW OF OR DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE U.S. MIA'S NEAR KIANAK (UNLOCATED), STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAG FROM ONE OF THE MIA'S WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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SSN: [REDACTED] (BLOOD TYPE)

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SUBJECT: DOG TAG AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS

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OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM ONE OF 40 RECENTLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEES WHO ARE NOW INCARCERATED AT THE THA LUAN POLICE COMPOUND. THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH AND NOW IS BEING SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. A VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE IN TRAT PROVINCE PASSED A COPY OF A DOG TAG RUBBING TO A THAI OFFICIAL. THE DOG TAG IS THAT OF: FRED L. SMITH JR, AF [REDACTED] METHODIST. A HANDWRITTEN NOTE, IN VIETNAMESE, WITH THE RUBBING STATES THAT SMITH IS AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN AND A HELICOPTER PILOT. SMITH WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN AT KONTUM DISTRICT IN MARCH 1972 AND HIS BODY BURIED IN GIA LAI - KONTUM PROVINCE.

3. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY WHICH CONTAINED THE POW RELATED INFORMATION DESCRIBED BELOW. THE LETTER CONTAINED INFORMATION FROM A FORMER LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT KHAMPHOU DOUANGMANYCHAN, WHO RESIDES IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE SOURCE'S MEETING WITH KHAMPHOU WAS NOT INDICATED IN THE LETTER. A GIST OF THE LETTER WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH.

4. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, OUR [REDACTED] OFFICE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY. THE SOURCE CLAIMS HE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

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... TOLD THE SOURCE THAT THERE ARE 14 AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD AT THAM LUANG, NACHIK CANTON IN THE VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH2949) OF HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. "THAM LUANG" IS THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF PRINCE SOUPHANDOUVONG, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE. SAID THAT THAM LUANG IS LOCATED ONE KILOMETER EAST OF BANCHIK, WHICH IS 17 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE VIENGXAI MUNICIPALITY. SAID THAT THE 14 AMERICAN POW'S ARE GUARDED BY A 26-MAN POLICE COMPANY COMMANDED BY A POLICE LIEUTENANT SITHA. SAID THE POW'S GROW RICE AND VEGETABLES FOR A LIVING BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SHOES. ALSO ACCORDING TO ... THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL POW'S BEING HELD AT AN AIR BASE IN MAUNG HAM (UH9647). THESE THREE POW'S ARE REPORTEDLY BEING USED TO TEACH ENGLISH TO LAO SOLDIERS AND HOW THE LATTER ARE TO USE AN AIR SIGNAL SYSTEM. SAID THERE ARE FOUR MIG-21'S LOCATED AT THE SAME AIRBASE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION FROM LAO INFORMANT

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION ON LAOS WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1989. HE ALSO PROVIDED NOTES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED IN HIS NOTES, WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO YOU SEPARATELY. HIS STATEMENTS AND NOTES ARE BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2 THE POW/MIA INFORMATION WHICH FOLLOWS WAS OBTAINED FROM

HE SERVED IN THE ROYAL LAO ARMY. HE RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS TO VISIT RELATIVES CIRCA AUGUST 1989. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS PEOPLE IN LAOS AND COULD PROVIDE SOME HELP ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE SHOULD HE RETURN THERE, PROVIDED PROPER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PROTECT HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

4. ... SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED THREE PAGES OF NOTES ON THE POW/MIA SUBJECT. ONE PAGE REPEATS SOME INFORMATION GIVEN IN PARA. 3 ABOVE. IT ALSO ADDS THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SAID THAT SHE SAW POW/MIA'S IN A PRISON CAMP AT "DINEDING" (SIC) AND THAT ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSON SAW ONE OF ~~THE~~ POW/MIA'S AT BAN "HOAISAN" (SIC). A SECOND PAGE, WHICH OBTAINED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO WHO HAD RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS, REPORTS THAT PRISON CAMPS EXIST NEAR "DINEDING" (SIC) AND BAN DONG (UNLOCATED). ALSO IN THIS NOTE IS A STATEMENT THAT A CRASH SITE WITH REMAINS EXISTS AT "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC). THE THIRD PAGE CONSISTS OF A SKETCH MAP OF THAT AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND SHOWS THE LOCATION OF A HEAVILY GUARDED CAMP AND OF "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC), WHERE AN ATTEMPT TO RELEASE A POW FAILED FOR LACK OF ENOUGH MONEY.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF POW'S IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO STONY BEACH, HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM

2. ACCORDING TO TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) ARE NOW BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN A LEU VILLAGE IN XIANG KHOANG PROVINCE NEAR THE VIETNAMESE BORDER. THEY ARE BEING HELD AND GUARDED BY A LOCAL VILLAGE MILITIA GROUP; THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THE LAO ARMY APPARENTLY DO NOT KNOW OF THEIR PRESENCE. THE POW'S HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY AS ((STOWERS)) AND ((LATONA)).

3. ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS IS MARRIED TO A LEU WOMAN AND THEY NOW HAVE THREE CHILDREN. ONE WAS INJURED WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED DURING THE WAR AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY LOST AN ARM. BOTH ARE LIVING MISERABLY AND WANT TO ESCAPE. THE VILLAGE IN WHICH THEY ARE HELD IS ENTIRELY ETHNIC LEU, LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA.

4. IS AWARE OF THE AMERICANS' PRESENCE DUE TO THE FACT THAT FRIENDS OF HIS HAVE VISITED THE VILLAGE. SINCE WORD OF A TWO MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR RETURN OF U.S. POW'S HAS SPREAD. THE VILLAGERS AND ALL WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION. SAYS THAT HE CAN BRING THE TWO POW'S TO THE THAI BORDER IF HE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES.

5. STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LIVE POW'S, THIS VILLAGE ALSO HAS THE REMAINS OF 17 AMERICAN MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). THE VILLAGERS WANT TO TURN OVER THE REMAINS FOR A REWARD AS WELL. PROVIDED A SOMEWHAT LEGIBLE LIST OF SOME OF THOSE 17 AMERICANS. FOLLOWING ARE THOSE ON THE LIST WHOSE NAMES ARE LEGIBLE ENOUGH FOR US TO REPRINT HERE:

- SHELL, L.
- [REDACTED] USMC 5 BAPTIST
- MARSHALL, T.. III
- [REDACTED] USMC BAPTIST
- GILBERT, FRANCIS G.
- [REDACTED] SIMS
- [REDACTED] USMC M METHODIST
- SHIRLEY, MARSHALL J.
- [REDACTED] CATHOLIC
- POLSTON, H.D.
- [REDACTED] USMC BAPTIST
- MACIEJEWSKI, R.C.
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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S IN INDOCHINA

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA WAS OBTAINED IN LATE 1988 AND JANUARY 1989 AND WAS PASSED AT THAT TIME TO JCRC AND THE STONY BEACH TEAM. IT IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER 1988 A DEBRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED OF A WHO HAS WORKED BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND WHO HAS PROVIDED A HEARSAY REPORT ON AMERICANS BEING HELD IN A PRISON IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. STATED THAT IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1988 HE MET WITH HIS

REPORTED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICANS WORKED AT THE PRISON WHERE TEN AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD. THE AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED IN A PRISON IN DANANG BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO TAY NINH IN AN UNKNOWN TIMEFRAME. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PRISON WAS NOT KNOWN.

3. IN A DEBRIEFING ON 7 OCTOBER 1988, AN ETHNIC KHMER NOW LIVING IN SAIGON, REPORTED SEEING AN AMERICAN IN THE BACH DANG PRISON, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1984.

IN SEPTEMBER 1984 WHEN HE SAW THE AMERICAN AND AN AUSTRALIAN INCARCERATED THERE. THE AMERICAN WAS WHITE, ABOUT 180 CENTIMETERS TALL AND THIN (60 TO 70 KG). HE WORE GLASSES AND WAS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE. LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN IN BACH DANG PRISON SINCE ABOUT MARCH 1984. IT

AND SOME VIETNAMESE. HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY STONY BEACH ON 19 DECEMBER 1988.)

4. THE NAMES BELOW ARE OF ALLEGED POW/MIA'S:

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| JAMES L. PHILLIPS, JR. | ALLEN K. BURGESS | FRED L. SMITH |
| AF [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | (UNREADABLE) | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| METHODIST | METHODIST | METHODIST |
| TERRENCE L. TAYLOR | GEORGE T. MURRAY | WOODROW W. KEMP, JR. |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

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5. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988 AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS TO

- A. THREE DOG TAG RUBBINGS, ONE HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON RANDY R. SIMPSON, FR. (DIFFICULT TO READ), NONE
- B. DOG TAG RUBBINGS AND BONE FRAGMENTS ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA CATHOLIC
- C. DOG TAG RUBBING, HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT SUMMERSON JR. US PRESBYTERIAN
- D. DOG TAG RUBBINGS PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON MARVIN FUGATE, US NO PREF
- E. DOG TAG RUBBING ON TON V HUONG, "7 TRAN T REP, CSF B18, MED AUTH 29TH, NOTIFY 5FSG LLDB"

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6. IN EARLY DECEMBER, AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS

- A. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA CHRISTIAN
- B. DUPLICATE OF ABOVE
- C. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA CATHOLIC

NOTE THAT ANOTHER SOURCE TURNED OVER INFORMATION ON "ROBERT L. TROTTER" WHICH WAS PASSED TO JCRC IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988.

7. WHO PROBABLY OBTAINED THEM FROM A REFUGEE IN SITE B, PASSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKELETONS WITH IDENTIFYING INFORMATION LOCATED IN THE PICTURE (TOO SMALL TO READ); A COPY OF A DOG TAG OF: GEORGE T. MURRAY, RA CATHOLIC, AND A MAP SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING MURRAY'S BURIAL PLACE. THE PHOTOGRAPHS LOOK VERY FAMILIAR AND POSSIBLY THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TURNED OVER TO JCRC. THE NAME GEORGE T. MURRAY HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST.

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8. ON 9 JANUARY 1989, PROVIDED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT ARE ALLEGEDLY, HUMAN BONES AND A DOGTAG. ACCORDING TO A CRUDELY WRITTEN NOTE WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE PHOTOS, THE INFORMATION ON THE DOGTAG READS AS FOLLOWS: GOMEZ, ROBERT A. CHRIST. SCI. (COMMENT: THE ALPHA ROSTER SHOWS ROBERT ARTHUR GOMEZ WITH SSAN LISTED AS DEAD - BODY NOT RECOVERED) EXPLAINED THAT HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN HIS VILLAGE OF BAN THAN IN SWAENG DAEN DIN DISTRICT, SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE O/A 7 JAN 89 BY AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. THE LAO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE BONES IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WERE AUTHENTIC.

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WERE INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF THE STONY RIFACE OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM.) WHEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY. ALTHOUGH FULLY COOPERATIVE, WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH IN TERMS OF DETAILS ABOUT THE ETHNIC LAO OR THE BONES IN QUESTION. SAID THE LAO INDICATED THAT THE BONES WERE FOUND AT A SITE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE BORDER OF LAOS AND VIETNAM. THE LAO CLAIMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE BONES SHOWN IN THE PHOTO, HE WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A PART OF A JAW BONE WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE THE REMAINS OF A SECOND PERSON. STATED THAT THE LAO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO BAN THAN O/A 14 JAN 89. SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN CONTACTING THE LAO IN NAKHON PHANOM THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND SHOULD THERE BE AN INTEREST IN DOING SO.

9. IN NOVEMBER 1988.

TURNED OVER A BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA. CHRISTIAN. STATED THAT TROTTER'S BROTHER (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN VIETNAM AND WAS NOW IN PHNOM PENH. IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TROTTER BROTHER IN PHNOM PENH. BONE FRAGMENTS ON THREE INDIVIDUALS (JAMES L. PHILLIPS, ALLEN K. BURGESS AND RED L. SMITH), WHOSE NAMES WERE PASSED IN AN EARLIER REPORT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO HANDWRITTEN COPIES OF DOGTAGS FOR TERRENCE L. TAYLOR WERE ALSO RECEIVED AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF SKELETONS AND HAND-DRAWN MAPS OF SUPPOSED GRAVESITES FOR GEORGE W. MURRAY AND WOODROW W. KEMP. JCRC HAS ADVISED THAT NAMES ON THAT REPORT WERE ALL BOGUS SO THE FRAGMENTS AND OTHER MATERIAL WERE ACCEPTED TO REMOVE THEM FROM CIRCULATION. THE CROSS BORDER TRADERS WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION STATE THAT THEY CAN DELIVER THE ENTIRE SKELETONS FOR MURRAY AND KEMP.

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REPORTED THAT IN JANUARY 1988 HE VISITED AN "AMERICAN JOURNALIST" BEING DETAINED AT THE FORMER LON NOL RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN WESTERN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE IN JULY 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY 1988, BUT WAS UNSURE IF THIS CAME ABOUT. THIS SIGHTING IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE BRIAN BONO CASE; BONO WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS SUMMER.

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SUBJECT: LAO MIA/POW REPORTING NET LINKED WITH PRIVATE RECOVERY
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1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/

WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A FIVE-MAN NET INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FIRST HAND AND
HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE IN LAOS.
THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THIS NET APPEARS TO BE

NOTED IN BASE REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE SINCE MARCH
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2. FIRST CAME TO

BASE ATTENTION ON 26 MARCH 1987 WHEN HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON THE ISSUE.
REPORTED ON AN ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY
IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE
(8 APRIL 1987).

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REPORTED THE PARAGRAPH
TWO INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT. PARAGRAPH ONE WAS PROVIDED BY A MR.

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THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON (PARAGRAPH ONE) WHO
ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THE PIECE OF PAPER MAY HAVE BEEN
WAS DEBRIEFED ON 19 MARCH 1987 AND WAS
DEBRIEFED ON 26 MARCH 1987 AT VILLAGE. WE CANNOT DETERMINE
WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO WHOM FIRST FOR DEBRIEFINGS. WAS
DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 14 APRIL 1987. THIS DEBRIEFING WAS DISSEMINATED
AS (ADDENDUM) OF 28 APRIL 1987.

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DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 18 MAY 1987 WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION
OF (28 MAY 1987) ON THE PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS
BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT

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COMPANY (MADC) FOR SHIPMENT TO VIETNAM (CLAIMED HE HAD TRAVELED TO KHAM KEUT TOWN ON 3-4 MAY 1987 AS A RESULT OF AN MADC NOTICE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. WAS THEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING A RESIDENT OF VANGPON VILLAGE, KHAM KEUT DISTRICT, BOLIKHAMSAT PROVINCE, LAOS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD SERVED WITH THE PATHET LAO (b)(1) (b)(3) NatSecAct 1967 TO 1975, AND HAD RECEIVED UNSPECIFIED TRAINING IN NORTH VIETNAM.

3. IN EARLY JUNE 1987, [REDACTED] WAS BROUGHT TO [REDACTED] FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFINGS ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING. STONY BEACH DEBRIEFED HIM ON 3 JUNE 1987 [REDACTED] OF 17 JUNE 1987) AND [REDACTED] DID NOT SUPPORT STATEMENTS ABOUT [REDACTED] TELLING HIM ABOUT A U.S. POW, ABOUT HIS GOING TO SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987, OR ABOUT HIS HAVING SEEN A WHITE U.S. POW AT SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987. AFTER WHICH, [REDACTED] CHANGED HIS INFORMATION SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WHITE U.S. POW, HOW HE TRAVELED TO SALEO VILLAGE, AND WHAT HE SAW THE TWO U.S. POW'S DOING WHEN HE SAW THEM. [REDACTED] FINALLY STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HIS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN SALEO VILLAGE COULD HAVE TRICKED HIM INTO DELIVERING A STORY OF A POW SIGHTING BECAUSE THEY WANTED MONEY. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD TO OBTAIN AND RETURN WITH PROOF. [REDACTED] AGREED TO DO SO. [REDACTED] WAS NOT [REDACTED] OR ABOUT HIS NARCOTICS INFORMATION. OUR DEBRIEFER WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] UNLESS RE COULD PROVIDE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF LIVE U.S. POW'S. FABRICATION NOTICES WERE THEN ISSUED ON ALL THREE OF HIS REPORTS.

4. [REDACTED] NEXT SURFACED IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN HE BROKERED AN INTRODUCTION TO A LAO MALE NAMED [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA (UH 4254) OF HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WAS A 27-YEAR-OLD TRUCK DRIVER AND RESIDENT OF VIENTIANE WHO TRAVELED REGULARLY BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA IN JANUARY 1987, AND HAD MENTIONED THIS TO A FRIEND NAMED [REDACTED] IN VIENTIANE. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] TOLD HIM ABOUT HIS [REDACTED] WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON INTERESTED IN POW INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] FOR HELP IN CONTACTING THIS PERSON (OUR DEBRIEFER) THROUGH HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] INTRODUCED [REDACTED] TO HIS BROTHER WHO BROKERED THE SEPTEMBER 1987 INTRODUCTION TO OUR DEBRIEFER. [REDACTED] DEBRIEFING ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POW'S IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE WAS DISSEMINATED AS [REDACTED] OF 2 NOVEMBER 1987. OUR DEBRIEFER LATER [REDACTED] ON 24 OCTOBER 1987 AT BAN LAOMAKFANG, NONG KHAI PROVINCE, THAILAND. [REDACTED] DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF A REPORT ON THE CONVICTION OF FORMER LPDR CENTRAL

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CLAIMED HE LEARNED HIS INFORMATION FROM A LAO

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5. ON 30 JANUARY 1988, [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN.
PASSED ON INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN AMERICAN POW NAMED (FNU)
HARLAND, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE

[REDACTED] 2 NOVEMBER 1987). THE NAME OF THE POW WAS
CORRECTED AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY L. ALLEN; ALLEN IS CARRIED AS
DECEASED IN AVAILABLE MIA/POW LISTING. [REDACTED] PRESENTED INFORMATION
ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALLEN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THROUGH A

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ALLEN WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE AREA OF BAN BOUAK VILLAGE (UH 4254),
HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, IN EARLY DECEMBER 1987 TO
BAN PHIENG KAO HOI (NCA), ABOUT TWELVE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF BOUM
TA KHOAY CANTON (NCA), SAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210), HOUA PHAN
PROVINCE, NEAR THE LPDK/SRV BORDER. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY MOVED
BECAUSE STRANGERS IN THE AREA WERE REPORTEDLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON
HIS WHEREABOUTS. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER THE GUARD OF A LOCAL
CANTON SECURITY FORCE COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER NAMED PHOUNSAVAT
(LNU). ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ALLEN WAS MARRIED TO A LOCAL WOMAN NAMED
THONGPLIEN SOPHAMISAI, AND WAS THE FATHER OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON
NAMED KHAMDNG AND A TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER NAMED KHAMPHENG.

6. ON 5 FEBRUARY 1988, [REDACTED] WAS
DEBRIEFED. [REDACTED] CLAIMED ALLEN WAS MOVED BACK TO THE BAN BOUAK
AREA IN MID-DECEMBER 1987, AND THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A PHOTOCOPY OF
ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS A
BRIEFCASE CONTAINING ITEMS (NFI) APPARENTLY PERTAINING TO ALLEN,
INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ID CARD, AND REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT ALLEN WAS
SHOT DOWN ON 26 JANUARY 1970 IN THE VICINITY OF TG 9107.
FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HE CROSSED INTO THAILAND IN EARLY JANUARY 1988
WITH THE PHOTOCOPY AND CONTACTED A PERSON NAMED KON (LNU) TO
DETERMINE IF THE PHOTOCOPY COULD BE SOLD TO SOMEONE WITH AN INTEREST
IN POW/MIA MATTERS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT [REDACTED] EXPECTED TO
RECEIVE 30,000 BAHT FOR PROVIDING THE PHOTOCOPY OF THE ID CARD.
SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED HIM [REDACTED] TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL IN
NAKHON PHANOM CITY WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED SHINKLE PAID
HIM 4,000 BAHT FOR THE ID CARD. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ALLEGED HE HAD
FIRST TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF COPYING THE INFORMATION OFF THE
PHOTOCOPY, WHICH HE PROVIDED TO OUR DEBRIEFER. ACCORDING TO

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GAVE HIM A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN FRENCH, SIGNED BY [REDACTED] TO DELIVER TO [REDACTED] WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN OPEN ENDED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PRESUMABLY ON POW MATTERS. [REDACTED] GAVE THE NOTE TO OUR DEBRIEFER, AND THE NOTE IS BEING HELD BY OUR [REDACTED] BASE.

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7. [REDACTED] PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE REPORTEDLY COPIED FROM THE PHOTOCOPY OF ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD:

ALLEN HENRY L.
DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
WEIGHT: 200 (POSS LBS AND IN 1967) (SIC)
HEIGHT: 6'1"
HAIR COLOR: BROWN
EYES COLOR: BLUE
BLOOD TYPE: [REDACTED]
CARD NR.: [REDACTED]
DATE OF ISSUE: 22 JUNE 1967
SERVICE NR.: [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER AMERICAN POW NAMED PATRICK HENRY FALLON BEING DETAINED IN SAM TAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS RELATED TO [REDACTED] ON 27 DECEMBER 1987 DURING A CONVERSATION WITH A [REDACTED]

NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REPORTED. AVAILABLE POW/MIA LISTING INDICATES A PATRICK MARTIN FALLON WAS DOWNED ON 4 JULY 1969 IN THE VICINITY OF UG013331. FALLON IS LISTED AS DECEASED).

9. AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1988, [REDACTED] HAD RETURNED TO LAOS. [REDACTED] BASE IS WILLING TO BROKER AN INTRODUCTION TO THEM FOR STONY BEACH FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS. STONY BEACH WAS PASSED INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT ABOVE WITHOUT SOURCING INFORMATION. STONY BEACH HAS SINCE ADVISED [REDACTED] BASE OF ITS INTEREST IN CONDUCTING FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

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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). THE FUNCTIONARY 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. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE 1,270 FIGURE CITED IS FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA OR MERELY THE SRV.)

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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 THE OFFICIAL 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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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED BY OUR BASE IN [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO A SOURCE

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REPORTED THAT DURING THE PERIOD FROM 9 TO 11 JULY 1986, THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG (QC 2301) FROM OUDOMSAI (RC 0291) BY CAR. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG TO FIX FOUR OFFICIAL VEHICLES THAT WERE OUT OF ORDER AND TO REPAIR THE ENGINE OF A LOCAL RICE MILL. AFTER COMPLETING THEIR WORK THEY WENT BACK TO OUDOMSAI.

2. OUR BASE COMMENTED THAT THIS INFORMATION AND REF REPORT BOTH DESCRIBE THE "AMERICANS" AS BEING USED AS MECHANICS. REF REPORT WAS FROM THE SAME SOURCE BUT A DIFFERENT SUBSOURCE. OUR BASE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AN ACTIVE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN NORTH LAOS AND THAT PER

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[REDACTED] THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN VIENTIANE AD GIVEN A ONE DAY AUTOCMOIVE MAINTENANCE COURSE TO THE LPA 3RD DIVISION IN LUANG NAMTHA ON 11 JULY. ANOTHER BASE SOURCE REPORTED THAT A SOVIET INSTRUCTOR GAVE A COURSE IN LUANG PRABANG FROM 28 JUNE TO 30 JULY FOR CIVILIAN MECHANICS FROM THE SIX NORTHERN LAO PROVINCES. THUS THE SIGHTING OF "AMERICAN" MECHANICS MIGHT BE VALID, BUT THEY MIGHT ALSO BE CAUCASIAN RUSSIAN ADVISORS.

3. OUR BASE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF THE SOURCE OF PARA ONE ABOVE CIRCA THE WEEK OF 22 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST DIA FORWARD ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEBRIEFING BY 18 SEPTEMBER SO WE CAN FORWARD THEM TO OUR BASE. PARA ONE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE DISSEMED AS A [REDACTED]

4. FILE: NONE. [REDACTED]

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TO: PRIORITY DIA.

<> ATTN: <><>VO-PW<><> GEN SHUFELT

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL POW/MIA INFO ON LAOS

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1. (S/NF [Redacted]) THE SOURCE OF [Redacted] TITLED "REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN LAOS," WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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2. (S/NF [Redacted]) IN LATE JULY 1986, SOURCE'S SUBSOURCE, [Redacted] IS A LAO RESIDENT, VISITED BAN KHOANG (QD 9332). BAN KHOANG HAS ABOUT 35 FAMILIES OF ETHNIC LUE PEOPLE. WHILE IN BAN KHOANG, SUBSOURCE REQUESTED TO VISIT MUANG NGOY (TH 5891), OBSTENSIVELY TO SEE THE GOLDEN BUDDHA AND THE MAGIC METAL, REPORTED TO BE HARDER THAN STEEL AND INVULNERABLE. SUBSOURCE WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT GO THERE BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY PAVN IN MUANG NGOY AND THEY AND THE LPA DO NOT ALLOW OUTSIDERS. WHEN SUBSOURCE ASKED WHY THE AREA WAS RESTRICTED, HE WAS TOLD IT WAS BECAUSE THERE ARE AMERICANS BEING HELD THERE.

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3. (S/NF [Redacted]) SUBSOURCE CONVINCED [Redacted] TO GO TO MUANG NGOY AND BUY THEM A BUDDHA IMAGE.

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[Redacted] WALKED TO THE INTERSECTION AT QD 8418 AND CAUGHT A BUS TO MUANG NAM BAC (TH 3583) AND WALKED TO MUANG NGOY KAO (TH 5891). UPON RETURN THEY SAID THAT SECURITY WAS VERY TIGHT IN MUANG NGOY AND THERE WERE MANY PAVN. THEY STAYED WITH A FRIEND [Redacted] AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE THEM TO THE CAVE OF THAM PHA YONG WHERE A GOLDEN BUDDHA IS ON DISPLAY. [Redacted] SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE AREA BY THE PAVN. THERE ARE FOUR CAVES IN THE AREA AND PAVN USES THREE CAVES AND PROTECTS THEM WITH 30 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. ANOTHER CAVE CALLED THAM MUANG NGOY IS THE MOST RESTRICTED AREA BECAUSE IT IS A DETENTION CENTER. THERE IS ROOM FOR 3000 PEOPLE INSIDE THE CAVE. IT WAS THE SITE OF DETENTION OF THE LAST LAO KING OF LAOS AND MANY ROYAL RELATIVES AFTER THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER.

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4. (S/NF [Redacted]) SAID THAT THE PAVN HAD CAUGHT

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THREE AMERICANS SINCE 1975 AND PUT THEM IN THE CAVE CALLED SOP KHAN NOI. MANY VILLAGERS FROM MUANG NGOY HAVE SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN THEY ARE TAKEN OUT TO BATHE AND GO TO THE BATHROOM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN HE SOLD SUGAR CANE AND FOOD TO THE PAVN WHO GUARDED THE CAVE. ONE AMERICAN IS TALLER THAN THE OTHERS WITH BROWN HAIR AND WALKS LIKE HE HAS AN INJURED RIGHT LEG. THE SECOND AMERICAN IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT WITH SIDEBURNS AND A BLACK SPOT ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK THAT MIGHT BE A BIRTHMARK OR A SCAR CAUSED BY BEING HIT OR BURNED. [REDACTED] COULD THINK OF NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES FOR THE THIRD AMERICAN.

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5. (S [REDACTED]) ON 3 JUNE 1986, THE PAVN HAD REPORTEDLY MOVED THE POWS FROM SOP KHAN NOI TO THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE. THE PAVN SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER ENTERING THE NEW AREA WOULD BE SHOT. [REDACTED] HAD NOT BEEN TO THE THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE SINCE THE AMERICANS WERE MOVED THERE BUT USED TO HUNT IN THE AREA AND PROVIDED A SKETCH MAP.

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6. (S [REDACTED]) SUBSOURCE MEMORIZED THE MAP AND REDREW IT FOR SOURCE. OUR BASE REPORTS THAT THE SKETCH MAP IS CLEAR ON MANY POINTS BUT HAS ONE GLARING ERROR. ACCORDING TO THE MAP, MUANG NGOY MAI (NEW MUANG NGOY) AND MUANG NGOY KAO (OLD MUANG NGOY) ARE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE NAM OU RIVER. UNLESS THESE ARE TWO SUB-VILLAGES OF MUANG NGOY THEY ARE ON THE WRONG BANK. HOWEVER, THE SKETCH MAP DOES SHOW THE AIRFIELD WHICH OUR BASE BELIEVES MUST BE THE ONE AT TH 573894. FROM THE MAP OUR OFFICER GUESSED THAT THE CAVE WHERE THE REPORTED AMERICANS ARE NOW IS AT TH 573984 OR JUST TO THE SOUTH IN THE IRREGULAR HILL THAT HAS ITS PEAK AT TH 563888. THE OLD CAVE IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE NEW SITE AND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER. OUR BASE PUTS THIS AT THE HILL WITH ITS PEAK AT TH 588899. OUR BASE CAUTIONED THAT THEY ARE BASING LOCATIONS ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT SUBSOURCE GOT THE AIRFIELD SITE ABOUT RIGHT. IF SO THEN THE OLD CAVE, NEW CAVE AND A PAVN AAA SITE SUBSOURCE MARKED, THAT WE PUT ON THE HILL AT TH 583881 WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.

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7. [REDACTED] HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE MAP FROM OUR BASE. HOPE THIS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION

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1. (S NF [REDACTED]) WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL RESPONSES TO REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON OUR STATIONS FOLLOWING THE RECENT LIVE POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED], A THAI MILITARY UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS IN LAOS HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPORTING CONCERNING SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICAN POW'S IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA.

2. (S NF [REDACTED]) A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH RELIABILITY DEBRIEFED TWO REFUGEES FROM THE MUANG NGOY AREA. BOTH MEN WERE HELD IN REEDUCATION CAMPS IN MUANG NGOY AREA FROM 1975-1985. ACCORDING TO THE TWO MEN, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY, THERE ARE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS, TWO SMALLER REEDUCATION CAMPS, AND A JAIL LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY. ALL ARE LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER OR ITS TRIBUTARIES AND MUCH OF THE TRAVEL TO THE CAMPS IS BY BOAT. THE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS ARE HAT CHAM (TH 5890) AND NAM BAK (NCA), LOCATED ACROSS THE NAM BAK RIVER FROM BAN NAKHON (TH 4680) VILLAGE. THE HAT CHAM CAMP IS LOCATED IN THE VALLEY OF THE PHABOM AND PHAPAE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM LUANG PRABANG AND SAYABOURY PROVINCES WERE DETAINED AT THIS CAMP WHICH CONSISTED OF ABOUT 15 HOUSES, FOUR BARRACKS, AND ONE RICE MILL. IN 1980, MANY OF THE INMATES FROM THIS CAMP WERE TRANSFERRED TO CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE REFUGEES, THE INMATES AT THE NAM BAK CAMP HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO OTHER CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES AND THE CAMP WAS NOW OCCUPIED BY PAVN TROOPS. THE JAIL WAS LOCATED AT HAD KAO (EITHER TH 5226 OR TH 5477) AND WAS ALSO LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. THE JAIL WAS USED TO HOUSE REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES WHO WERE NOT COOPERATIVE OR WERE CREATING PROBLEMS. ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL VICINITY WERE PHAKEO (TH 5919) CAVE AND TWO SMALLER

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REEDUCATION CAMPS, NUMBER 196 LOCATED AT NANONGXUNG (NCA) AND
NUMBER 197 LOCATED NEAR A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM BAK RIVER NEAR
THE JUNCTION OF THE NAM BAK AND HOUEI NGOU RIVERS. BOTH MEN
STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT OR SEEN ANY AMERICAN POWS
IN THIS AREA.

3. (S NF [redacted] IN ADDITION, WE HAVE AGAIN REMINDED OUR (b)(3) NatSecAct
STATIONS WHO FOLLOW VIETNAM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POW
ISSUE. WE HAD TWO RESPONSES IMMEDIATELY FROM NEW SOURCES.
ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WITH GOOD ACCESS WHOSE RELIABILITY HAS
NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, AN OFFICIAL ABROAD SAID THAT THERE
ARE NO AMERICAN POWS STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAMESE PRISON CAMPS OR
ELSEWHERE. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE PERHAPS FORMER U.S.
SERVICEMEN WHO MIGHT HAVE REMAINED IN VIETNAM, BUT THERE ARE NO
POWS BEING HELD AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF
SENIOR SRV OFFICIALS.

4. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN
INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A DEGREE OF RELIABILITY, THERE ARE NO
LIVE OR CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS STILL IN VIETNAM. IN SOURCE'S
OPINION, REPORTS OF CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN OLD
SIGHTINGS OF DOWNED CREWS LOST IN THE JUNGLES. SOURCE BELIEVES
ANYONE LOST IN THE JUNGLES WOULD CERTAINLY BE DEAD, AND EVEN IF
THERE WERE ANY LIVING POWS/MIAS THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE IN LAOS
OR CAMBODIA, NOT VIETNAM.

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON POW REPORTING

REF: [Redacted] DATED 3 JULY 86

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1. THIS MESSAGE IS A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF 31 JULY 1986 CONTAINING FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR TWO REPORTS ON U.S. POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO OUR BANGKOK STATION. THE [Redacted] IS UNDERTAKING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS IN DIRECT RESPONSE. SOME UNILATERAL ASSETS WHO ARE FROM THAT AREA OR ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT, OR WHO KNOW PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH IT, ARE BEING CONTACTED AND A FEW SELECT ASSETS ARE BEING SENT INTO THE AREA.

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REFUGEES FROM THE AREA WILL BE DEBRIEFED FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THAT LOCALE. THE [Redacted] HAS RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE THAI MILITARY,

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WHICH HAVE PROMISED TO HELP THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS IN LAOS. THE SUBSOURCE OF ONE OF THE ORIGINAL REPORTS [Redacted] HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPATCHED BACK INTO THE AREA FOR FOLLOW-UP. THE SUBSOURCE OF THE OTHER REPORT, [Redacted], HAS REPORTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS BEING REPORTED IN [Redacted] (ADDENDUM). IN EACH INSTANCE, THE SUBSOURCE IS TRYING TO RECONTACT THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS. OTHER INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, INCLUDING SOME CAUCASIANS KNOWN TO WORK IN RURAL LAOS, MAY BE APPROACHED FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CONFIRM THAT THE SOURCES ACTUALLY WENT TO THE AREA AND BRING BACK PHOTOGRAPHIC OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF WHAT THEY SAW.

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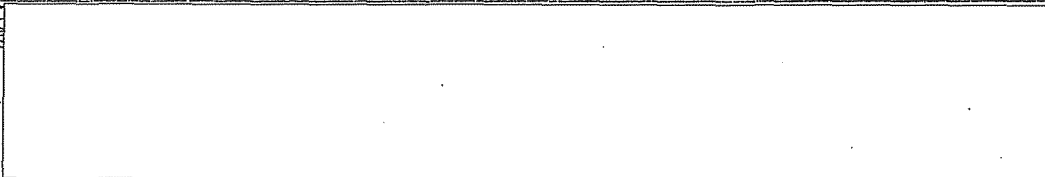
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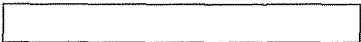


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COUNTRY: LAOS

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

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

SOURCE:

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TEXT: ON 28 APRIL 1987, A INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT WITH THE
ABOVE NUMBER AND HEADING WAS ISSUED. IT HAS SINCE BEEN LEARNED THAT
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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED
FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET
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TEXT: 1. AS OF 26 MARCH 1987, AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN REPORTEDLY NAMED

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(FNU) ((MORGAN)) WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE, SALEO CANTON, SAMOI DISTRICT (XD 9416) SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). MORGAN, WHO REPORTEDLY PARACHUTED FROM AN AIRCRAFT IN 1973, WAS BEING CARED FOR BY ETHNIC HMONG INHABITANTS OF THE AREA. ONE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON HAD ATTEMPTED TO GIVE A PIECE OF PAPER TO MORGAN WHICH CONTAINED QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AND CALLED FOR A SIGNATURE, BUT MORGAN REFUSED TO COMPLETE OR SIGN THE PAPER WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF ((THOM)) (LNU), HIS CARETAKER. THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY WANTED 150 BAHT-WEIGHT OF SILVER AND MORGAN TAKEN AWAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CARING FOR HIM DURING THE PREVIOUS DECADE. (FIELD COMMENT: ONE SILVER BAHT-WEIGHT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 200 BAHT, OR A TOTAL OF 30,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY KEPT AND RAISED ANIMALS, AND THEY SAW NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT CARE FOR A HUMAN BEING. MORGAN HAD ATTEMPTED TO WRITE A LETTER HOME, BUT THE VILLAGERS REFUSED TO ALLOW IT.

2. THE STORY OF MORGAN CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF A SAVANNAKHET TOWN VILLAGER WHO CLAIMED ACCESS TO THE AREA THROUGH HIS SPOUSE'S FAMILY CONNECTIONS. THE SPOUSE'S COUSIN WAS REPORTEDLY ACQUAINTED WITH THOM. THE SAVANNAKHET VILLAGER SENT HIS NEPHEW, INTO THAILAND TO TELL THE STORY. CLAIMED TO HAVE FIRST TRAVELED TO THE SALEO VILLAGE AREA TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT MORGAN. SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE MORGAN, BUT THAT VILLAGE CHILDREN KNEW OF HIM.

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED FIRST HAND LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING FROM
KHAMTAN NOUMALA IN CANADA

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1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF
[Redacted] ON 11 FEBRUARY 1988, WE ARE FORWARDING
INFORMATION OUR [Redacted] HAS OBTAINED THROUGH [Redacted]
[Redacted] FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [Redacted] IMMIGRANT
[Redacted] ON ALLEGED FIRST HAND
LIVE SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. [Redacted] REQUESTS THAT ITS
INFORMATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THIS AGENCY AND DIA
WITHOUT [Redacted] PERMISSION. WE HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO
[Redacted] AS REQUESTED BY [Redacted] FOR CONFIRMATION ON
ARRANGEMENTS FOR [Redacted] TRAVEL HERE FOR VO-PW DEBRIEFINGS ON
THE MIA/POW ISSUE CIRCA 15 APRIL 1988. THE TEXT OF THE
CANADIAN NOTE ON [Redacted] IS AS FOLLOWS.

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2. SOURCE: [Redacted] FORMER LAOTIAN, NOW A
CANADIAN LANDED IMMIGRANT. SOURCE REPORTED THREE SIGHTINGS OF
U.S. POW/MIA PERSONNEL IN LAOS IN 1984. DEBRIEFING WAS IN
FRENCH BUT SOURCE MADE REFERENCE TO NOTES HE HAD PREPARED IN
LAOTIAN. WE OBTAINED THESE NOTES AND THEY ARE ENCLOSED. YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO DISCERN IMPRESSIONS OF PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN NOTES
ON THE PAPER, POSSIBLE WRITTEN ON 31 AUGUST 1987. THESE APPEAR
TO BE IN A DIFFERENT HAND AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT.

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3. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT MONTH SIGHTS
OCCURRED. SOURCE WAS ON THE ROAD FOR TWELVE MONTHS AS PART OF
A GROUP DELIVERING MEDICAL SUPPLIES CSOVIET QUININE AND
VITAMINSJ TO SEVERAL POPULATED PLACES.

4. THE FIRST SIGHTING OCCURRED 30 KILOMTERS NORTH OF

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SEPONE. HE SPENT TWO TO THREE WEEKS HERE. SEVENTEEN U.S. PERSONNEL WERE HELD IN A MONTAGNARD ENCAMPMENT ON A SMALL RIVER. THEY APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND WERE FED TWICE A DAY, AT NOON AND 1700 HOURS. THEY WERE TREATED AS PRISONERS AND WERE NOT, AS IN THE CASE OF THE SECOND SIGHTING, INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL POPULATION.

5. THE SECOND SIGHTING WAS AT KHAM KER, NEAR NAPE IN KHAKEM PROVINCE. HERE HE MET "MOKEN DOMAHO" (DONAHUE?) WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A FORMER USAF BOMBER PILOT AND SON OF "A GENERAL" IN THE SEVENTH FLEET. DOMAHO WAS MARRIED TO A MONTAGNARD WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD TWO CHILDREN. HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND HAD COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. AT THIS SAME LOCATION WAS A BLACK AMERICAN, ALSO FREE. HE WAS UNMARRIED. OUR SOURCE SPENT FOUR WEEKS HERE.

6. THE THIRD SIGHTING WAS AT A CAMP 20 KILOMETERS OFF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL (SEE SKETCHES). TWENTY-SEVEN U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE INCARCERATED HERE WITHIN A COMPOUND SURROUNDED BY FOUR ROWS OF BAMBOO FENCING. THE PRISONERS WORKED AT CUTTING FIREWOOD. THEY WERE TAKEN OUT EACH DAY BY GUARDS WHO WERE OF THE KHA SENG ETHNIC GROUP. ABOUT 200 METERS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND WERE THREE GRAVES OF U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO HAD DIED IN THIS PRISON. IN A THREE WEEK PERIOD, SOURCE ENTERED THE COMPOUND FOUR TIMES, TAKING IN QUININE AND VITAMINS.

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7. AT THIS POINT HAVING GATHERED THE HIGHLIGHTS, WE PERSUADED OUR SOURCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH [REDACTED] OF YOUR OFFICE. AS AGREED WITH YOUR OFFICIALS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTINUE TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO CANADA TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH HIM, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO COORDINATE THE MEETING. THIS EXERCISE DEALT WITH A SUBJECT MATTER AND A REGION THAT WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH, SO OUR APOLOGIES FOR ANY ERRORS IN THE SPELLING OF LAOTIAN NAMES. I WOULD APPRECIATE FROM YOU AN ASSESSMENT OF THE VALUE OF THIS INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE.

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Letter to Senators Kerry/Smith re POW/MIA (20 Dec 91 incoming ltr)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs Investigator Bob Taylor Concerning Sanitized DO Documents, Imagery and a Chronology on PDB References to POWs and MIAs

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1. On 18 August at 1430 hours Bob Taylor of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs was briefed at OCA in [redacted] on recent CIA work on the issue and also received declassified documents from 1976 and later dealing with imagery and efforts to determine if POWs remained in Southeast Asia [redacted] Present were [redacted] DO/EA/ICOG, [redacted] DI/OIA, [redacted] [redacted] DO/ORMS, [redacted] OCA/Senate Division, [redacted] Career Trainee in OCA/Senate Division, and [redacted] [redacted] Career Trainee in OCA/Senate Division.

2. Mr. Taylor read the PDB chronology OCA prepared on POW/MIA articles. He asked if there was ever any identification of the five POWs mentioned in the 8 May 1974 PDB article. Our answer was no, to the extent of our knowledge. Taylor also wanted to know about the status of the documents that are being researched and prepared from the Executive Registry dealing with POWs. We informed him that the documents are being prepared and will be available soon. Next, he requested release of a DO Spot Report dated 6 January 1981 concerning possible POWs in Laos. [redacted] told Taylor the report will not be released due to sources and methods issues.

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3. [redacted] then briefed Taylor on a piece of imagery from 30 December 1987 that shows a large arrow and a P. [redacted] said CIA's DDI Helgerson and the DIA had been alerted about the finding. [redacted] since date of the original photo does not show still-distinguishable markings. The markings were located west-south-west of Sam Nuea in excess of 100 kilometers in the "Quang Vien" Provence. Heater had a memorandum of explanation about the imagery,

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which he will deliver to OCA and through the office to
Taylor. Taylor, [redacted] and [redacted] then discussed the
relation of the newest imagery to other imagery previously
released or briefed.

4. The briefing ended at about 1530 hours.

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12 August 1992

Mr. Bob Taylor
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

In response to your letter of July 29, 1992 and in accordance with your follow-up conversations with myself and officers in the Office of Imagery Analysis, forwarded herewith are the unclassified reports you requested including two briefing boards.

As you will appreciate, considerable effort has gone into this response, and I hope that it is useful to the Committee and satisfies your needs.

Sincerely,



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Robert W. Magner
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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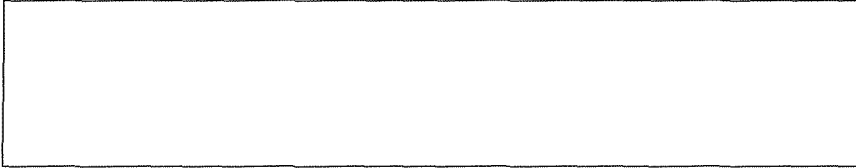
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Legislative Affairs,
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Wagner *Bob*

Per our phone conversation of 27 July, I am forwarding specific information to enable your agency to fully meet the Committee request of 9 July, for declassification of imagery and related written analysis. For clarification, the Committee is interested in "declassifying" the original documents, with the original analysis intact.

The Committee's intent in requesting the imagery's declassification, even in the form of line diagrams, was to depict the possible symbols discovered at each site, listed on attachment "C" of the 9 July request. It also was the Committee's intent to receive line diagrams that were essentially identical to the imagery photographs in the possession of the Committee, to include all labelling and annotations.

Several of the diagrams, forwarded by CIA do not depict any symbols, that were present on original photography. None of the original analysis, much of which originated from the CIA, was declassified or forwarded as requested. Specifically, we are seeking the following:

- From your 22 June 92 letter, TCS 2522-92, an accurate line diagram with all annotations taken from the 20"x 24" blow-up of imagery taken of Dong Mang, 30 July 75.
- From your 22 June 92 letter, TCS 2522-92, a declassified copy of the CIA Imagery Analysis Service report of 6 July 1976 of the Dong Mang camp, with all attached diagrams.
- From your 22 June 92 letter, TCS 2522-92, a declassified copy of the CIA Imagery Analysis Service memorandum for the record, dated 9 July 76.
- An accurate line diagram with all annotations and labelling from the CIA 30 December 80 Imagery, titled Detention Camp East of Thakhek, with labels and arrows as shown in the original copy forwarded this Committee, i.e., "5" and "2".

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-- A declassified copy of the 6 January 1981 CIA "Spot Report", with imagery analysis assessment of "52" and possible "K", and the noted meaning the "K".

-- A declassified copy of the recent CIA evaluation prepared and forwarded to this Committee pertaining to the "USA" photograph, as well as the CIA evaluation on the Muang Tan area symbols, currently being prepared by CIA (SSC ltr dtd 13 July 92).

-- A revised line diagram of the Muang Tan diagram sent this Committee, covering a wide enough area to depict all the symbols, not shown in the copy forwarded.

The Pseudocolor enhancements need not be added to any of the line diagrams.

We would appreciate these and any other contemporaneous analysis pertaining to the photos identified in attachment "C", or any photos revealing symbols. As I mentioned earlier, we now plan to address these items in a hearing scheduled for 12 July. Thanks Bob.

August

Sincerely,

Bob T

Bob Taylor
SSC POW/MIA Affairs

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CRES-504/92
7 August 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Charles Boykin
Acting Chief, Collection Requirements and
Evaluation Staff, DI

SUBJECT: Declassification of Document on POW/MIAs (U)

1. Action: Approve the declassification of the attached document on **Possible POW/MIA-Associated Markings in Southeast Asia**. This will respond to a Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs request. (U)

2. Background: We have been working with OIA to provide the Committee with documentation and graphics describing possible evidence that American POW/MIAs made markings on a prison roof in Vietnam and on the ground in Laos. OIA has analyzed this possibility using historical imagery. (S/NF)

3. On 29 July, the Committee's lead staffer on this issue wrote to the Office of Congressional Affairs seeking declassification of imagery and classified OIA documents already provided to the Committee. **We do not want the imagery declassified because, in addition to the precedent it would set, it does not prove or disprove that POWs were present or made warning signals.** We believe public release of the imagery will raise, not reduce speculation about the POW/MIAs. It would surely increase pressure to release additional satellite imagery on other high interest issues, and give the media, Congress, and others the opportunity to second guess analysis of raw intelligence data. (S/NF)

4. Proposed Approach: OIA has prepared two unclassified line drawings to satisfy the 29 July request. The lead staffer recently visited OIA and expressed general satisfaction with the drawings. We think including the declassified text will fulfill the request. We maintained the substance of the original documents (enclosed in folder), but removed text we consider sensitive and which directly refers to sources. (S/NF)


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5. Staff Position: We recommend declassification of the attached document. In the event this fails to meet the requirements of the Committee, we have a draft memo to the DCI through you requesting declassification of the actual imagery, including implications of a decision to do so and suggestions on how to handle it procedurally. (S/NF)


Charles Boykin

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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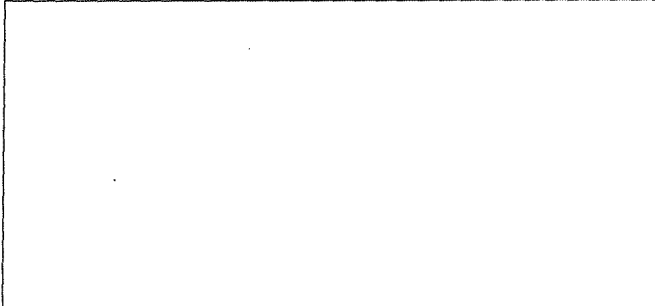
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10 August 1992

Possible POW/MIA-Associated Markings in Southeast Asia

Introduction

This information was prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency for the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. It is a summary of CIA analysis performed in 1976, 1980, 1981, and 1992 of areas in Vietnam and Laos where markings on buildings and terrain were evaluated as evidence of possible links to US POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia.

July 1976 Analysis of Dong Mang Prison Camp, North Vietnam

The prison is located at 21-04-00N/107-07-15E, approximately 26 kilometers west-northwest of the port of Cam Pha. It is located in a secluded area at the base of the foothills about 1 kilometer north of Dong Mang and 2 kilometers north of Route 183.

Although we were unable to find any conclusive evidence that this prison might contain American POWs, there are several unique features in this prison that differ from other known Vietnamese prisons. It is secluded in a relatively remote area and has an access control point on the road leading to the camp. Walls within the compound physically and visually segregate the prisoners. The visual segregation of prisoners indicates it is

not a forced labor camp. The only other known prison that used internally walled compounds to segregate the prisoners was the former POW camp at Dan Hoi.

There was roof repair work on one of the confinement buildings/living quarters in July 1975. A study of this revealed a unique alternating light and dark pattern on the roof. This pattern, in the form of squares, was repeated three times at different locations on the roof. Because of the seemingly unusual manner in which the roof was being repaired, we attempted to discern if this pattern was coincidental or purposeful. We were unable to make this distinction and realize that the prospect of it being purposeful is remote. It is not known if prisoners would be used or allowed to make these repairs. However, we did investigate this possibility. An attempt was made to transpose this pattern into Morse code. The white squares, being larger than the dark ones, were considered as dashes and the dark squares as dots. A dash-dot-dash in Morse code transposes as the letter K. However, two less conspicuous possibilities exist. These are the letters NT and TA that are variations of the same dash-dot-dash pattern. We contacted an individual in the Department of Defense who has extensive knowledge of the POW situation. According to this individual, the letter K was the permanently designated signal letter assigned to air crews should they be downed and unable to recall the monthly and/or daily assigned signal letters. This information has been confirmed through discussions with former POWs.

The prison was under construction adjacent to a small possible detention camp in July 1972. The possible detention camp consisted of a secured compound containing approximately ten small, semipermanent buildings. As work on the present prison progressed, the semipermanent facility was dismantled.

The currently existing prison consists of a walled compound containing eight confinement buildings/living quarters, one probable messhall, two support buildings, at least four latrines, ten unidentified buildings and two probable guard houses/towers. The interior of the compound is divided into 14 separately secured areas. Each area is secured by a solid wall with a single access. The only buildings in the compound that are not separately secured are the probable messhall and two support buildings. Studies of prisons in North Vietnam known to contain POWs during the war have shown efforts to segregate the prisoners by using walls or other materials to obscure visibility. However, none were as extensively segregated as at this compound. A small building, possibly used for solitary confinement, is located outside of the walled compound. The building is secured on three sides by fencing and on one side by the east wall of the compound. Two possible guard houses/towers are at the two outer corners of the fenced area. Another guard tower is located on a hillside outside of the compound near the southeast corner and it affords good visibility of the entire prison.

During construction of one of the confinement buildings/living quarters, we determined that there would be eight rooms or cells. Assuming the other confinement buildings also contain eight rooms and if two to four prisoners were in

each room, the compound could contain between 130 and 260 prisoners.

A large area behind the east (rear) wall of the compound has been cleared and leveled. Portions of an outer wall have been constructed around the compound with one segment of this outer wall extending into the cleared area. The height of this outer wall is about three times higher than the existing wall securing the prison. If this cleared area is for enlarging the compound, it could increase the current capacity by approximately 50 percent.

The administration and support facility for the prison is located just outside the prison compound. This facility consists of one administration building, three barracks, one probable messhall and several support buildings.

A possible satellite/auxiliary detention camp is located 1,100 meters northwest of the main compound. This camp began to develop as construction of the main compound progressed. It may have been constructed to hold personnel from the possible detention camp that was dismantled to make room for the main compound. If this satellite area is a detention facility, it indicates an effort to separate the prisoners being kept there from those being confined at the main compound. Otherwise the main compound would have originally been constructed of sufficient size to accommodate these prisoners.

~~This possible satellite compound is triangular shaped and contains four to five possible confinement buildings/living~~

quarters and several support buildings. These buildings are much smaller than those at the main compound. Two walls of the compound are in the open, but vegetation covers the area where we expect the third wall to be. There is a large opening where the two walls should meet. This large opening raises questions about the security of the compound. Nine administration/support buildings are located outside of the compound.

December 1980 Analysis of Nhommarath Detention Camp East of Thakhek, Laos

A detention camp is located in central Laos, 67 km east of Thakhek at 17-30-46N/105-25-19E. It is in a relatively isolated area. The camp was established between April 1978 and September 1979. We determined it was occupied in December 1980, but could not identify persons in the camp.

The camp is located in the northwest of a large cleared area of slash and burn activity. What appears to be a low fence is present at the tree line around part of the clearing. The camp consists of an outer area and an inner area, each of which is enclosed by a fence.

The outer stockade-type fence is about 2-3 meters tall and encompasses an area of about 18,200 square meters. Between this outer fence and the inner fence, there are guard force quarters, a trench, an automatic weapons position, two observation towers, and row crops. The observation towers are thatch-roofed and each has a platform estimated to be 3-4 meters above the ground. The

only entrance through the outer fence is at the southwest corner. A trail leads from this entrance to Route 12, about 500 meters to the west. The trail is wide enough for vehicles but there was no indication of vehicular use.

The inner compound is located near the center of the camp. The compound encompasses an area of about 2,800 square meters and is enclosed by a stockade-type fence about 2-3 meters high. The main entrance to this compound is near the southwest corner with a second entrance near the northwest corner. The inner compound contains five buildings, several sheds, and various unidentified structures/objects located mostly along the compound perimeter. The two largest buildings appear to be barracks. A narrow fenced corridor extends from the southeast corner of the inner compound into a cluster of trees.

A flat, nearly square cleared area of about 760 square meters is about 40 meters east of the camp. Its function is unknown. A small possible earthen dam is located on a stream that flows through the east side of the camp. A few buildings, which could have some relation to the camp, are located in the forest south of the slash and burn area around the camp.

The assessment that this facility is for the detention of personnel, rather than to keep out personnel or animals, is based on several factors. First, the two stockade-type fences are not typical of defensive measures in the area nor do villages in the area use fences. Second, the observation towers are located outside of but near the inner compound, providing a good view of the compound, but only a limited view of areas beyond the outer

fence. Third, the camp is located near the edge of the slash and burn area and the vegetation has been allowed to grow back outside the outer fence on the northern and western sides. Fourth, the facility was not built on high ground for control over the surrounding terrain. Finally, the low level of activity between the camp and the surrounding villages and Route 12 indicates little contact with the outside.

In April 1978, only a narrow foot trail passed through the heavy forest now containing the camp. By September 1979, the primary structures had been constructed but the camp did not seem complete.

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The outer stockade-type fence is about 2-3 meters tall and encompasses an area of about 18,200 square meters. Between this

outer fence and the inner fence, there are guard force quarters, a trench, an automatic weapons position, two observation towers, row crops, and what appears to be the number 52 on the ground. Also located between the two fences is a stream with two earthen dams used to impound water, probably for the row crops. The observation towers appear to be positioned for observing the inner compound. The towers are thatch-roofed and each has a platform estimated to be 3-4 meters above ground. The only entrance through the outer fence is at the southwest corner. A trail leads from this entrance to Route 12, about 500 meters to the west. The trail is wide enough for vehicles, but there was no evidence of vehicular traffic.

What appears to be the number 52 is on the ground in the row crop area between the inner compound and the stream on the east side of the camp. Each numeral is 1-2 meters wide and 3 meters high. The two numerals appear to be shallow depressions, possibly with low vegetation along some of the outer edges. If the numerals had been formed by vegetation, growth over time would have enhanced their shape. However, this is not the case according to comparative analysis. The location of the numerals is such that they most likely cannot be seen from either of the two observation towers because of trees located in the line of sight.

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contains five buildings, several sheds, and various unidentified structures/objects located mostly along the compound perimeter. The two largest buildings appear to be barracks. The inner compound seemed to be occupied in December 1990. Two parallel fenced corridors extend from the southeast corner of the inner compound into a cluster of trees.

A gently sloped, nearly square, cleared area of about 760 square meters is located about 40 meters east of the camp. A tree was left standing in one corner of the area and a possible automatic weapons position was recently dug in another corner. This cleared area's function is unknown. A third earthen dam is located outside the fenced camp on the stream that flows through the east side of the camp. A few buildings, which could have some relation to the camp, are located in the forest south of the slash and burn area around the camp.

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1992 Analysis of Surface Markings at Sam Neua, Laos

Our analysis of January 1988 information focused on several unusual markings--the letters USA and what resembled a US Air Force escape and evasion symbol known as a Walking Kilo (essentially the letter K used to indicate a downed pilot)--on the ground west of Sam Neua, Laos. We are uncertain as to who may have made these markings, but recently completed analysis gives us a better understanding of how the markings were made, how long the markings may have been present, and what activity may have been going on concurrently in the surrounding region.

We obtained early 1987 and mid-1988 information on the Sam Neua area, but the markings were not present as in January 1988. Technical analysis enabled us to more confidently determine that there was a relative age difference between the USA letters and the possible Walking Kilo. It also enabled us to make an assessment as to the method used to create the markings. Our analysis suggests the following:

~~The USA letters were newer by not more than a few~~

months than the possible Walking Kilo.

- The USA markings were manmade. Because of the apparent decay of the possible Walking Kilo, it could not be determined if it was manmade, although that possibility cannot be ruled out.
- No other markings or symbols were identified in the Sam Neua area.
- The markings appear to have been created by forming depressions in the ground--either stamped, or more likely dug--that were then filled with water. The area surrounding the letters may indicate recently dug soil, and the narrow portions of the S may indicate that the water was drying up. The markings do not appear to be formed from manmade material or from vegetation.
- Since the markings were constructed in a rice paddy, it is likely that the USA was formed after the harvest season, which ends in December, and would have been obliterated by the beginning of the rainy seasons in May, when rice shoots are transplanted into the flooded paddies.

In related analysis, our study indicates that the markings may have been visible from a portion of Route 6 just to the northeast. The letters were positioned so that an individual traveling along Route 6 from the northeast to southwest could have seen them. In addition, the markings would have been

clearly visible to an aircraft or helicopter taking off from the airfield at Sam Neua, which is 3.2 km to the west northwest, if that aircraft took off from east to west into the prevailing winds and flew in the direction of Vientiane or Xiangkhoang.

Finally, we studied other information to assess activity in Hua Phan Province in general and the Sam Neua area in particular. We reached the following conclusions:

- An historical precedent exists for suggesting the presence of American POWs in the Sam Neua area. Photographs taken by a reconnaissance aircraft in October 1969 show what may be as many as 20 non-Asians accompanied by Pathet Lao guards near caves at Ban Nakay Teu, 20 km east of the Sam Neua markings. Sam Neua at that time was a major Pathet Lao stronghold.
- There was a substantial amount of reported sightings of American POWs in this region following the discovery of the Sam Neua markings, indicating that DIA's investigations probably prompted locals to offer information after the markings were found. However, in no case did further analysis confirm any of these reports.
- Reports indicate that there was in 1988, and continues to be to this day, a certain amount of insurgency activity-- best described as low-level hit-and-run--in the vicinity of Sam Neua. This in turn prompted some counterinsurgency operations by Lao government forces, and may account for some reports of unusual activity.

-- It is very likely that a small number of Soviet personnel (mainly pilots) occasionally visited Sam Neua as late as 1988. A limited number of other Westerners similarly traveled to the town, sometimes up Route 6 past the site of the Sam Neua markings.

1992 Analysis of Surface Markings Near Muang Tan, Laos

Our analysis of January 1988 also focused on what appeared to be ground markings resembling possible numbers and letters in rice paddies 500 meters south of the village of Muang Tan, about 43 km southeast of Xiemy Khouang provincial town, on Highway 42. These markings resembled (depending on the orientation) A5!, K5!, i5Y, or iSY in one rice paddy, and in the other paddy either 07 or L0. Although a conclusive assessment of the origin and the intent of these markings may never be achieved, recent analysis has provided some additional information that may be useful in determining whether or not these markings can be attributed to a possible American POW/MIA presence.

When the USA marking was detected near Sam Neua, Laos, we reexamined other areas in Laos and discovered the possible markings near Muang Tan. We obtained late 1988 and early 1989 information on the Muang Tan area, but the markings were not present as in January 1988.

Our review indicates that the possible markings most likely were associated with the rehabilitation of terraced rice paddy dikes.

-- We compared the January 1988 information with later data and found a realignment of the rice paddy contained in the possible markings resembling 07/L0. The 7/L marking actually was the result of a shadow cast by the rising sun on an angular but--at the time--disconnected section of terraced dike. Subsequently, a completed dike with the 7/L shaped angle was incorporated into a longer terrace. The 0 (like a square with rounded corners) had disappeared, but one side of this round-cornered square had been incorporated into a new terrace dike. This shape routinely occurs throughout rice paddies in this region, and may represent a small diked area employed in the growing, harvesting, or processing of rice.

-- Similar comparative analysis of the terraced rice paddy in which the possible A5!/K5!/i5Y/iSY marking was noted indicated that portions of the possible 5/S, the !/i and the A/K/Y were also part of an effort to rehabilitate and realign the dike. However, only a portion of the possible markings can readily be attributed to shadow caused by the buildup in height of a section of dike wall. The remainder may result from shadows in depressions--possibly caused by excavation of soil to rebuild the dike:

-- Much of the roughly 90,000 square meter paddy area containing the possible markings was being rehabilitated in 1988 and 1989. The repair and rehabilitation of terraced paddies is a routine occurrence in Southeast Asia. This work generally occurs in the dry season (November through April), after the rice harvest.

We also assessed other activity in the Xieng Khouang area in 1988.

-- There were some reports regarding sightings or lack of sightings of possible American POWs in Xieng Khouang Province. Evidence cited in many of these reports is inconclusive and often contradictory.

-- A few Soviet military advisors were involved--at least in the earlier stages--in a long-term effort beginning in 1975 to upgrade the Xieng Khouang (aka Thong Hai Hin) Airfield. Some probably were still in the area in 1988.

-- The Lao resistance was active in Xieng Khouang Province in 1987-88, although the small size of the insurgency limited it to hit-and-run attacks against government outposts in the countryside. This may account for some reports of unusual activity.



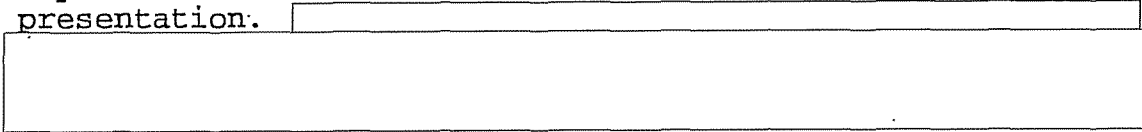
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24 July 1992
OCA 2461-92/1

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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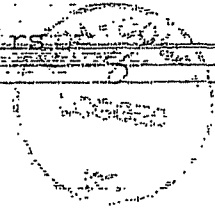
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Sincerely,

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Stanley M. Moskowitz
Director of Congressional Affairs

Enclosures



Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Director of Congressional Affairs

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OCA/Senate/ [redacted] (23 Jul 92)

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**EXPLANATION OF GRAPHICS OF POSSIBLE
POW/MIA SYMBOLS OR MARKINGS**

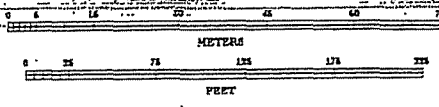
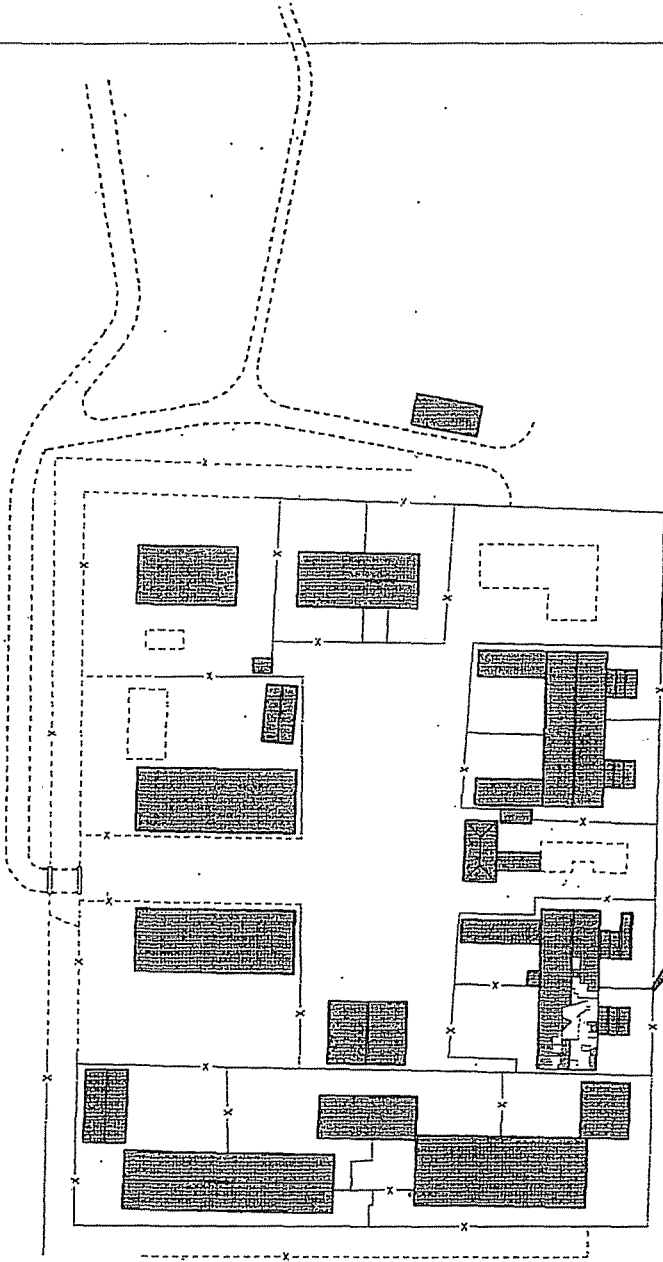
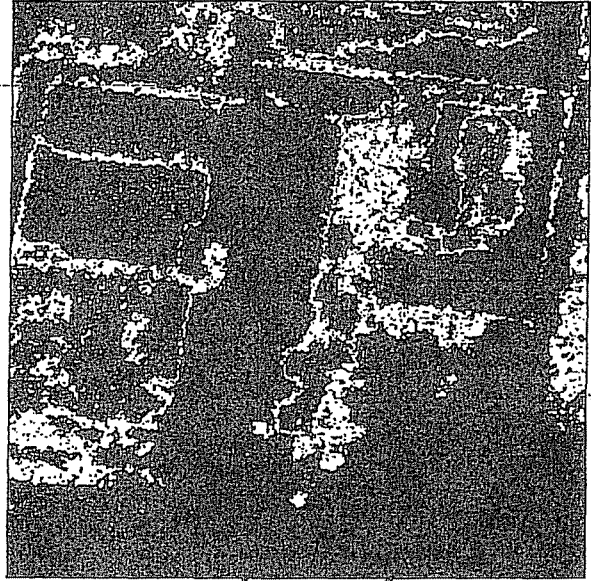
The attached graphics are based on analysis of terrain and cultural features at two rice paddies and one detention camp in Laos and one prison camp in Vietnam. The black and white drawings provide a view of the paddies and facilities in question, along with the drafters' portrayal of the possible symbols or markings present at that location. The insert is a computer enhancement using color application to show variations in the appearance of possible symbols or markings. Although the 'USA' marking in the rice paddy in Laos represents a clear attempt to send a message, the originator and the intent of that message remain unknown. Other possible markings in the garden of a detention facility in Laos or the arrangement of objects on the roof of a prison camp building in Vietnam cannot be confirmed as intentional efforts to produce a symbol revealing an American POW/MIA presence.

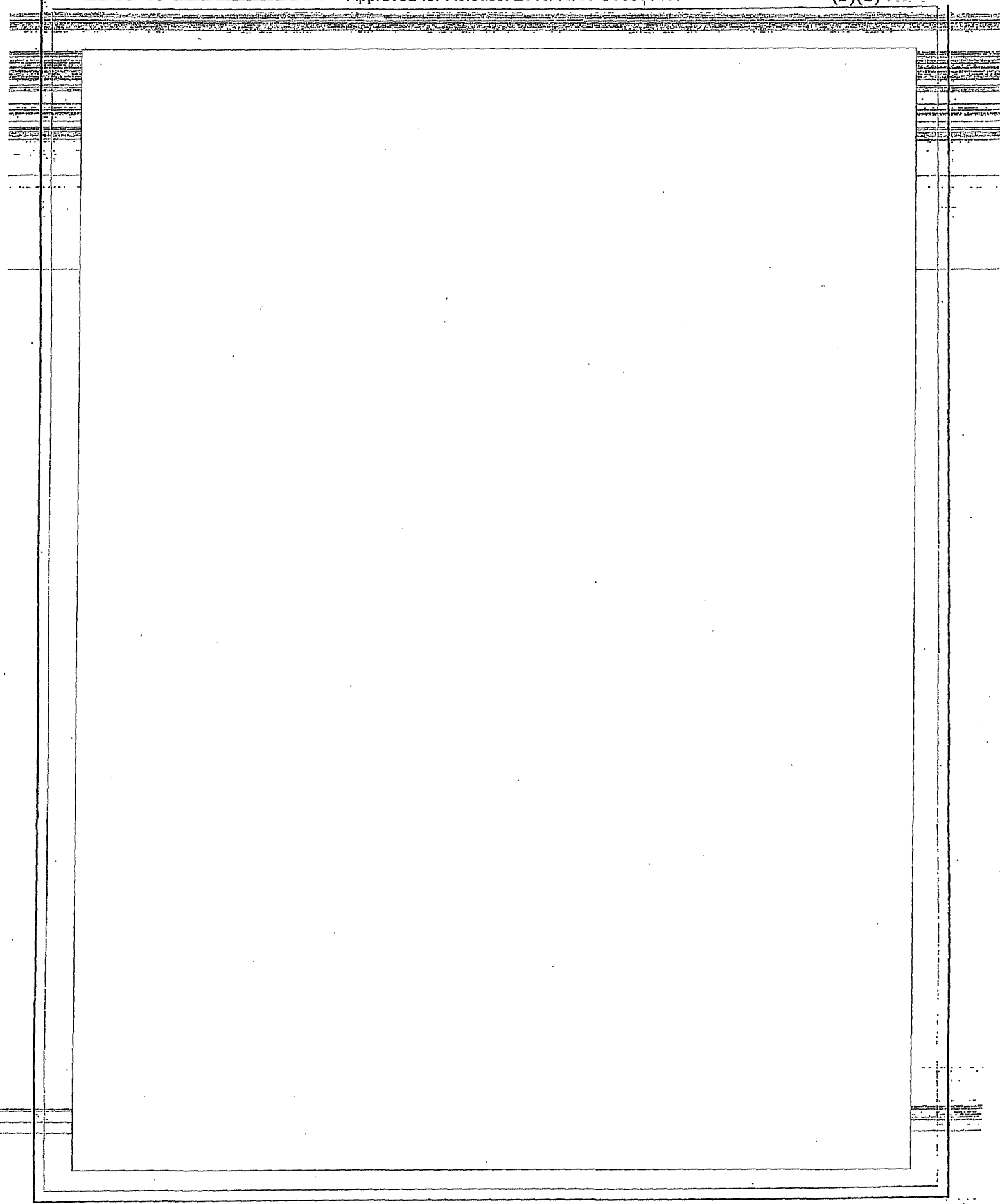
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Prison Camp
Dong Mang, Vietnam
30 July 1975

Pseudocolor Enhancement of Rooftop Markings



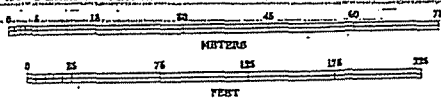
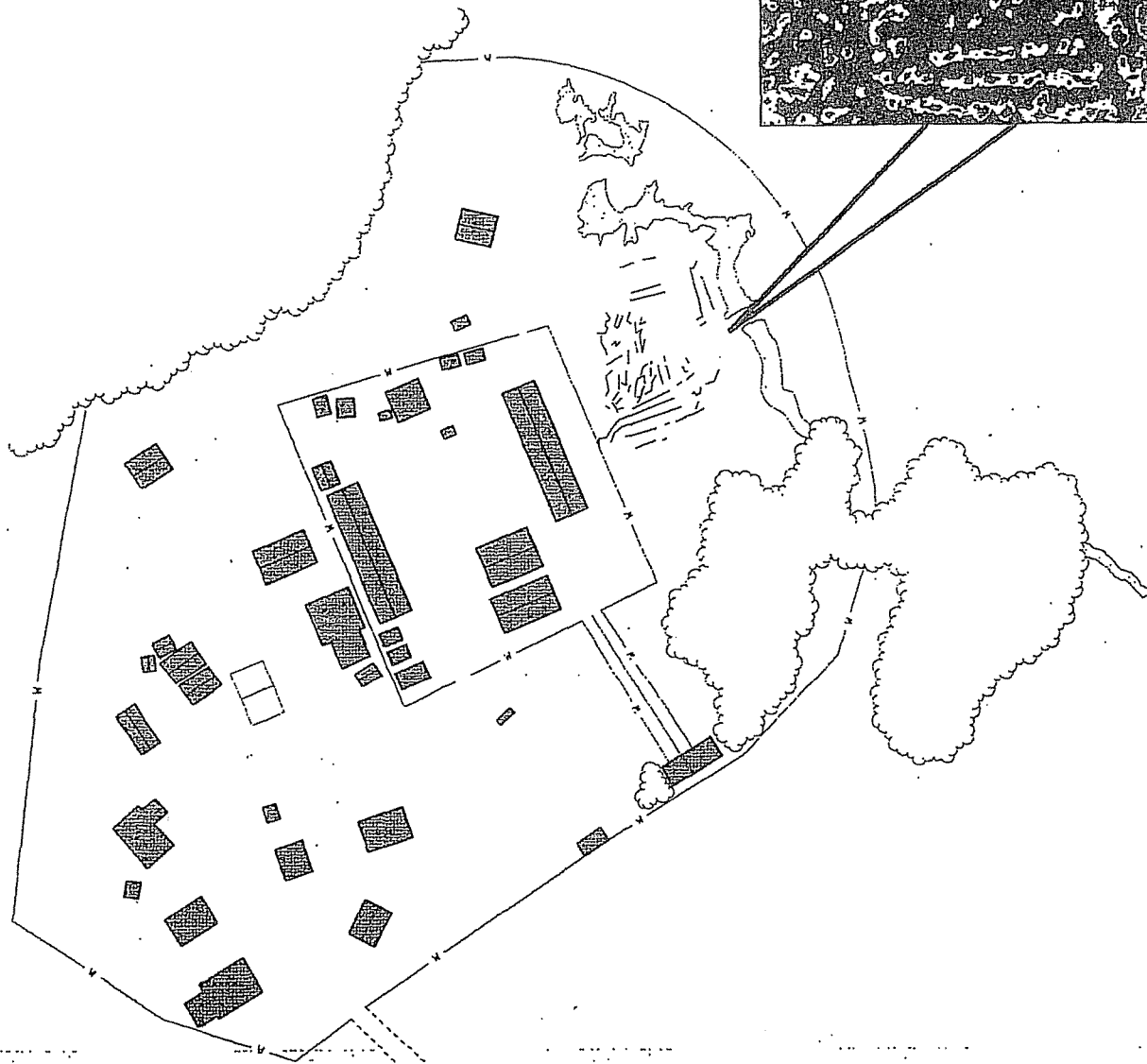
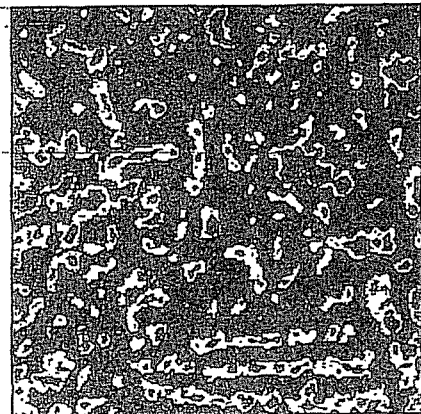


Nhommarath Detention Camp

Ban Kouanpho, Laos

10 December 1980

*Pseudocolor-Enhancement
of Markings on the Ground*



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Possible Call to DCI from Senator Kerry

1. Senator Kerry (D-MA) may phone the DCI in the next few days to make a pitch for access to DO operational traffic relating to the POW/MIA issue, according to POW/MIA Committee staff director Frances Zwenig.

2. The Committee staff is aware that East Asia Division has a considerable quantity of operational traffic relating in some way to the POW issue. They have sought direct access in the past, most recently in a letter from Senator Smith in September. Copies of that exchange of letters are attached.

3. The procedure we have worked out with the Committee investigators and staff is that DO operational reporting is made available in response to specific requests for material relevant to individual incidents, reports, sightings and the like. The Committee staff has been given access to the unredacted traffic at Headquarters but not to the full range of files. Ops traffic thought important by the Committee staff has also been made available to them to retain in redacted version, even unclassified form where possible. The attachments show some of the material made available to the Committee.

4. There is, of course, great curiosity among the staff about the contents of the files the Committee has not seen, and the abiding suspicion that we are somehow covering up some report, action or opportunity. Frances Zwenig said she appreciates the DCI's legal need to protect sources and methods, yet hopes that some compromise might be possible. The Committee's need is to be able to certify to the public that it has pursued every possible lead. She suggested one compromise could be the naming of a third party who enjoys the confidence of the Committee and of the Agency, who would be given access for this purpose. Her nominee is [redacted] Senator Rudman's designee on the SSCI staff (and well known to us). She also observed that the Agency does not need another source of criticism on the theme of cover-up at this moment. If the Committee does not find a satisfactory solution, the Agency can expect to be criticized in hearings in December and in the Committee report.

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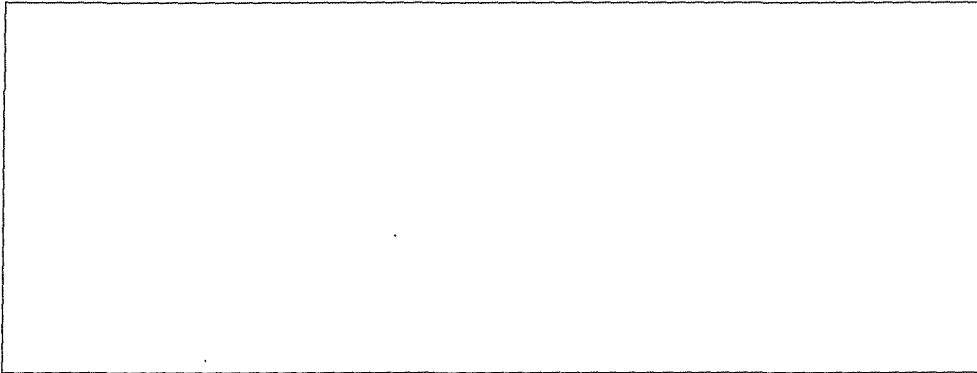
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John L. Breckenridge
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

Attachments

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SUBJECT: Possible Call to DCI from Senator Kerry



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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

24 July 1992
OCA 2461-92

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of June 24, 1992 complimenting the Agency on its support to the work of your Committee was greatly appreciated. I want to assure you that this level of cooperation will continue as your investigation moves ahead. The letter makes two requests, however, with which it will be difficult to comply completely, but which I hope we will nonetheless be able to accommodate in a meaningful way.

The letter requests complete access to all Directorate of Operations files on the POW/MIA issue. While there is much routine data in such files, they also contain sensitive material that would identify sources and methods, which in some instances relate to ongoing intelligence activities. Because of that, I am reluctant to provide such unlimited access. Additionally, these files contain material provided by liaison services or third agencies of our government, for which we would have to request approval for the requested review.

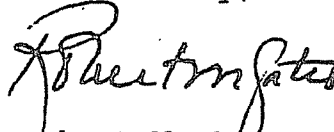
I believe, however, that we can be supportive of the Committee's interest. Over the past months, we have regularly drawn material from these files in response to specific Committee requests and I understand this has proven to be a satisfactory arrangement with Committee staff. I can assure you that your staff will be provided access to available data in our operational files that is not source sensitive relative to its areas of specific interest.

The Honorable John F. Kerry

Concerning access to the President's Daily Brief, I am sure that you can appreciate the sensitive nature of this communication and the difficulty in providing access to this material to Committee staff. I have, however, asked that all items in that publication dealing with the POW/MIA issue be retrieved and that a chronology and summary of those items be prepared for staff review. In those instances in which an item was also published in the National Intelligence Daily, we will provide the Committee a copy of the latter. I trust this will be satisfactory. Your staff will be advised when the material is available.

An original of this letter is also being sent to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates
Director of Central Intelligence



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Washington, D.C. 20505

20 OCT 1992

OCA 3128-92

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate greatly the comments in your letter of September 1992 praising the Agency for its support to the POW/MIA Committee's investigations.

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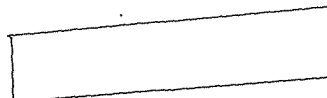
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Robert M. Gates

Director of Central Intelligence

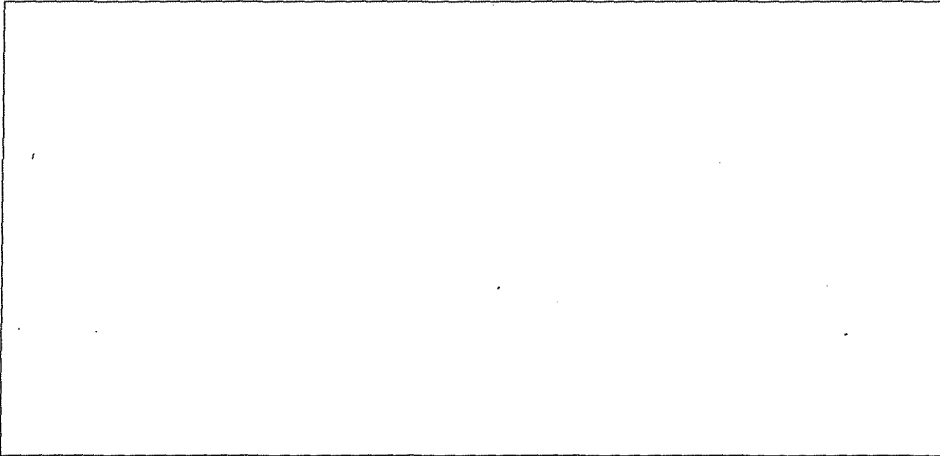
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SUBJECT: Response POW/MIA Affairs Cite re 10 Sep 92
Letter from Vice Chairman Smith



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20 OCT 1992 :

The Honorable Bob Smith
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
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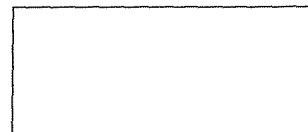
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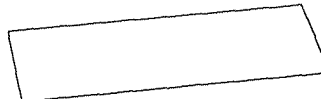
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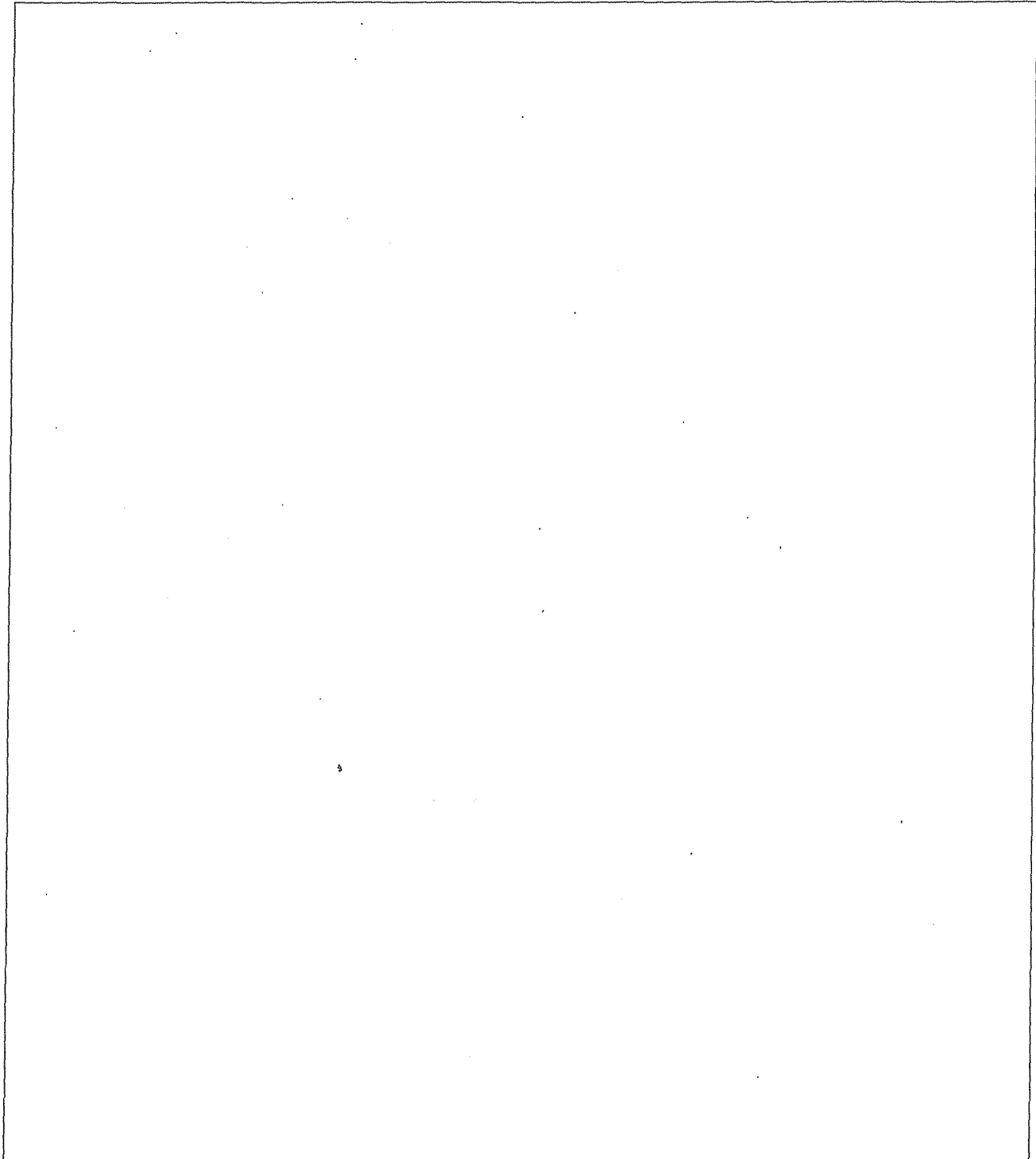
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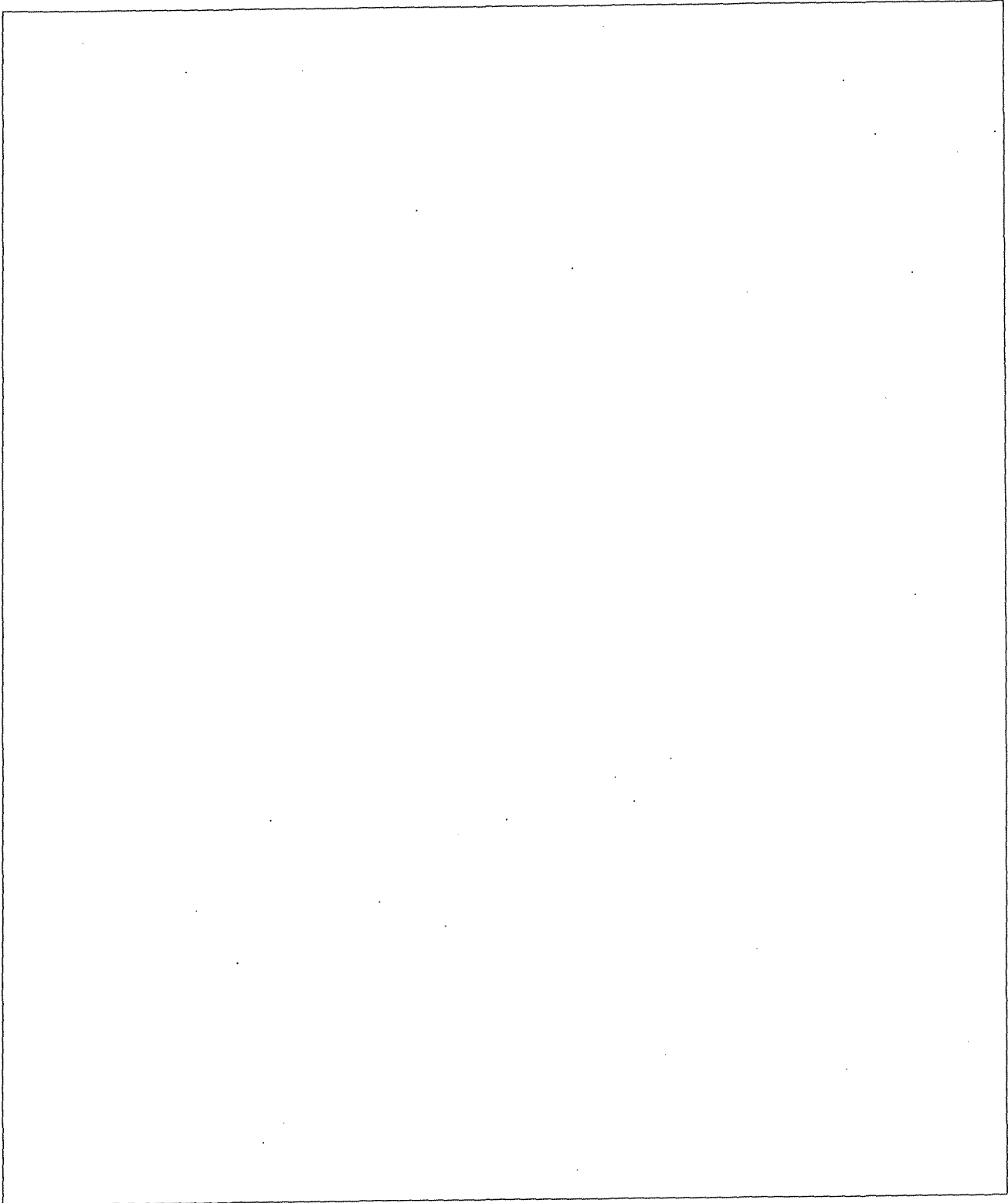
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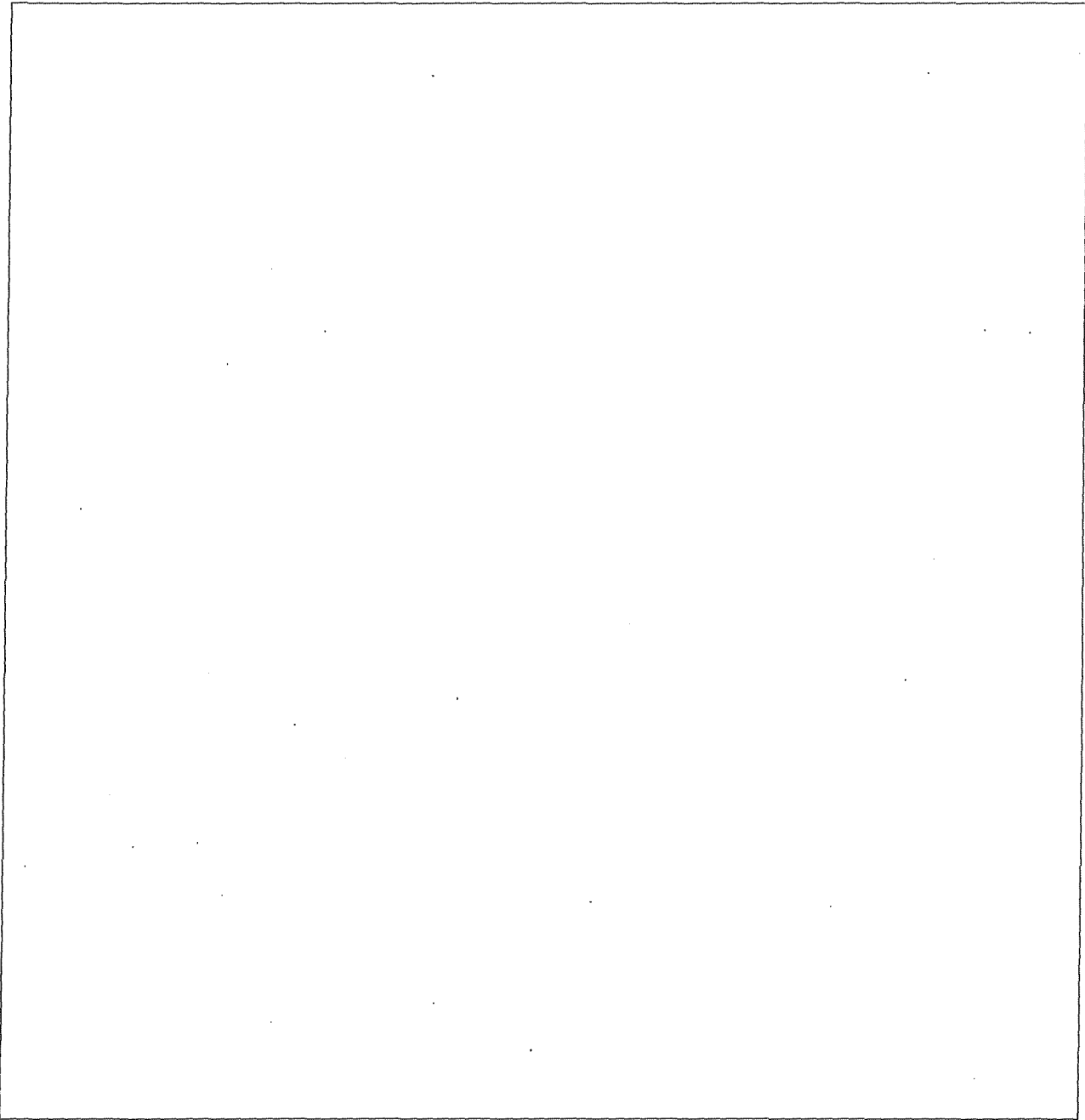
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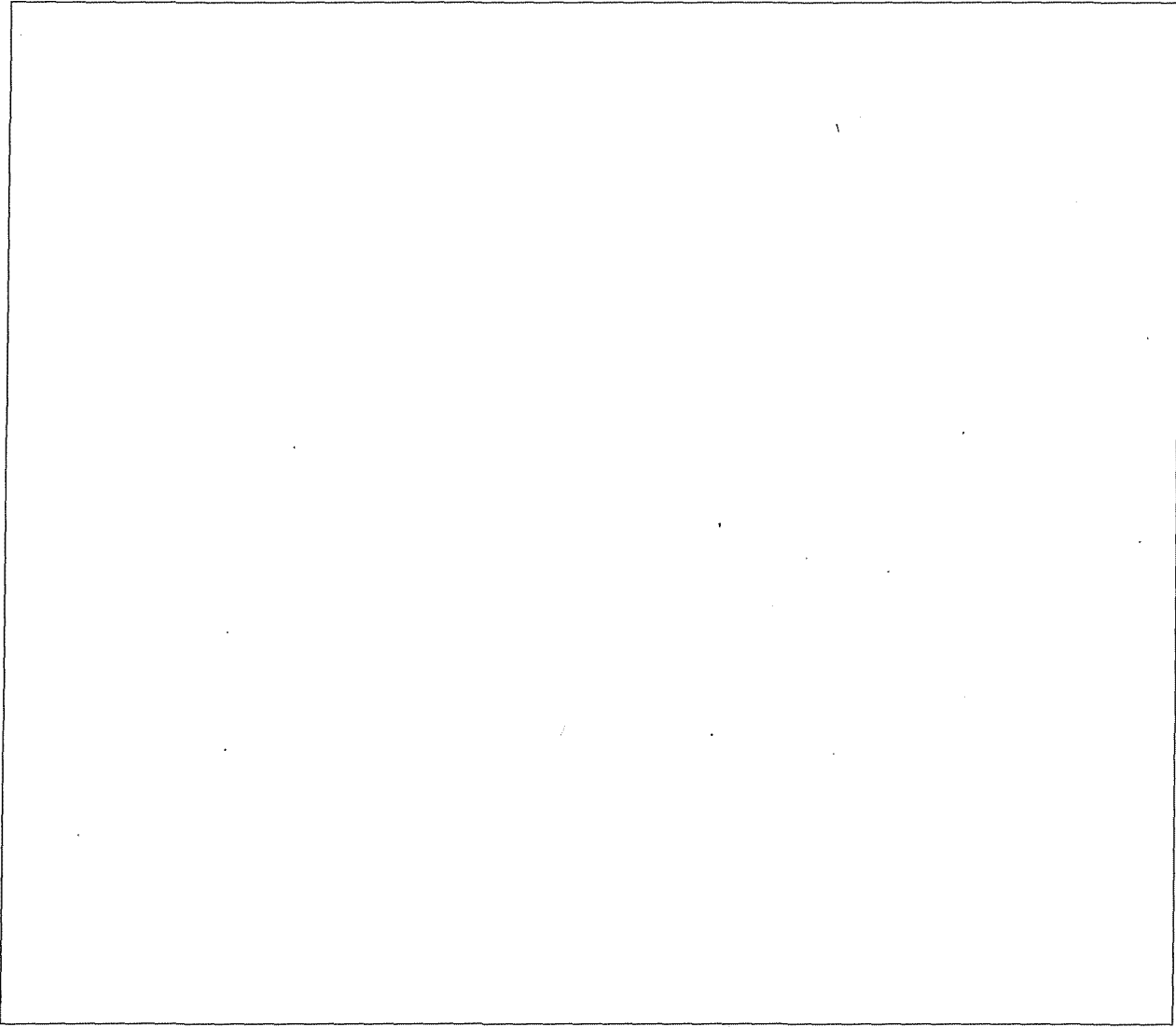
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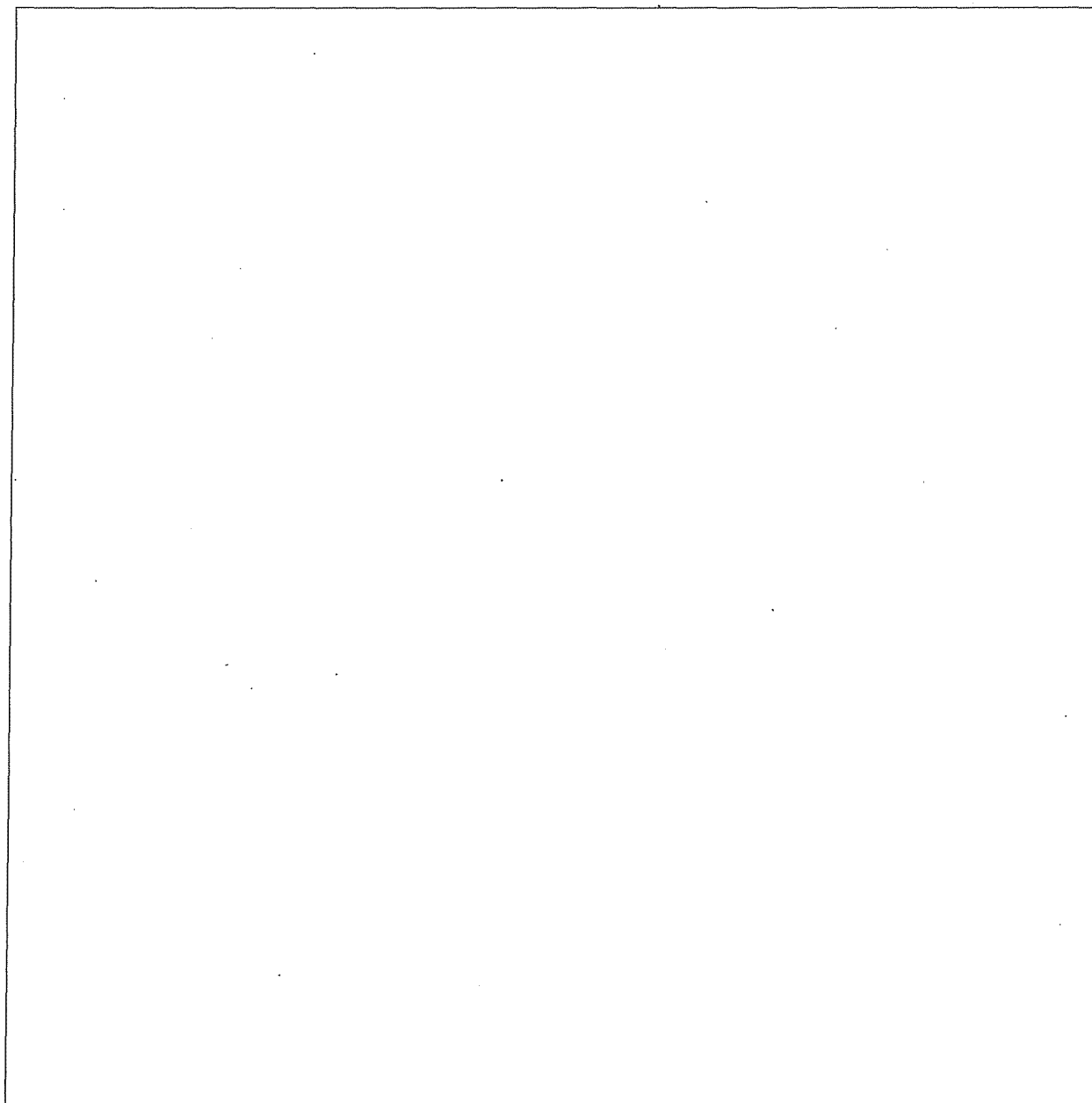
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17 September 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/EA/ICOG
DC/EA/SEA

FROM: C/EA/ICOGPOW

SUBJECT: Planned Responses to Sen. Smith's
Letter of 10 September 1992

REFERENCE: Sen. Smith's letter, attached

1. The Senator's first request concerns three [redacted] (attached), which the Committee already has. They all relate to [redacted]

[redacted] Note that all three are from 1977 (four years after Operation Homecoming). The first, [redacted] (acquired by EA officer [redacted] and the third, the famous [redacted] report (later declared a fabrication when the [redacted] was asked about it, and respinded that he had never said such a thing) have been of continuing interest to the Committee, and have been studied, restudied, analyzed and reexamined ad nauseum. Former Congressman Hendon has claimed that we obtained the [redacted] report via an audio operation (not true). We can take the unredacted reports to show the Committee, and we can leave them copies without the source descriptions.

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2. When Sen. Smith talks about "all files and actions relating to the three reports", he is probably assuming (most likely on the advice from investigators Taylor and [redacted] that we launch a major investigation every time we get such a report, just as we did with the [redacted] reports and the [redacted] reports. That of course is not true. I will try to contact [redacted] to see whether there was any followup with her source (I recall he was a [redacted])

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[redacted] We'll review the MPVANISH files to see if they say more on the [redacted] report; somewhere there is a fabrication notice on it, I know. The middle report comes from NE, and we will have to ask them whether there was any followup to that one. These are reports that just will not die.

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4. With regard to the Reference Para 3 request, this of course is for the Director to decide. See the attached memorandum concerning the POW file holdings in ICOGPOW. What the Committee is are most interested in are the [REDACTED] files. If the decision is made to let them see them, we will still need to look at every document in all the files (quite a time-consuming process, and best done by ops-type

[REDACTED]

As I noted earlier, the files demonstrate that we did not hide or cover up anything, and show the extent of the efforts undertaken by the Agency to follow up on POW reports.

5. Sen. Smith also refers to the Executive Registry. Actually the Committee made that request earlier. Some weeks ago, working with two OGC lawyers and [REDACTED] we reviewed all the items in the Executive Registry which pertained to POW/MIA matters, and marked those we thought perhaps should not be passed for one reason or another ("deliberative process", etc.). OCA's Bob Magner then reviewed them all, and I believe he was going to send the items to the Committee for review. However, I never saw his response to them on it. [REDACTED] said he would check on that for me. In any case, the Executive Registry project has been done, and presumably to the satisfaction of the Committee. (I cannot believe the Committee would be given free access to the entire Executive Registry itself.) Finally, I checked with the DDI on whether any "Special Briefs" had been prepared for the Director on POW/MIA matters, and was told they had not. An occasional DDI study was written on the POW question, but I believe Sen. Smith is talking about items prepared for the Director alone. (For some reason, Taylor thinks such briefs must have been written for the Director.)

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6. With regard to the Reference Para. 4 request, here again they seem to be looking for things that don't exist. Taylor told me the Director must have kept notes on NSC meetings, for example. (He also thought there should have been some notes or approvals from the Director in the [REDACTED] files.) I told him we had reviewed the Executive Registry, and had found no such items.

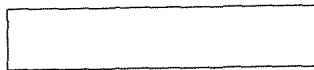
7. I related the above to [REDACTED] this morning. I also told him how we planned to respond to the other two Committee requests we received this week. He is going to the

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Committee tomorrow, and he will review several of the above items with Committee staffers.



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JOHN P. HERRY, MASSACHUSETTS.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6500

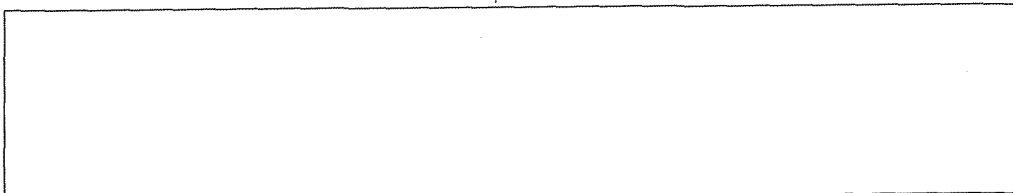
September 10, 1992

The Honorable Robert Gates
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bob:

I am writing concerning three important matters relating to my work as Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. As you know, I deeply appreciate the cooperation your agency has given the Committee during the course of its investigation. I am hopeful that your cooperation will continue into the following areas of the Committee's work:

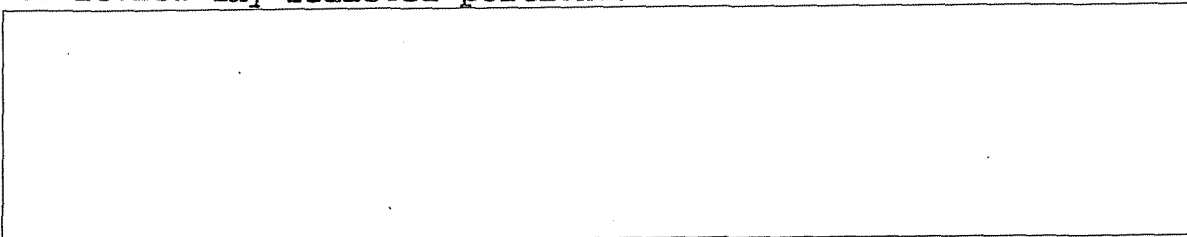
1. I would appreciate the opportunity to review the following three reports originated by your agency, in addition to all files and actions relating to the three reports --



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It is my hope that these reports and materials can be provided to my office in unclassified form, although I wish to review any redacted portions.

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3. I am informed by staff that, with the exception of your Agency's [redacted] file, the Committee has had almost no access to CIA's operational files, the Executive Registry, and any "Special Briefs" which may contain important information on the POW/MIA issue. I ask that you take steps to ensure the Committee has access to these materials.

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The Honorable Robert Gates
September 10, 1992
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4. Finally, it is my understanding that former CIA Director William Casey kept notes on many of his meetings and discussions during his tenure at the Agency. I would ask that you ensure that any relevant POW information from these notes are provided to me for review.

Bob, I want to underscore the importance that I place on your permitting full access by the Committee to this information. I know that neither of us wants the Committee to fail in its mission to review all potential POW/MIA information in the possession of our government. Both of us have worked too diligently this past year to become vulnerable to legitimate criticism that the investigation was incomplete.

I believe your cooperation to date has been excellent, and I look forward to working with you in the months ahead as we complete our investigation.

With warm regards,



BOB SMITH, USS
Vice Chairman, Select Committee
on POW/MIA Affairs

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6500

September 10, 1992

Mr. Bob Magner
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bob:

I am writing to request your assistance in obtaining from the Central Intelligence Agency all cable traffic, correspondence, and memoranda, as well as any collateral materials which may be in the DDO's files, relating to the debriefing of the source of the following reports: [redacted]

Please make this available to the Committee, at S-407 if it is classified, no later than September 17, 1992. Alternatively, the point of contact for this request, Dr. Jon Holstine, can review the files at your office. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

[redacted signature]
J. William Codinha
Chief Counsel

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2 OCT 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
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FROM:
Chief, East Asia Division

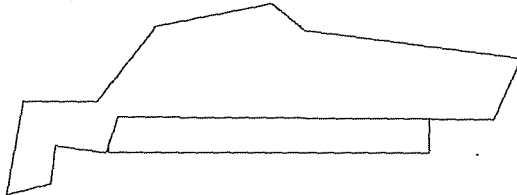
SUBJECT: Response to The Honorable Bob Smith

REFERENCE: Letter to DCI from Bob Smith, dated
10 September 1992

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached letter to Senator Bob Smith, and a copy for Senator John Kerry, in response to Senator Smith's letter to you dated 10 September 1992.

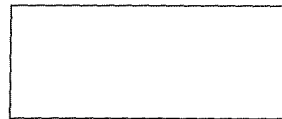
2. Background: While the Agency continues to be complimented by members of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA affairs, and committee investigators have been gracious in their praise of our prompt and in-depth responses to formal and informal queries, Senator Smith has now requested access to a growing number of operational files and a variety of executive level publications. We have complied with almost every request and have granted committee investigators sweeping access to unvarnished operational file holdings. I believe, however, that it is imperative at this point to reiterate to Senator Smith the DCI's responsibility to protect sources and methods and to deny further unrestricted access to operational files. This position is consistent with your 24 July 1992 letter to Senator John F. Kerry, and in no way impedes ongoing committee investigations.

3. Recommendation: I recommend that you sign the attached letter to Senator Smith, as well as the copy for Senator Kerry.



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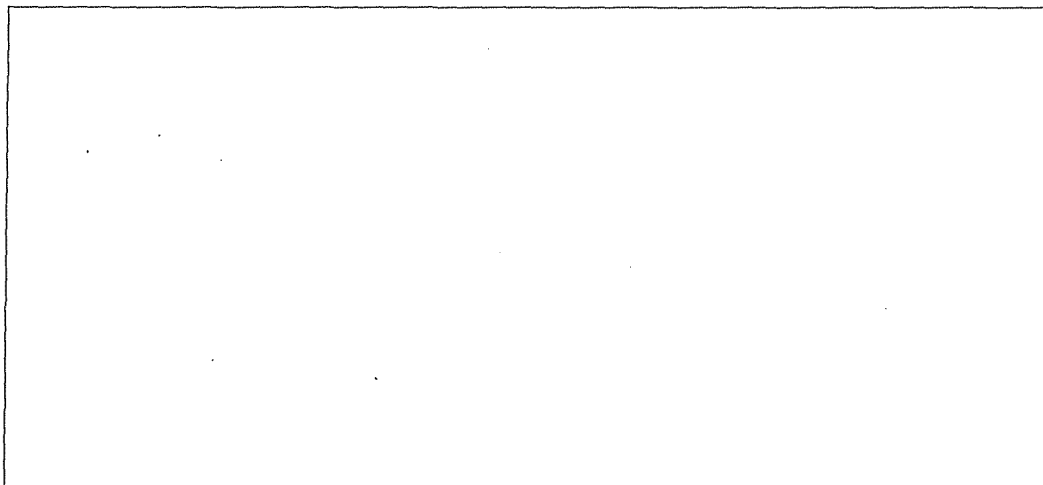
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1 July 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: AC/EA/ICOG

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FROM: C/EA/ICOGPOW

SUBJECT: Our POW/MIA File Holdings

① 1. We have [redacted] volumes of [redacted] files, dating from 1967 [redacted] comprising about [redacted] [redacted] (For some unknown reason, there is no material for the period from [redacted] though no sequentially numbered file is missing.) These are the chronological files containing all the POW/MIA traffic from [redacted] [redacted] and it is these files that Bob Taylor has twice expressed an interest in examining in toto, or at least looking through. He feels he will find in them some leads which he can explore with us and other agencies, such as references to sightings, intercepts, and other "evidence" of POW's. I have no objection to his seeing them, though that is a policy decision. I do not feel there is anything embarrassing to the Agency in them. To the contrary: they show how much effort has been expended by Agency officers over the years in running down every lead to POW/MIA information. One thing they show convincingly is that the Agency never "covered up" any information on POW's or MIA's.

② 2. Also in the category of operational files are our [redacted] volumes of [redacted] files, which Bob Taylor has already examined, and two soft files (plus some photos) on the loss of Site 85 in Laos. The Site 85 files contain a few somewhat sensitive items, [redacted] [redacted] but they can be examined if necessary. In fact we had expected the Committee to be asking us about Site 85, but so far they have not done so.

③ 3. We have a miscellaneous collection of other files as well. Some of them relate to POW matters, [redacted]

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4. In our move up here, our office also inherited a number of sensitive files, such as [Redacted] files on the last days of the Saigon and Vientiane Stations, and individual files on Agency employees who were imprisoned and/or died in Vietnam. I believe these files should definitely be considered internal and privileged Agency information.

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6. We also have a number of other files, such as "Casualties in Southeast Asia", listing losses of Air America, Continental and Bird Air. The Committee can see those. We have also created a number of our own internal Branch files since our Branch was created in December. I don't feel those should be shown to the Committee, since they concern our work, and do not constitute information on POW's as such. [Redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) NatSecAct

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[Redacted] The only soft file which might contain critical remarks about the Committee is our CDO (DoD Central Documentation Office) file, specifically my reports on the CDO weekly meetings. In the course of our work we have also opened some soft files on individuals we have had correspondence on, such as [Redacted] [Redacted] but there is nothing in those files that the Committee cannot see. In fact such files show how conscientiously we have pursued every potential source of POW/MIA information. (b)(6)

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ICOG SPOT REPORT -- 16 September 1992

Bob Taylor, the Senate Select Committee investigator who has concentrated on the [redacted] operation, described plans for the forthcoming Committee hearings on [redacted] when he visited Headquarters on 16 September.

Four days of Committee hearings in mid-October will start with a two-day open hearing with DIA on ground symbols and imagery. A separate day (tentatively set for 14 October) will be devoted to [redacted]. The morning session will be open, to discuss the intelligence reporting which led to the operation. For this session Taylor requested a sanitized description of [redacted]

[redacted] and an unclassified summary of the information she provided. The open session will also include declassified line drawings of overhead imagery. The afternoon session will be closed, as it will cover operational aspects. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Taylor also mentioned that Committee Vice Chairman Senator Smith had written the Director to ask (again) that CIA open its operational files to perusal by Committee staffers. We expressed the belief that some mutually satisfactory solution could be worked out.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

8 MAR 1977

[Redacted]
Director, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

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[Redacted]
Deputy Coordinator for Prisoner of War and
Missing in Action Matters
Department of State

[Redacted]
Commander, USN (R)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center)
Defense Intelligence Agency

FROM :

[Redacted]
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT :

Comment by
Possibility of U.S.
Prisoners Being Held by the SRV for Use in
Negotiations on Aid from the U.S. for the SRV

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report in
early March 1977. We are giving this report no further
dissemination.

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Attachment:

Report as Stated
[Redacted]

DISSEMINATION AND
ORIGINATOR

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COUNTRY: Vietnam

DOI : Late February 1977

SUBJECT:

U.S. Prisoners Being Held by the SRV for Use in Negotiations on Aid from the U.S. for the SRV

... said that Hanoi naturally knows where U.S. pilots shot down over North Vietnam are buried. In response to a statement that the SRV no longer has any Americans still under detention, the ... demurred and said that there are American prisoners of war (POW's), some of whom are members of wealthy families, still in the SRV and they would not be released until U.S. financial aid for the SRV was forthcoming.

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2. The ... indicated that the information on MIA's was one trump card the SRV held in the forthcoming negotiations with the U.S. and explained that the SRV, as the victor in the Vietnam war, would take advantage of this situation in negotiating with the U.S. for aid in economic reconstruction. He said that some wealthy prominent American families had been in direct contact with Hanoi in an effort to acquire information about family members who were MIA's.

However, the SRV had not released such information on the assumption that more could be gained by the SRV economically by awaiting the opening of formal negotiations with the U.S. Government.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

11 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[Redacted]

Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

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Deputy Coordinator for Prisoner of War
and Missing in Action Matters
Department of State

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Commander, USM (R)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center)
Defense Intelligence Agency

FROM:

[Redacted]

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

Comments

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Presence of Americans in the SRV

The attached report, which is of possible interest to you,
was obtained March 1977. We are
giving this information no further dissemination.

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Date 1 MAY 1978

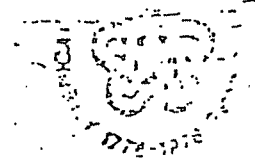
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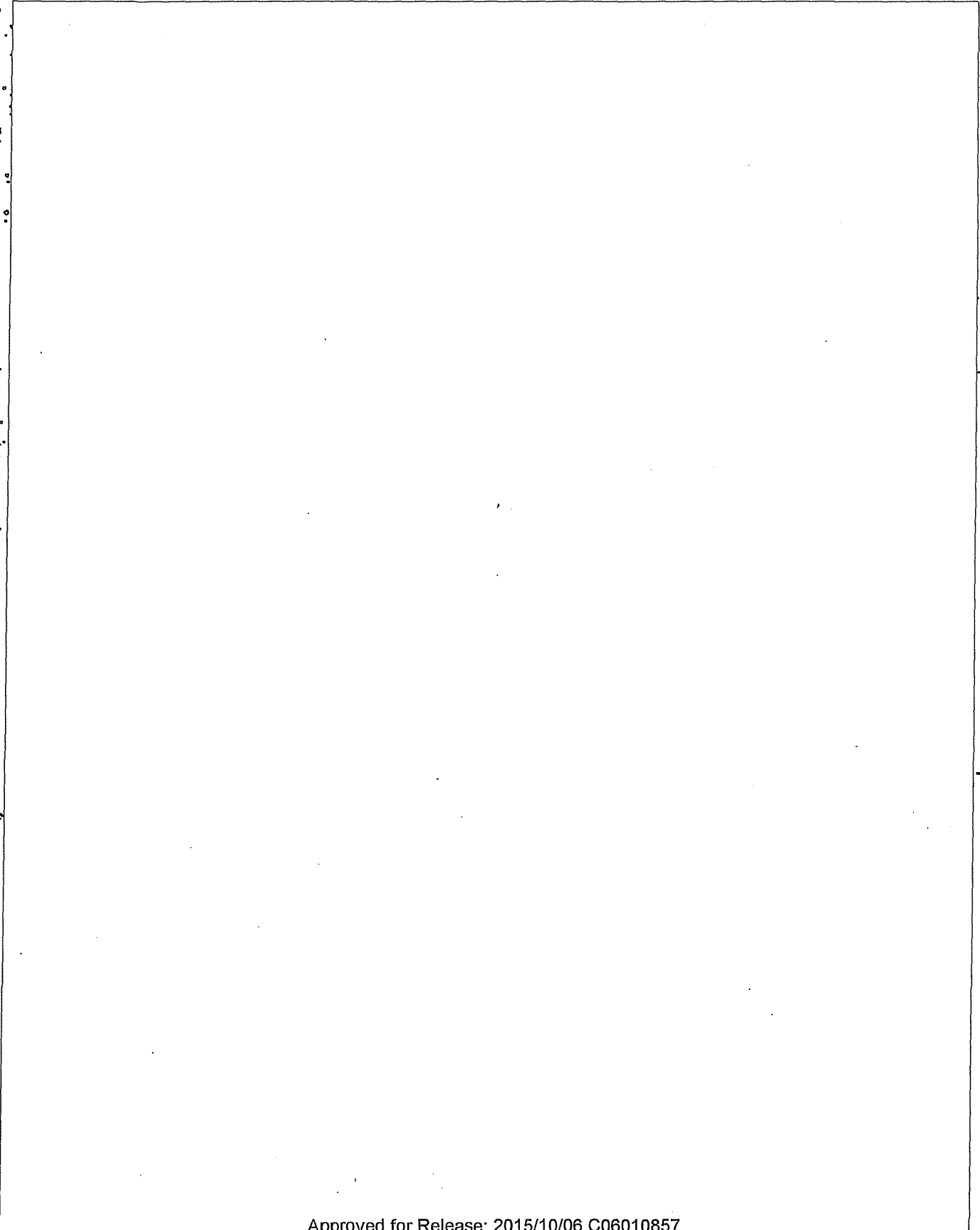
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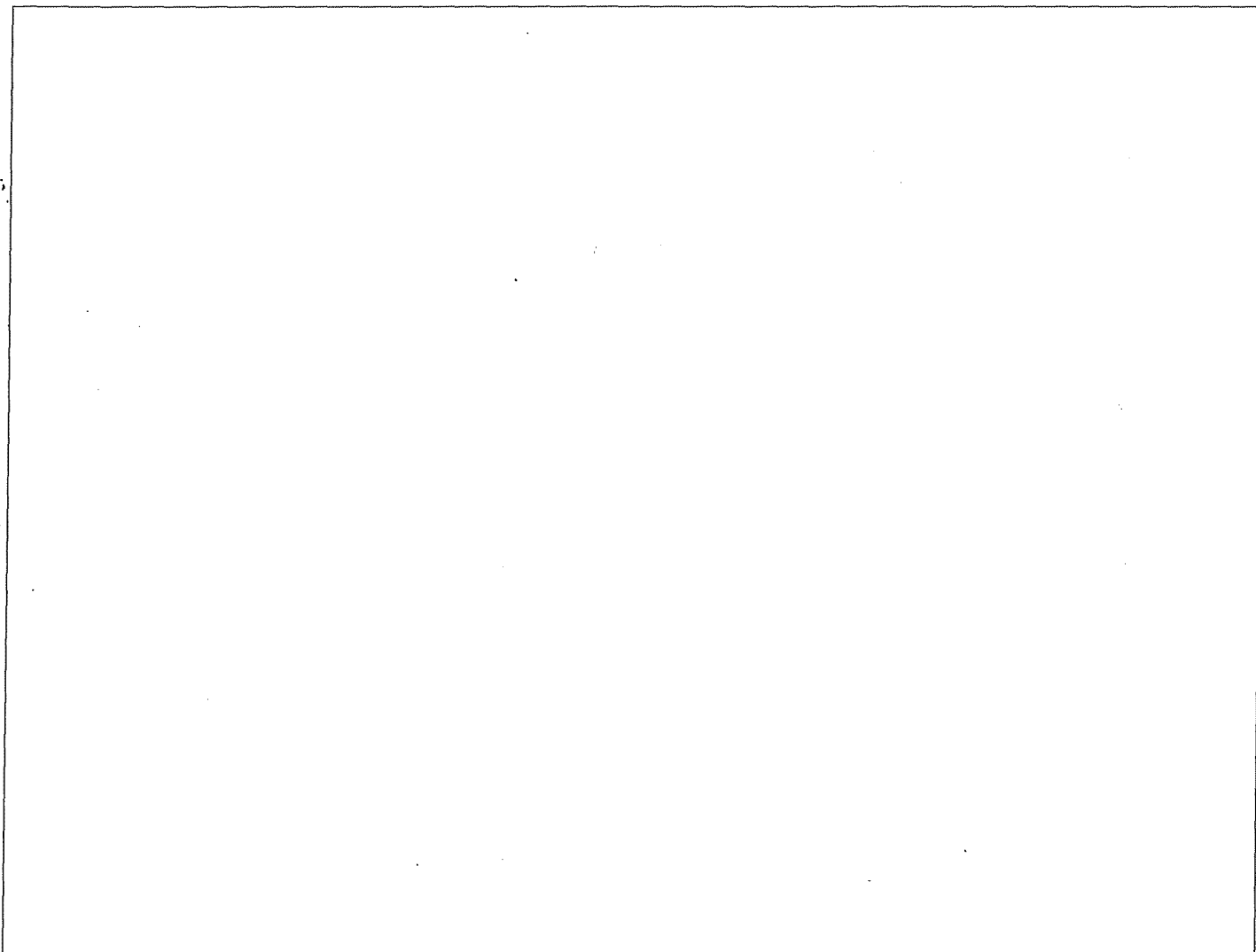
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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 : Comments of Indonesian Ambassador to Hanoi on
American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam

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Attached is a notice to recall the report bearing this title
and number.

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[Redacted Signature]
Deputy Director for Operations

[Redacted Box]

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Comments of [redacted] on American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam.

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On 16 March 1977 a memorandum report bearing the above subject and the number [redacted] was disseminated. It has been subsequently learned that the source, who was described as [redacted] (b)(3)

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[redacted] officials," has provided fabricated information, and the then [redacted] has said that he never received any information while in [redacted] (1976 - 80) that five U.S. prisoners of war were being held by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Government. Therefore, the information in the memorandum should be disregarded and all references to the report should be removed from computer listings and file holdings.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

10 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

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Deputy Coordinator for Prisoner of War
and Missing in Action Matters
Department of State

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[Redacted]

Commander, USN (R)
Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch
Resources and Installations Division
Directorate for Intelligence (Research Center)

[Redacted]

Captain, USN
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War and
Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense

FROM

[Redacted]

Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT

Comments
on American Prisoners of War Remaining in
Vietnam

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report resulting from information obtained late January 1977. We are giving this report no further dissemination.

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COUNTRY: Vietnam

DOI : January 1977

SUBJECT: Comments on
American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam

ACQ :

SOURCE :

1.

There were American prisoners of war (POW's) still remaining in Vietnam and that these POW's posed a problem to the opening of diplomatic relations between the SRV and the United States (U.S.).

(These POW's included some who did not want to return to the U.S.)

2. Comment: Other than one American civilian who was arrested in Saigon after its fall in 1975, the SRV is not known to have any live American military or civilian prisoners. (Nevertheless, several unconfirmed reports have appeared since May 1975 on the possibility of some U.S. prisoners still remaining in Vietnam.)