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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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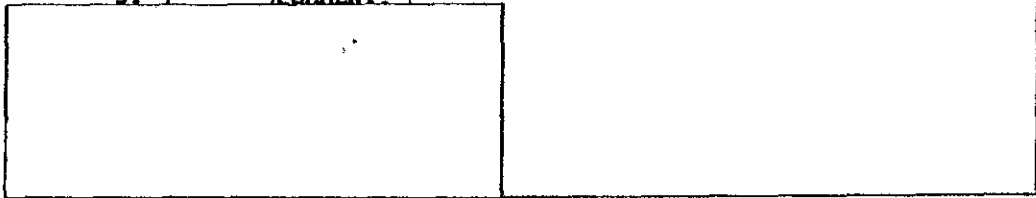
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TEXT: 1. ABOUT JUNE 1975, A CAUCASIAN PRISONER, ALLEGEDLY AN AMERICAN, WAS SITTING ON THE BAMBOO FLOOR OF A HOUSE IN KHAM KEUT TOWN (VP 710180), KHOUENG KHAMKOUAM, LAOS, IN THE CUSTODY OF THE 31ST SAPPER BATTALION OF THE FOURTH MILITARY REGION OF THE 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. COMMENT: CLAIMED HE WATCHED THE CAPTURED CAUCASIAN IN THE HOUSE FROM A DISTANCE OF FIVE METERS FOR SOME 15 MINUTES AND HEARD THE ABOVE BROADCAST.)

3. COMMENT:



ACQ:

DISSEM: NONE.

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