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SUBJECT: PW/MIA Meeting

30 December 1980

REF : RADM J. O. Tuttle, Assistant Deputy Director for Defense Intelligence (DI) Phonecon 24 Dec 80; same subject, meeting 1300 hours, 30 Dec 80. Rm 2D921

1. RADM Tuttle's meeting was held as scheduled, 1300-1500, 30 Dec 80. Representatives from DIA (4), CIA (2) and NSA (4) attended. See Inclosure for attendees.

2. RADM Tuttle reviewed DIA photo and report chronology (Mar 79-Dec 80) on American PW facilities and sitings in Laos. RADM Tuttle has a strong suspicion that American POW's remain in Laos.

NSA representatives do not have to substantiate the case. Early December 80 case of 20 American POW's reported in , and not corroborated is typical. December 80 case is a fraud, and view American POW's in Laos as unlikely.

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Overhead photography of facility confirms prison like structures and fence. facility may hold prisoners, but that it is highly unlikely the prisoners are American.

4. DIA has a Vietnamese source (Le Ba Oanh) who has passed a polygraph examination, and claims to have been in a prison facility near Tay Ninh, Northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, which contained American POW's. The POW camp coordinates are 111911N 1062010E. Le Ba Oanh has drawn an accurate sketch of the facility (verified by overhead photography) which he claims to have visited as recently as August 80, when he observed American POW's. Le Ba Oanh will be interrogated by DIA for approximately 10 days starting on 7 Jan 81. The DIA analyst has detected discrepancies in the source's story, and items will be addressed during the interrogation period.

5. RADM Tuttle announced that in January 81, a PW/MIA interagency group is to be formed. The group composition will be: State Department, ISA, JCS/J- , DIA and SEA sub-committee. Early in the meeting, RADM Tuttle stated he wanted DIA and NSA chronology of PW/MIA events, however, the DIA action officer (P. Hurd) said the request needs further DIA definition before NSA inputs are required. The DIA request for NSA time line inputs will be through NCRDEF office.

6. The DIA analyst handling Le Ba Oanh's interrogation was requested to provide his initial report. If the report is releasable, the document will be via NSA via NCRDEF office.

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