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A LARGE NUMBER OF LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SECURITY FORCES AT THE "INNER AREA" AND THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVA) SOLDIERS AT THE "OUTER AREA" WITHIN A TEN KM RADIUS OF THE CAMP. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] PLEDGED TO RESCUE THE POWS WHEN OPPORTUNITY PERMITTED.

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CITE: [REDACTED]
SERIAL: [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] HAD INVOLVED THEMSELVES WITH THE ALLEGED POWS IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REWARD AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. [REDACTED] 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.)

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ACQ: [REDACTED]

DISSEM: [REDACTED] NONE.
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COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND/VIETNAM

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

OOI: JUNE 1986

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1986, [REDACTED]

SOURCE DATA

SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE ALLEGED REMAINS FROM [REDACTED] AN INHABITANT OF NONG CHIK (VC 449567) VILLAGE SONKHOM DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN AT A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AT VC 442854. [REDACTED] 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.)

2. [REDACTED] FURTHER SAID THAT 226 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN LAOS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT THE POW'S FROM [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER [REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIT GUARDING THE PRISONERS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN RELOCATED INTO LAOS FROM VIETNAM CIRCA JUNE 1986. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD ASKED [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF THE POW'S FROM [REDACTED] WHICH [REDACTED] PLANNED TO SEND TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] HAD TRAVELLED TO A POINT LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) DISTANT FROM SEPONE (RD 3244)

DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE 91 IN THE DIRECTION OF VIETNAM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE POINT ALONG ROUTE

91, [REDACTED] LEFT THE ROAD ON FOOT TRAVELING TO THE SOUTH. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WAS DIRECTED TO WAIT AT THE ROAD. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO ROUTE 91 AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED THE POWS, BUT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO "DO ANYTHING" BECAUSE OF

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