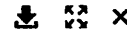


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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PHOUN SIPRASEUTH RE POWS AND MIAS

1. SINCE PHOUN SIPRASEUTH, SECOND RANKING LPF DELEGATE NOW IN CHARGE OF LPF REPRESENTATION, IS LEAVING FOR SAM NEUA SEPTEMBER 27, DCM CALLED ON HIM LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 26 TO REITERATE USG VIEWPOINT ON POW/MIA ISSUE. DCM EMPHASIZED AGAIN IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO EARLY CLARIFICATION OF FATE OF AMERICAN POWS AND MIAS IN LAOS AND ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN SAM NEUA. PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, THE SENIOR LPF NEGOTIATOR, RETURNED TO SAM NEUA ON SEPTEMBER 20.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING OUR SATISFACTION WITH THE CONCLUSION OF RLG-LPF NEGOTIATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 14, DCM CALLED PHOUN'S ATTENTION TO ARTICLE 18 OF THE PROTOCOL DEALING WITH THE RETURN OF SOLDIERS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED DURING THE WAR AND WITH THE SEARCH FOR PERSONS MISSING DURING THE CONFLICT. DCM POINTED OUT THAT PHOUMI VONGVICHIT HAD ASSURED US IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS THAT ONCE PROTOCOL NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETED. LPF WOULD SCRUPULOUSLY CARRY OUT PROVISIONS. DCM

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POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 18(C) OF THE PROTOCOL THE TWO LAO PARTIES WERE BOUND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WITHIN 15 TO 30 DAYS, COUNTING FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL, ON THOSE CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED AS WELL AS A LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY. SINCE POWS HRDLICKA AND DEBRUIN HAD BEEN SEEN AS POWS BUT WERE NOT TURNED OVER TO US AUTHORITIES IN HANOI LAST MARCH WHEN 9 AMERICANS CAPTURED IN LAOS WERE RELEASED, WE WOULD NOW EXPECT CLARIFICATION OF THEIR FATE IN LINE WITH PARAGRAPH 18(C) OF PROTOCOL. DCM SAID THAT BY 14 OCTOBER (I.E. 30 DAYS AFTER PROTOCOL SIGNATURE) WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE WORD ON AMERICAN POWS STILL HELD BY LPF AND THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

3. DCM THEN EXPLAINED OUR KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH US AUTHORITIES ON MIAS AND THAT WE SINCERELY HOPED LPF WOULD ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS THIS PROBLEM. DCM SUGGESTED THAT ATTITUDE LPF ADOPT ON POW/MIA PROBLEM COULD DEEPLY INFLUENCE FUTURE USG-LPF RELATIONS AND WOULD ALSO HAVE IMPACT ON US CONGRESS WHOSE MEMBERS ARE SUBJECTED TO GREAT PRESSURES BY FAMILIES OF MIAS AND WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VOTING FUNDS FOR LAOS.

4. TO FACILITATE LPF TASK, DCM POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 18(E) THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCIA), MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE ICC ON GATHERING OF INFORMATION ON MIAS IF BOTH SIDES AGREE. DCM SAID THAT USG WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP BOTH JCIA AND ICC IN SEARCH FOR MIAS.

5. PHOUN REPLIED THAT LPF IS DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL, INCLUDING THOSE SECTIONS DEALING WITH POWS AND MIAS. HE SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR EMMET KAY, LPF HELD NO OTHER AMERICAN POWS. ON MIAS, LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GATHERING INFORMATION BUT PHOUN WARNED THAT OF THE MORE THAN 320 NAMES WE HAD PROVIDED TO LPF ON AMERICAN MIAS IN LAOS, LPF WOULD PROBABLY ONLY COME UP WITH INFORMATION ON "A FEEBLE PERCENTAGE". HE AGREED TO CONVEY TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OUR PRESSING CONCERN ON THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS OUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP JCIA AND ICC IN THEIR WORK ON MIAS.

6. COMMENT: WE EXPECT JCIA TO BE ACTIVATED WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS. IT IS RECALLED THAT PROTOCOL HAS DESIGNATED JCIA AS BODY WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL.

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TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM BOTH SIDES ON POWS AND MIAS. IF JCIA IS ACTIVATED WITHIN EXPECTED TIME FRAME AND PROVISIONS OF PROTOCOL ARE RESPECTED, WE SHOULD RECEIVE FIRST INFORMATION ON POWS AND THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY BY OCTOBER 14.  
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APPEARING IN THE WESTERN PRESS ON THE TREATMENT ACCORDED AMERICAN POWS IN NORTH VIETNAM ARE INACCURATE. THE POWS ARE NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO HARSH OR INHUMAN TREATMENT. THEY ARE NOT TREATED AS CRIMINALS, THEY ARE NOT PUT ON

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TRIAL, AND THEY PERFORM NO WORK EXCEPT THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR QUARTERS AND SURROUNDINGS. THEY ADMITTEDLY DO NOT RECEIVE OVERLY COURTEOUS TREATMENT, HOWEVER, OR DO THEY OCCUPY ANY SORT OF LUXURIOUS QUARTERS - THESE IS NO "HANOI HILTON".

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EVEN THOUGH THE POWS ARE CALLED "INTERNATIONAL PIRATES" AND ARE OFFICIALLY REFERRED TO AS CRIMINALS IN THE CIVIL SENSE, THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ARE STRICTLY APPLIED. AMERICANS DO NOT STAND TRIAL, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A SHOW TRIAL OR TWO FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL PURPOSES.

[REDACTED] MANY PRISON CAMPS, SOME OF WHICH CONTAINED PRISONERS OTHER THAN AMERICANS

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HE CITED SPECIFICALLY A CAMP NEAR HANOI CONTAINING ONLY  
KOREANS/ CLAIMED THAT ALL POWS ARE WELL FED, HAVE CLEAN  
CLOTHING, ARE PROVIDED WITH GOOD MEDICAL CARE, AND ARE  
NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION LECTURES.  
HOWEVER, SUCH LECTURES ARE REGULARLY HELD AT THE CAMPS AND  
ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED.

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4. THE DRV'S ACUTE AWARENESS OF WORLD OPINION IS  
THE MATTER OF POW TREATMENT, HAS APPARENTLY INFLUENCED  
ITS DECISION TO GRANT THE POWS RIGHTS ACCORDED BY THE  
GENEVA CONVENTIONS. THE DRV REALIZES THAT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS  
WILL FOCUS CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION ON THE CONDITION OF  
THE ALLIED PRISONERS IN DRV HANDS. THEY WILL THEREFORE,  
WANT TO PRESENT THE MOST ACCEPTABLE POSITION TO THE WORLD  
IN THE POW MATTER IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR CLAIM TO BEING  
THE INNOCENT VICTIM OF AGGRESSION.

[Redacted] THERE WERE SOME 5 500 ALLIED PRISONERS IN

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NORTH VIETNAM, MOST OF THEM AMERICANS.

[redacted] AMERICANS AT TWO WELL GUARDED CAMPS, ONE ABOUT AN MILES WEST OF HANOI, ANOTHER SOMEWHAT NORTH OF VINH, THE CAMPS [redacted] HAVE FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 100 POWS AND WERE LOCATED IN RURAL AREAS. [redacted]

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3. Information passed to 525th <sup>MI</sup> Phu Bai for BRIGHT LIGHT project.
4. Attached are list of U.S. prisoners positively and tentatively identified by [REDACTED] from photographs, list of Viet Cong Huong Thuy District Committee and sketches of the committee's headquarters.
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Dr. Mr. Rybicki:

Attached are three PNOK privacy waivers not previously submitted because the case was already in litigation. They are now given/provided, even though the cases are part of the POW/MIA "Vietnam War PNOK "YES" Casualty List Names of Family Members" who authorized the release of all information to the public on their unreturned family member; Because the CIA unreasonably pretends they cannot identify a POW or MIA because there could be someone else with the same name that was also a POW/MIA. I hope the above information is helpful to the CIA in their pursuit of POW/MIA documents requested.

**Hugh M. Fanning, USMC**

went missing 31 Oct, 1967

Loss Location: N. Vietnam

Service # 090858

SS: 466-68-4903

Aircraft: A6 Intruder

DOB: July 12, 1941

**Capt. Peter Richard Matthes, AF**

went missing 24 Nov 1969

Home of Record: Toledo, OH

Date of birth: 03/14/1943

Service: U S Air Force

Grade at loss: O2

Rank: Captain

Note: Promoted while in MIA status

ID No: 272384192

MOS: 1053B: Pilot

Unit: 41ST TAC ALFT SQDN, 374TH TAC ALFT WING, 7TH AF

Incident Date: 11/24/1969

Loss Location: Laos

**Capt. Charles Joseph Scharf, AF**

Went missing 01 Oct 1965

Home of record: San Diego, CA

Loss Location: N. Vietnam

Aircraft: F4C

Service # 47305A

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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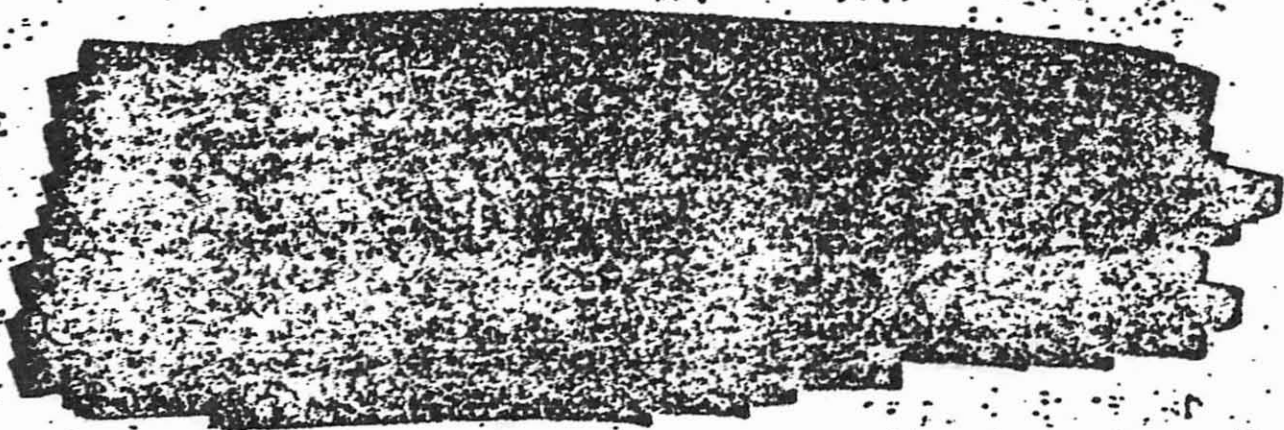
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SUBJECT TRANSFER OF TWO AMERICAN PILOTS HELD CAPTIVE IN LAOS TO NORTH VIETNAM

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1. ON 10 JUNE 1968 TWO OF FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS HELD PRISONER IN THAM SUA CAVE AT VH 193564, SOUTH OF BAN NAKAY NEUA /VH 1965/, IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, WERE SENT TO HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM. PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO HANOI, ONE OF THE AMERICAN PILOTS, DESCRIBED AS AN OLDER MAN, KILLED THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ SOLDIERS WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO INTERROGATE HIM. THE ELDER PILOT REFUSED TO ANSWER THE NVA OFFICERS' QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCTED THE OTHER PILOTS

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NOT TO COOPERATE AS WELL. THE KILLING OCCURRED WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTEMPTED TO CHAIN THE PILOT TO A DESK--HE OVERTURNED THE DESK ON HIS CAPTORS AND BEAT THREE OF THEM TO DEATH WITH THE CHAIN BEFORE GUARDS OVERPOWERED HIM. FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, THE ELDER PILOT AND ONE OF THE YOUNGER PILOTS WERE SENT TO HANOI. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE TRANSFER WAS THAT THE TWO PILOTS WERE CONSIDERED AS INCORRIGIBLE CASES BY THE PATHET LAO AND NORTH VIETNAMESE. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE OTHER AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO NORTH VIETNAM FOR SIMILAR REASONS.

2. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT BUILDING LOCATED ON RED RIVER ISLAND MIGHT HOUSE AMERICAN POWS

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--- THERE IS A SMALL BUILDING ON AN ISLAND IN THE RED RIVER, JUST BELOW THE PAUL DOUXER BRIDGE, APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY ACROSS THE RIVER. THE BUILDING IS BETWEEN 60 AND 80 FEET LONG AND JUST WIDE ENOUGH FOR TWO ROWS OF CELLS WITH A CORRIDOR IN THE MIDDLE. ALL THE WINDOWS ARE BARRED. THE BUILDING IS SO LOCATED THAT, WHILE CROSSING THE BRIDGE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOOK INTO THE FRONT DOOR, WHICH IS ALWAYS OPEN. A GUARD HAS BEEN SEEN AT THE DESK JUST INSIDE THE DOOR EACH TIME THE BUILDING HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN THE

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2. [REDACTED] DISSEM. STATE (AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR LOCKE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR) USMACV (GENERAL WESTMORELAND, GENERAL AERAMS, AMBASSADOR KOMER, CHIEF OF STAFF, J-2) CINCPAC (ADMIRAL SHARP AND POLAD ONLY).



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KHOUANG PROVINCE, IN MAY 1965

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THE HOME OF GENERAL SINGKAPO. TWO AMERICAN  
PILOTS IN FLIGHT SUITS WITH THE INSIGNIA OF RANK REMOVED WERE  
BEING HELD UNDER ARMED GUARD IN THE GENERAL'S HOUSE. THEY WERE  
NOT HANDCUFFED OR LOCKED UP. GAVE THE TWO AMERICANS  
SOAP, TOWELS, TOOTHBUSHES, AND TOOTHPASPE. THE PILOTS WERE  
QUIET AND LOOKED WORRIED. ONE WAS TALL AND BALDING. THE OTHER,  
WHO WAS ALSO TALL, HAD A HEAVY BUILD AND A ROUND FACE.

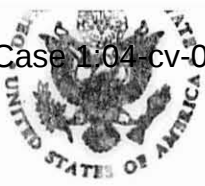
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By Wig, NARA, Date 1-22-92

1. DURING COURSE POLISH RECEPTION LAST EVENING, I HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE. PRIOR TO OUR ENCOUNTER, HE HAD SPENT ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR IN SERIOUS CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

2. CHAN STARTED CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO SAIGON PRESS REPORTS THAT HE AND I WERE IN REGULAR CONTACT. HE JOKINGLY SUGGESTED WE ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE DENYING THESE CHARGES. I SUGGESTED THAT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE MORE AMUSING.

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3. I THEN SHIFTED TO SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, BUT BEFORE CHAN COULD REPLY, WE WERE JOINED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND THEN BY SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE. CHAN CONFINED HIS ANSWER TO SAYING THAT HE HAD HEARD ONLY THE BBC SUMMARY AND HAD NOT SEEN THE FULL TEXT. I OFFERED TO SEND HIM TEXT IN ENGLISH, FOR WHICH HE THANKED ME. (I SENT IT AROUND TO HIM THIS MORNING).

4. AT THIS POINT, WE WERE JOINED BY TWO BRITISH PRESS TYPES, AND FORUM OBVIOUSLY HAD BECOME TOO PUBLIC FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. CHAN CONSEQUENTLY SHIFTED TO A BANTERING LINE, THANKING US FOR DELIVERING AN F-111 TO THEM SO THAT THEY COULD STUDY ITS ELECTRONIC SYSTEM. HE ASKED SOVIET ATTACHE WHETHER

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SOVIETS HAD YET RECEIVED A FULL BRIEFING ON THE SYSTEM. SINCE CONVERSATION WAS OBVIOUSLY BOUND TO DETERIORATE, I BROKE OFF IN SEARCH OF VODKA.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT MY PROSPECTS FOR DISCREET CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAN WILL BE SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED

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FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OF UNFORTUNATE PRESS SENSATIONALISM WHICH HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON U.S.-NVN CONTACTS HERE IN VIENTIANE. ANY PUBLIC EXPOSURE IS ALMOST SURE TO DRAW UNHELPFUL SPECTATORS.

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COUNTRY : LAOS

DOI : 4 MAY 1965

SUBJECT : SIGHTINGS OF TWO U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO FORCES IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE

ACQ : LAOS, VIENTIANE (26 NOVEMBER 1971) FIELD NO. FOV-24,535

SOURCE : A RELIABLE SOURCE FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF PATHET LAO (PL) RALLIER (NANG) PHOM PHOMMACHANK. FROM 1961 TO JANUARY 1970 PHOM WORKED AS A NURSE IN THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS) CAVE. SHE OBSERVED THE U.S. PILOT WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE CAVE. PHOM RALLIED TO A ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT INFANTRY BATTALION ON 5 OCTOBER 1971. (SEE PARAGRAPH 6 FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS.) SHE WAS VERY COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT HER DEBRIEFING. SHE IS INTELLIGENT AND HAS GOOD RECALL OF DATES AND EVENTS. SHE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S PARTY. HER REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

SUMMARY. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS NEAR THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS CAVE. HE WAS INTERROGATED AND THEN DETAINED AT UNKNOWN LOCATIONS IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE. ANOTHER U.S. PILOT WAS LATER CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG POUA AND BROUGHT TO THE SAME DETENTION AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS ON THE THIRD DAY OF A BOMBING ATTACK IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS) CAVE. WHILE APPROXIMATELY TEN U.S. JET AIRCRAFT CIRCLED OVER THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT HAD LANDED AFTER PARACHUTING FROM HIS BURNING AIRCRAFT, A U.S. HELICOPTER ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM. PL SOLDIERS, HOWEVER, CAPTURED THE PILOT BEFORE THE HELICOPTER ARRIVED. THE PILOT WAS OVER 68 INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, AND CLEAN SHAVEN. HE HAD A LONG FACE AND SHORT, LIGHT COLORED HAIR. HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HQS CAVE AND THEN TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION FOR INTERROGATION. THE INTERROGATION WAS

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CONDUCTED BY A LAO WHO USED AS AN INTERPRETER A FOREIGN STUDENT WHO SPOKE ENGLISH AND WHO WAS BORROWED FROM THE NLHS CENTER. AFTER THE INTERROGATION THE PILOT WAS DETAINED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE.

2. (FIELD COMMENT: RALLIER B O U N S O M PHOMMALAK, A FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE NEO LAO HAK SAT (NLHS) CENTER IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE ~~PL SUPREME COMMAND CAVE AT VH 194565~~ FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1971 HAS REVEALED A CAVE LOCATED AT ~~VH 194565~~. THIS CAVE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS THE HEADQUARTERS.)

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3. COLONEL C H A N H - K O R, AT THAT TIME DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMAND HQS AND CHIEF OF THAT OFFICE'S PERSONNEL SECTION, SAID IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION THAT WHEN THE PILOT WAS ASKED ABOUT TACTICAL MILITARY INFORMATION, HE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING. HE TOLD THE INTERROGATOR TO ASK THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WAS THINKING ABOUT WITH REGARD TO HIS CAPTURE, THE PILOT SAID THAT HE THOUGHT MOSTLY ABOUT HIS WIFE AND SON. HE GAVE HIS ~~AGE AS 15~~ AND SAID THAT HIS SON WAS 15 YEARS OLD. (FIELD COMMENT: CHANH-KOR IS PROBABLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH MAJOR (CHAN) KOR WHO WAS IDENTIFIED BY A RALLIER IN SEPTEMBER 1968 AS THE THIRD DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF PERSONNEL OF THE POLITICAL DIVISION AT SAM NEUA.)

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WITH THONGKHAM WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN POLICE CHIEF IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE AND WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO HOUA PHAN PROVINCE IN LATE 1968. IN LATE 1971 THONGKHAM REPORTEDLY WAS CHIEF OF THE SECURITY OFFICE IN THE NAKAY AREA (VH 1865). SAMAN MAY BE SAMAN VIRAKHET WHO IS CONFIRMED AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH LAOS REGION (SLR) HQS AND WHO SUCCEEDED GENERAL P H O M M A DOUANGMALA IN PROBABLY MAY 1971. SAMAN VIRAKHET FORMERLY WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE HQS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AND CHIEF OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE XIENG KHOUANG REGIONAL HQS.)

6. (FIELD COMMENT: PHOM WAS BORN IN MARCH 1939 IN BAN NONGKE (XC 1612), SARAVANE PROVINCE. SHE ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BAN NONGKE FROM 1951 TO 1953 WHEN SHE LEFT THE SCHOOL TO JOIN THE PL. IN SEPTEMBER 1953 SHE WAS SENT TO A SCHOOL AT THANH HOA CITY, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN), WHERE SHE STUDIED NURSING AND THE LAO AND VIETNAMESE LANGUAGES. SHE ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL FROM JANUARY 1954 UNTIL JUNE 1955. SHE REMAINED UNASSIGNED AT THANH HOA UNTIL DECEMBER 1955 WHEN SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO A PL HOSPITAL IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS. IN JANUARY 1958 SHE WAS REASSIGNED AS A NURSE WITH THE PL 2ND BATTALION IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. IN MAY 1959 SHE ACCOMPANIED THE PL 2ND BATTALION TO NGHE AN PROVINCE, NVN, WHEN IT WITHDREW FROM XIENG KHOUANG. SHE RETURNED TO SAM NEUA IN 1961 AND WAS ASSIGNED AS A NURSE AT THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS). SHE LIVED AND WORKED IN THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HQS CAVE UNTIL JANUARY 1970 WHEN SHE ASKED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SOUTH LAOS. IN MARCH 1970 SHE ARRIVED AT THE PL SLR HQS AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MEDICAL SECTION OF THE PL SARAVANE PROVINCE HQS. IN MAY 1970 SHE AND THREE OTHER MEDICS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF OF GENERAL PHOMMA DOUANGMALA, COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH LAOS REGION. FROM JUNE UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1970 SHE TRAVELED AS A MEDIC WITH C H A N S A P H I L O M (ALSO KNOWN AS K A S E N), DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH LAOS REGION. AFTER CHANSAPHILOM WAS KILLED BY A BOOBYTRAP NEAR BAN SOT (XA 2252), SHE TRAVELED TO THE PL PROVINCE HQS IN SITHANDONE TO REPORT TO PHOMMA, WHO HAD LEFT THE SLR HQS AT THE SAME TIME AS CHANSAPHILOM. UPON ARRIVING THERE SHE LEARNED THAT PHOMMA HAD BEEN KILLED BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) MEDIC. SHE THEN RETURNED TO SARAVANE PROVINCE, ARRIVING THERE IN NOVEMBER 1970. IN JUNE 1971 SHE WAS WARNED BY K H A M C H A N H, STAFF MEMBER OF THE SLR HQS, THAT THE NVA INTENDED TO KILL HER AND OTHERS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION WITH PHOMMA. IN JULY 1971 SHE AND HER HUSBAND, K H A M P H A, A PL SOLDIER, DESERTED FROM THE PL. THEY RESTED AT SEVERAL HAMLETS AND ON 5 OCTOBER 1971 RALLIED TO A ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT INFANTRY BATTALION AT BAN NONGSATAO (XB 0589), SEDONE PROVINCE. PHOM SAID SHE RALLIED BECAUSE OF HER FEAR OF THE NVA AND BECAUSE SHE WAS TIRED OF THE CONTINUING SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND THE RIGORS OF LIFE WITH THE PL.)

7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT MACV 7TH AF 7/13TH AF TFA/NKP (ALSO SENT BANGKOK SAIGON PHNOM PENH PARIS).

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COUNTRY : LAOS  
 DOI : 4 MAY 1965  
 SUBJECT : SIGHTINGS OF TWO U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO FORCES IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE  
 ACQ : LAOS, VIENTIANE (26 NOVEMBER 1971) FIELD NO. FOV-24,535  
 SOURCE : A RELIABLE SOURCE FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF PATHET LAO (PL) RALLIER (NANG) PHOM PHOMMACHANH. FROM 1961 TO JANUARY 1970 PHOM WORKED AS A NURSE IN THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS) CAVE. SHE OBSERVED THE U.S. PILOT WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE CAVE. PHOM RALLIED TO A ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT INFANTRY BATTALION ON 5 OCTOBER 1971. (SEE PARAGRAPH 6 FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS.) SHE WAS VERY COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT HER DEBRIEFING. SHE IS INTELLIGENT AND HAS GOOD RECALL OF DATES AND EVENTS. SHE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S PARTY. HER REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

SUMMARY. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS NEAR THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS CAVE. HE WAS INTERROGATED AND THEN DETAINED AT UNKNOWN LOCATIONS IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE. ANOTHER U.S. PILOT WAS LATER CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG POUA AND BROUGHT TO THE SAME DETENTION AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OR ABOUT 4 MAY 1965 A U.S. PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY PATHET LAO (PL) TROOPS ON THE THIRD DAY OF A BOMBING ATTACK IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (HQS) CAVE. WHILE APPROXIMATELY TEN U.S. JET AIRCRAFT CIRCLED OVER THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT HAD LANDED AFTER PARACHUTING FROM HIS BURNING AIRCRAFT, A U.S. HELICOPTER ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM. PL SOLDIERS, HOWEVER, PREVENTED THE PILOT BEFORE THE HELICOPTER ARRIVED. THE PILOT WAS OVER 68 INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, AND CLEAN SHAVEN. HE HAD A LONG FACE AND SHORT, LIGHT COLORED HAIR. HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE PL SUPREME COMMAND HQS CAVE AND THEN TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION FOR INTERROGATION. THE INTERROGATION WAS

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CONDUCTED BY A LAO WHO USED AS AN INTERPRETER A FOREIGN STUDENT WHO SPOKE ENGLISH AND WHO WAS BORROWED FROM THE NLHS CENTER. AFTER THE INTERROGATION THE PILOT WAS DETAINED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE.

2. (FIELD COMMENT: RALLIER B O U N S O M PHONMALAK, A FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE NEO LAO HAK SAT (NLHS) CENTER IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE PL SUPREME COMMAND CAVE AT UH 194565 FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1971 HAS REVEALED A CAVE LOCATED AT UH 194565. THIS CAVE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS THE HEADQUARTERS.)

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0817 17 SEPTEMBER 1966

COUNTRY: LAOS

DDI: JANUARY, JULY AND AUGUST 1966

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM DEFECTOR OF AMERICAN PRISONERS NEAR BAN NA  
KAY IN JANUARY 1966 AND ON LOCATIONS OF ENEMY INSTALLATIONS  
IN THAT AREA OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

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1. SUMMARY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AFTER DEFLECTING TO A FRIENDLY MED GUERRILLA UNIT ON [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1966 SAID THAT AS OF JANUARY THREE AMERICANS WERE IMPRISONED BY THE PATHET LAO (PL) AT VH 195559, 1 KM SOUTH OF BAN NA KAY (VH 2857). ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] MADE A SECOND VISIT TO THAT REGION IN LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST HE DID NOT FIND OUT IF THE PRISONERS WERE STILL THERE. [REDACTED] REPORTED THE LOCATIONS NEAR BAN NA KAY OF AN ENEMY BROADCASTING STATION, PRINTING OFFICE, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICE, COOPERATIVE STORE, AND COOLIE LIVING QUARTERS AS WELL AS A PL HEADQUARTERS.

2. AS OF JANUARY 1966 THE PL WERE HOLDING THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS AT VH 195559, ONE KM SOUTH OF BAN NA KAY. THE AMERICANS, THE ONLY PRISONERS, WERE KEPT IN AN AREA UNDERNEATH A 25 TO 30 DEGREE KARST OVERHANG. NO FENCE ENCLOSED THE AREA. THERE WERE THREE SHELTERS UNDER THE OVERHANG. THE AMERICANS SLEPT IN THE MIDDLE ONE; PL GUARDS OCCUPIED THE OTHER TWO. THE AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN YELLOW LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS AND YELLOW TROUSERS. THEY WERE ALLOWED FREE MOVEMENT BENEATH THE KARST. ONE OF THE PRISONERS HANDS AND LEGS WERE IN SHACKLES BUT HE WAS ABLE TO WALK AROUND.

3. [REDACTED] WENT TO THE BAN NA KAY AREA TWICE, ONCE IN JANUARY [REDACTED]

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AND AGAIN IN LATE JULY. BOTH TIMES HE STAYED IN [REDACTED]  
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IN A FIELD IN THE VICINITY OF VH 194561 FROM WHICH HE COULD OBSERVE THE AREA WHERE THE PRISONERS WERE HELD. HE RETURNED ON [REDACTED] JULY [REDACTED] AND STAYED UNTIL [REDACTED] AUGUST. HE SAID HE DID NOT SEE THE AMERICANS, WHOM HE ASSUMED WERE PILOTS, DURING HIS SECOND VISIT; HE DID NOT GO TO THE BALL FIELD NOR DID HE ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PRISONERS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE KARSI OVERHANG DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] THE PRISONERS MAY BE SOME OF THE ONES REPORTED IN [REDACTED] TDCS-314/10662-66 TO BE HELD AS OF ABOUT 8 AUGUST IN A CAVE AT APPROXIMATELY VH 192555.]

4. THE FOLLOWING ENEMY INSTALLATIONS ARE IN THE BAN WA YAY AREA:

- A. BROADCASTING STATION AT VH 287551
- B. PRINTING OFFICE AT VH 287553
- C. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICE AT VH 287549
- D. COOPERATIVE STORE AT VH 283554
- E. PL HEADQUARTERS AT VH 185564

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F. COOLIE LIVING QUARTERS AT VH 137562.

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON BOTH DAYS OF HIS INTERROGATION, [REDACTED] SKETCHED AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE BAN NA KAY AREA SHOWING THE SAME POSITIONS EACH TIME FOR THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS. HE WAS ABLE ALSO TO SELECT THE CORRESPONDING LOCATIONS ON THE 1:50,000 SCALE MAP. [REDACTED] AND COMMENTS (KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS 4A THROUGH 4F ABOVE) HAVE BEEN PROVIDED OF THE POINTS WHERE [REDACTED] PLACED THE INSTALLATIONS:

A. PHOTOGRAPHS MADE ON 16 FEBRUARY 1966 SHOWED A WELL-USED TRAIL TO WHAT WAS PROBABLY AN ANTENNA AS WELL AS ONE BUILDING. RADIO PATHET LAO WAS PLACED BY ANOTHER SOURCE AT VH 239542. ITS PRESENCE THERE WAS VERIFIED BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF 13 JANUARY AND 2 AUGUST 1966.

B. ACCORDING TO PHOTOGRAPHY OF 16 FEBRUARY TRAILS LEAD TO AN AREA OF EXTENSIVE ROV CROPPING IN A RAVINE. THERE IS A SMALL BUILDING BESIDE ONE OF THE TRAILS.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON 16 FEBRUARY ALSO SHOWED FOUR BUILDINGS IN A SECURED AREA SERVED BY A TRAIL.

D. THREE BUILDINGS ENCLOSED BY A FENCE SHOWED UP IN 13 JANUARY PHOTOGRAPHY. THIS AREA WAS EXACTLY AS [REDACTED] DESCRIBED IT.

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E. IN 2 AUGUST PHOTOGRAPHY THERE WERE SIGNS OF EXTENSIVE TRUCK ACTIVITY AND PARKING AREAS. THERE WERE FOOT TRAILS LEADING TO CAVES PROBABLY HOUSING PERSONNEL. THIS AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS A BIVOUAC FOR 300 OFFICERS.

F. PHOTOGRAPHY OF 2 AUGUST SHOWED A VEHICLE-SERVED KARST CAVE.

G. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF USMCV-4A106 7TH AIR FORCE-SAIKON AND UDON [REDACTED]

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DOI MAY 1967  
SUBJECT CAPTURE OF TWO U.S. PILOTS DURING THREE DAY AIR  
ATTACK IN THE SAM NEUA AREA OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status Report on [REDACTED]

1. At the request of [REDACTED], DIA, a research was conducted to ascertain whether or not any rescue attempts was made on the prison camp located at BAN NAKAY NEUA, Laos (vicinity VH195565) to free [REDACTED]. Further, one of the recent returnees reported that there was information that [REDACTED] had died in a cave because the guards had stopped feeding him.

2. All available information indicates that [REDACTED] was last identified during the period April-June 1965 in the prison camp mentioned in paragraph 1. A later report in September 1966 reports that an unidentified American pilot had died because he was unable to eat while interned in this prison camp.

3. An intelligence collection effort was conducted in September 1966 into this particular area but no actual attempts were conducted to rescue any detainees in this camp. No further information on [REDACTED] has been reported since June 1965.

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5 JANUARY 1969

COUNTRY LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI 25 JUNE 1968

SUBJECT TRANSFER OF TWO AMERICAN PILOTS HELD CAPTIVE IN LAOS TO NORTH VIETNAM

ACQ LAOS, VIENTIANE

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1. ON 10 JUNE 1968 TWO OF FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS HELD PRISONER IN THAN SUA CAVE AT VH 193564, SOUTH OF BAN NAKAY NEUA /VK 1965/, IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, WERE SENT TO HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM. PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO HANOI, ONE OF THE AMERICAN PILOTS, DESCRIBED AS AN OLDER MAN, KILLED THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ SOLDIERS WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO INTERROGATE HIM. THE ELDER PILOT REFUSED TO ANSWER THE NVA OFFICERS' QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCTED THE OTHER PILOTS

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DIST 6 JANUARY 1970

COUNTRY LAOS

DOI POSSIBLY LATE 1969 OR EARLY 1970

SUBJECT GENERAL LOCATION OF PRISON CAMP CONTAINING ABOUT  
20 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PILOTS IN THE BAN NAXAY  
REGION OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

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LAOS, VIENTIANE 75 JANUARY 1970/

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1. ABOUT 20 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PILOTS WERE  
IMPRISONED IN A CONCEALED SECTION OF THE BAN NAXAY /VH 1955/  
AREA OF SAM KEUA PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO TWO VILLAGERS WHO  
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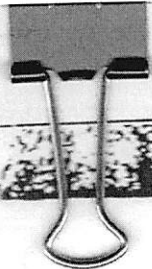
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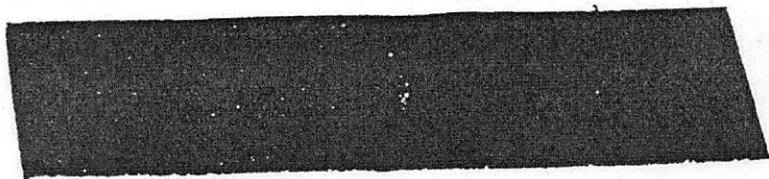


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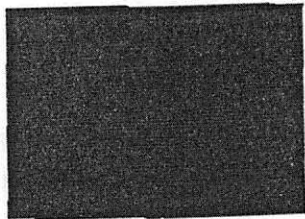


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**Possible POW/MIA-Associated Markings in Southeast Asia**

**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

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March 31, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

RICHARD T. KENNEDY  
JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE

SUBJECT:

Richardson Memo on U. S.  
POW/MIA in Laos

Secretary Richardson has sent you a memo (Tab B) which contains a scenario of increasingly strong actions to induce a full accounting of U. S. POWs/MIAs in Laos. While we share Richardson's concern, we believe that this scenario -- summarized below -- overreacts to the situation and could backfire. It ignores the equally serious question of infiltration, but its emphasis on POWs raises the possibility of a double rationale for any direct measures we might wish to take against the Trail.

Richardson states that the Pathet Lao February 1 list of U. S. POWs is unacceptable (10 out of 350 or 2.8%), and implies that unless dramatic measures are taken, this situation will not improve. His diplomatic/military track starts off with protests to Hanoi (U. S. aid and mine-sweeping tied wholly to a full Lao accounting) and an immediate warning to the Pathet Lao. Unless the LPF respond favorably, he recommends we resume tactical air reconnaissance in Laos, and move a new carrier task force to Vietnam waters. He also would advise the LPF privately that the Thai SGU will not be withdrawn and he would urge Souvanna not to move forward in the coalition government until satisfaction is given on the POW/MIA issue. He stops short of recommending resumed air strikes.

We share Richardson's views on the inadequacy of the February 1 list and agree that strong presentation should be made to the LPF and Hanoi about the matter. Our position and dissatisfaction should be placed firmly on record. However, we have the following questions about Richardson's other recommendations:

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-- Should we tie our post-war relations to Hanoi solely to Lao POWs/MIAs? We would prefer that the relations be geared to the whole issue of implementing the agreement, of which POWs/MIAs are one part.

-- Resumption of tactical reconnaissance and new naval deployments are a viable option which might better be justified on the dual grounds of overall Vietnam and Lao ceasefire violations (infiltration over the Trail) and POW/MIA accounting.

-- Connecting our POWs/MIAs in Laos to RLG performance under the Lao agreement is unnecessary and could backfire. Hanoi already has agreed in the Vietnam talks to resolve the Lao POW/MIA issue separately. Also, a connection between the release of U. S. POWs in Laos and formation of the new coalition could place us under considerable pressure to "lean" on Souvanna for concessions in order to obtain further POW releases. We should stay away from Lao political questions.

-- Finally, we question whether tying U. S. POW releases to Thai SGU withdrawals might not be seized upon by the North Vietnamese as a pretext for not withdrawing their own troops.

Of Mr. Richardson's recommendations;

-- We recommend renewed strong protests to the DRV and LPF now.

-- If we do not have a satisfactory response by April 10, begin air reconnaissance over Laos and move a carrier task force back to Vietnamese waters but in the context of the totality of North Vietnamese violations including the Laos POW/MIA issue.

-- We would not link the Thai SGU and political discussions to the POW/MIA issue but we would not move the SGU until we are satisfied.

The memorandum at Tab A to Secretary Richardson thanks him for his views, expresses your concern, and notes that we are reviewing his suggestions.

Recommendation:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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of the DRV  
Nguyen Co Thach, Vice-Minister of Foreign  
Affairs  
Phan Hien, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Col. Hoang Hoa  
Nguyen Dinh Phuong, interpreter  
three notetakers

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

[REDACTED], Ambassador-Designate  
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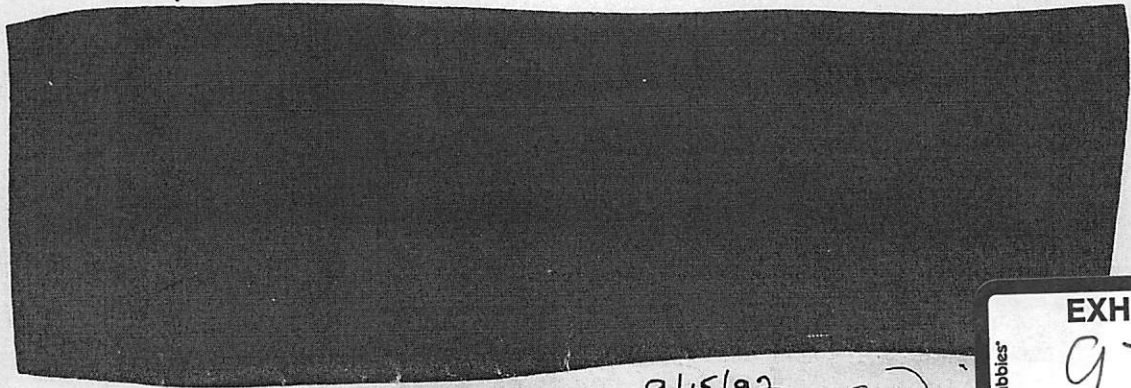
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DATE AND TIME:

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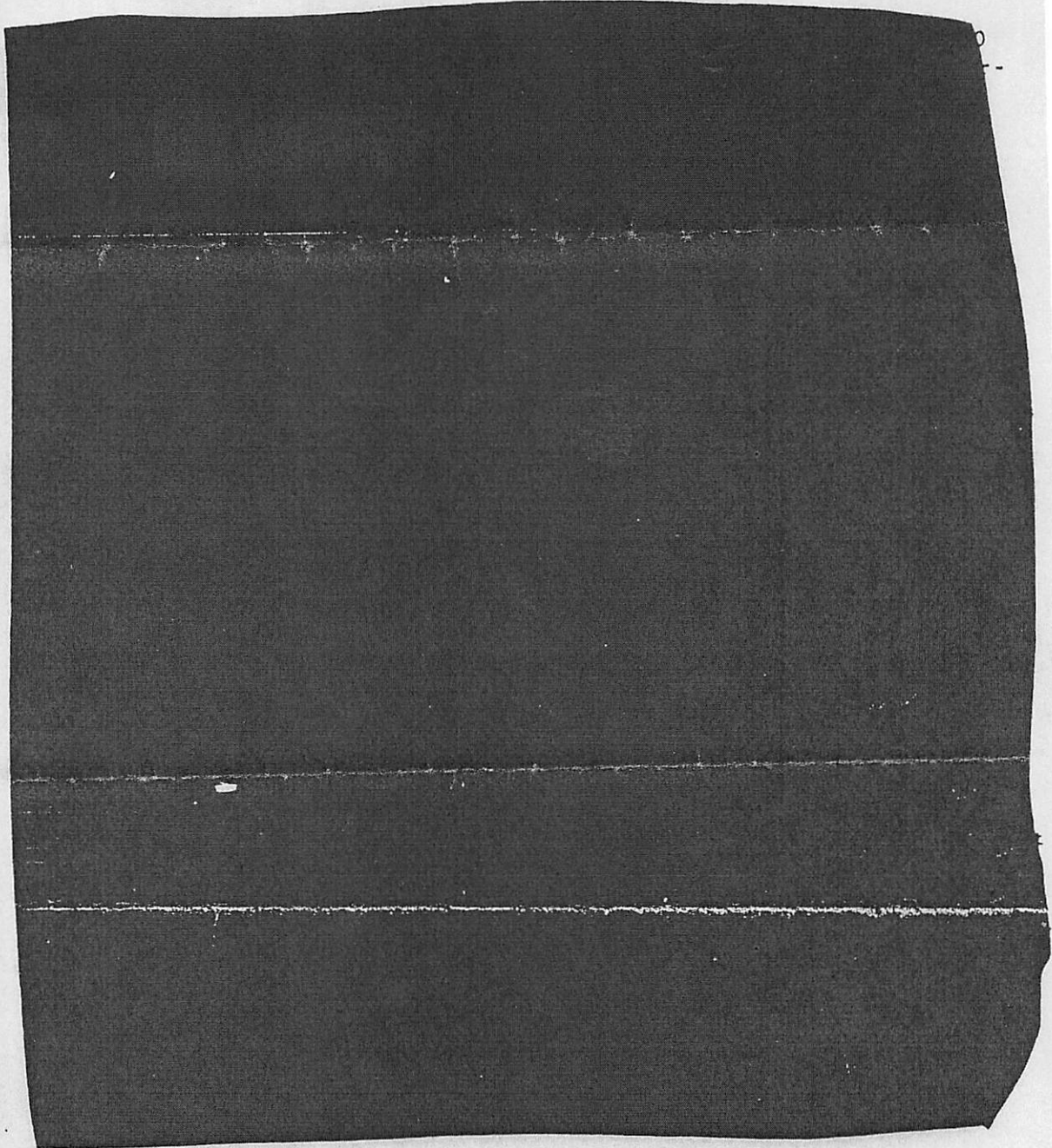
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claim that it applies to all of Indochina, because there is no geographic limit stated. You will not accept this publicly, but you will not contradict this publicly either. And you will be helpful to us in this respect.

Le Duc Tho: We will do this say to help you in Laos.

Kissinger: Yes. Is this a correct understanding of what Ambassador Sullivan and Minister Thach have discussed?

Le Duc Tho: But in Laos. Minister Thach has told Ambassador Sullivan that we will help you to coordinate with our ally in Laos in getting information about the missing in action in Laos. As to those in Cambodia, we will wait until after the solution and we will deal with this question.

Kissinger: You don't understand the point I am making.

Le Duc Tho: Have I well understood you, that when you make a statement about this question for the whole of Indochina, we will not state it?

Kissinger: You will not contradict it.

Le Duc Tho: We will say nothing about it.

Kissinger: But without saying so, you will help us. We have an understanding on your honor that you will help us.

Le Duc Tho: We have to cooperate with our Lao friends. As to the statement you will make for the purpose of public opinion, we will say nothing.

Kissinger: Yes, but also for the purpose of reality. If you will help us. I will be helpful if you give us your assistance without making a public statement about it. You have often told me you could do things that are not written down.

Le Duc Tho: I agree. But I have to add that we have to cooperate with our Lao friends because it is their sovereignty.

Kissinger: I understand. Now we would still like a sentence from you which I don't understand why you can't give us--which says that "the DRV has been informed that there are no U.S. prisoners being held in Laos--that all the prisoners held in Laos have been released." It would be very important for us.

Le Duc Tho: I have acknowledged to you that all of them have been released.

Kissinger: Then why can't you write it down?

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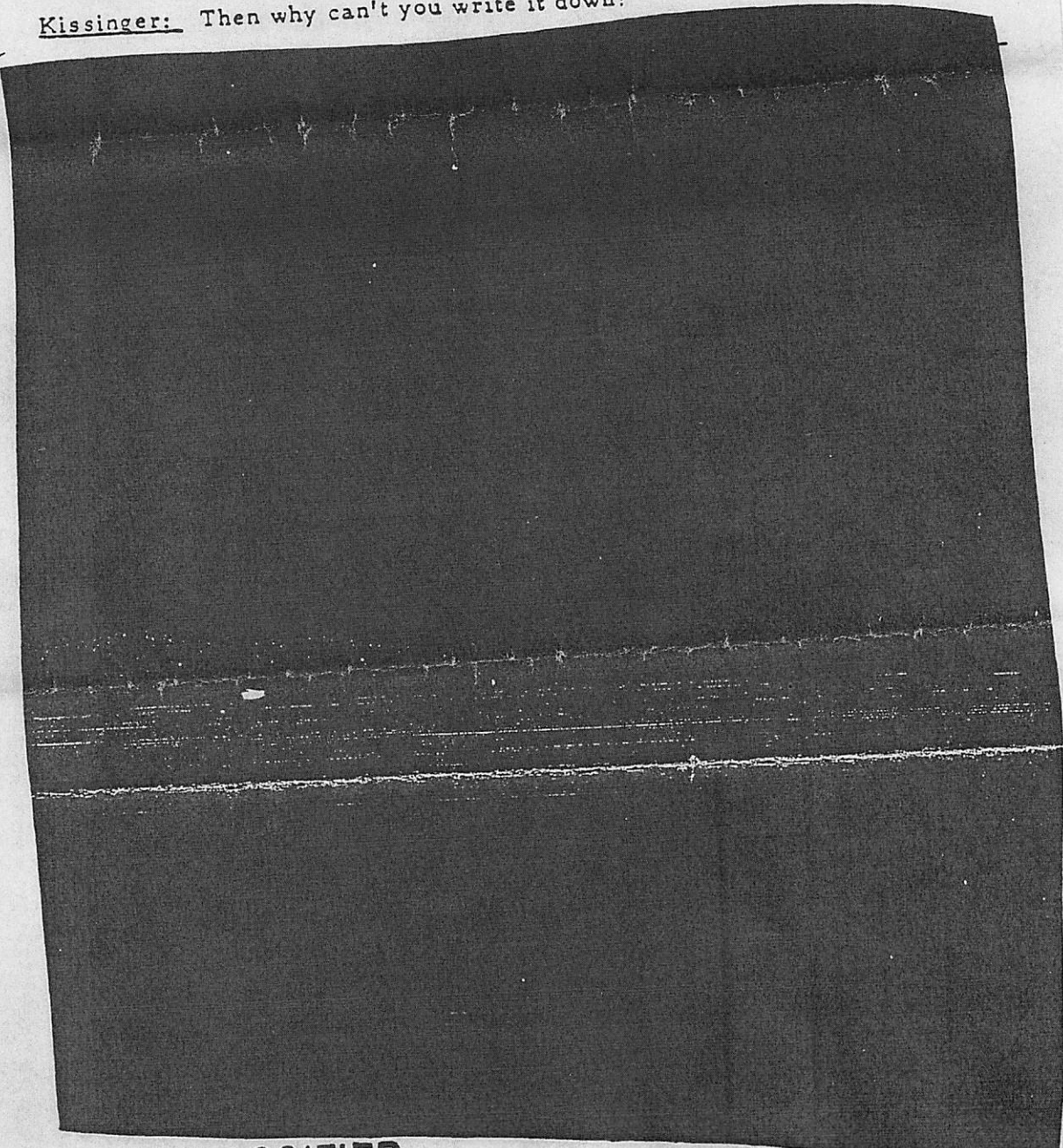
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PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF INFORMATION

Information to be evaluated: See copy attached.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF EIGHT TO TEN ALLEGED AMERICANS IN LAOS

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obtained the information about ten days earlier in conversation with a Pathet Lao soldier. The soldier claimed that about two months earlier, he had personally observed Americans working with the North Vietnam Army near the Demilitarized

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Zone between North and South Vietnam. [REDACTED]

was not able to recontact the Father Leo source or obtain further confirmation.

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4. The information which [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] in 1976 contained items not in the information provi. [REDACTED] in 1974. The new bits of information were as follows:

a. The 1974 report mentioned [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that the North Vietnamese were exploiting certain PWs for their technical skills, and that the PWs worked on the Ho Chi Min trail; but the 1974 report did not specify that the PWs cooperated with the North Vietnamese by defusing unexploded ordnance.

b. The 1974 report did not mention that the group of 8 to 10 American PWs were known to be in the vicinity of Sam Neua in early 1973.

c. Nor did the earlier report mention a suspicion that the group of American PWs had been in the vicinity of the Plain of Jars.

d. the 1974 report did not mention dates on which new bits of information were acquired.

e. The 1974 report mentioned "brainwashing", but was not as specific as the 1976 report in stating that the American PWs were cooperating with the North Vietnamese as a result of being pressured until they "broke".

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6. One of the Americans released from Laos, a civilian named Emmet Kay, was captured on 7 May 1973 and on 11 June 1973 moved into the Sam Neua area, where he was held until his release on 19 September 1974. Although Emmet Kay's captivity did not overlap with the period when [REDACTED]

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be in the Sam Neua area, i.e., early 1975, Emmet Kay might have learned from the guards or prison personnel if such a large group of American PWs was being held or had been held nearby. At no time during his detainment in the Sam Neua area did he have knowledge or hear of any other U.S. personnel being held in the area.

A 7. None of the returnees in Operation Homecoming had been forced to perform hard labor, such as road building. If the [REDACTED] report is looked on as a report on Americans performing hard labor, then it is a unique report. On the other hand, if it is viewed in terms of exploitation of technical skills, then it must be considered compatible with many other reports of attempts to exploit PWs. The returnees had seen two American PWs who cooperated with the enemy. There have been unconfirmed reports of collaborators. The North Vietnamese deliberately exploited the skills of the PWs for propaganda. It is not inconceivable that they might have tried to exploit PWs skilled in ordnance. Military pilots, as a rule, did not possess such skills.

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A 8. Although there is no confirmed reporting that correlates directly with the [REDACTED] report, there are reports of varying reliability which might possibly be related. For instance, a series of reports [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that nine American PWs were held in the vicinity of Mahaxay, a town about 30 miles east of Thakhek in Central Laos, in September 1973. One report said they were taken to Hanoi in September 1973. Another report said nine Americans were still in the area, at a detention camp near a town called Pha Katao, in March 1974. This information did not correlate to any known individual or group of PW/MIAs; the nine Americans captured in Laos and released in Operation Homecoming had all been moved out of Laos to Hanoi well before the end of 1972. This series of reports did not imply that the nine Americans in the Mahaxay area had been defusing ordnance or cooperating in any way with the North Vietnamese. The Mahaxay reports remain unconfirmed in spite of extensive research and follow-up.

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9. It is highly unlikely that [REDACTED] could at this time provide enough information, even if they were available for extensive debriefing, to establish positive identification of persons they may have seen working on the Ho Chi Min trail, or to establish conclusively that such persons were Americans and not Europeans, Russians, Cubans or other nationalities. Research at this time would probably produce as little or less than it did in 1974 [REDACTED]

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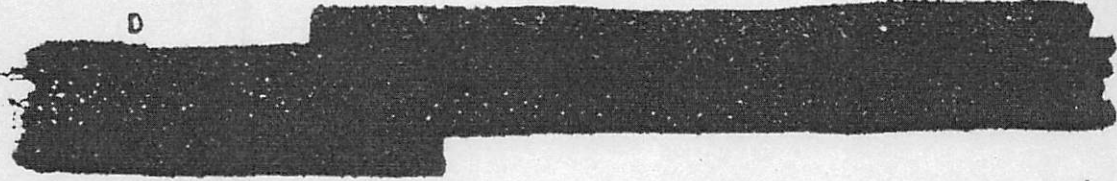
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INTERNAL AREA. EACH PRISONER BUILDING WAS ABOUT 50X10 METERS IN SIZE. BUILT OF CEMENT WITH CORRUGATED-SHEET METAL ROOFING. THE TOTAL INTERNAL AREA WAS ABOUT 3 RAI IN SIZE. 2.5 RAI  
EQUALS ABOUT ONE ACRE.)

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 8891). 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. THE LPA SECURITY CHIEF AT THE CAMP WAS ((SITHON)) (LNU).

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.

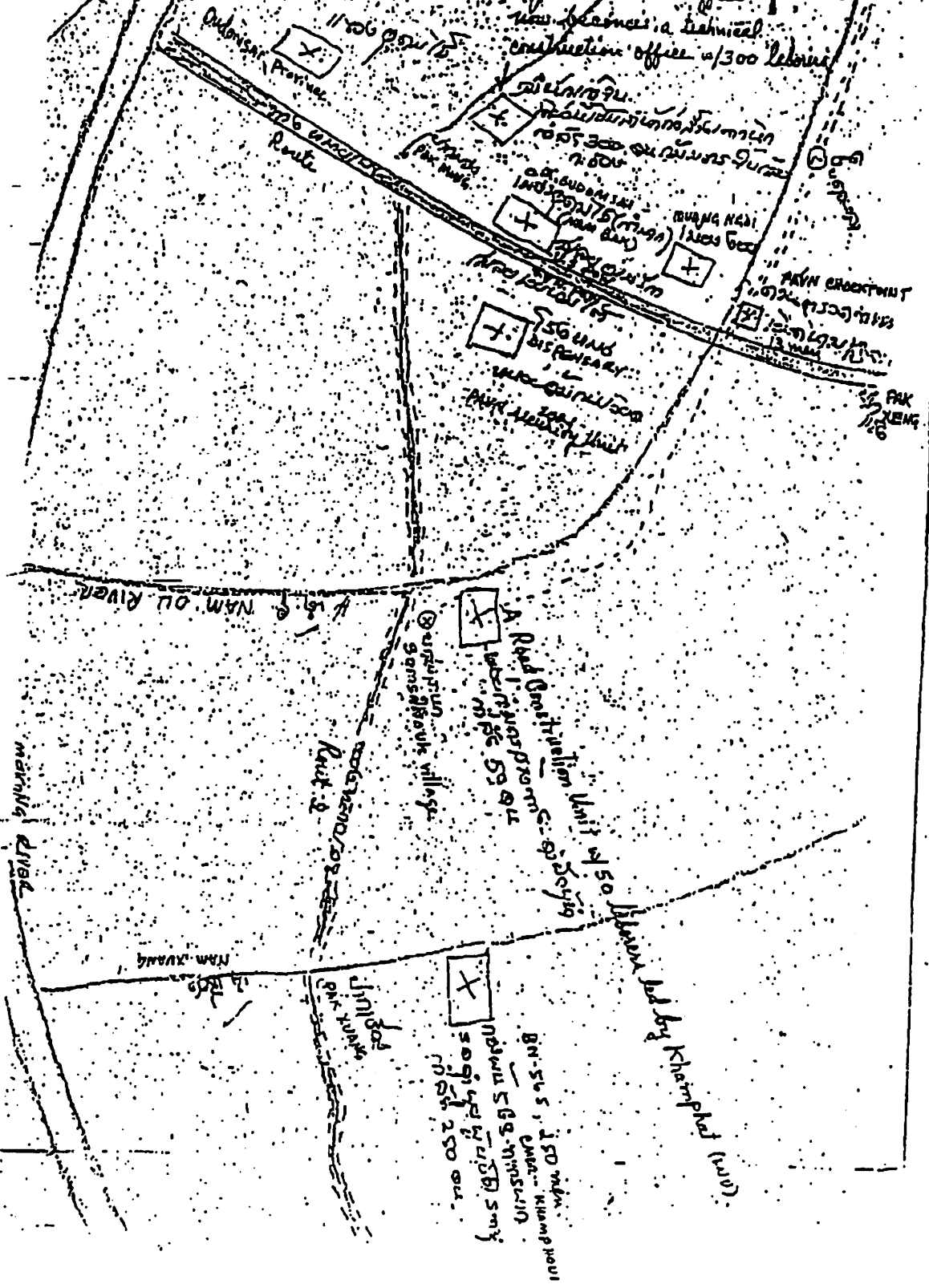
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SUMMARY: ..... REPORT. REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PWS WHO WERE BEING TRANSPORTED UNDER GUARD TO SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS.

TEXT: 1. *SSC* .....  
 //UTMCOORD SH 9897//, LAOS, SAID THAT ON 9 JUN 87, A LAO POLICE SUB-LIEUTENANT WITH 12 TROOPS (NFI) ESCORTED TWO U.S. PWS BY VEHICLE INTO BAN LONG KAT WHERE THEY STOPPED TO EAT. SOME OF THE TROOPS ATE AT *SSC*'S HOUSE.

2. THE SUB-LIEUTENANT SAID THAT HE WAS TAKING THE PWS TO SAM NEUA PROVINCE. HE ADDED THAT ON 7 JUN 87, THE LAO *FIS* IN VIENTIANE HAD ISSUED AN ORDER TO OUDOMSAI PROVINCE TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ALL PWS AND TO TRANSPORT THEM TO SAM NEUA PROVINCE. THE ORDER CITED U.S. EMBASSY, VIENTIANE QUESTIONING THE LAO GOVERNMENT ABOUT PW PRESENCE AS THE REASON FOR THE RELOCATION.

3. *SSC* SAID THAT THE PWS WERE CALLED BY LAO NAMES: *NAMES* BOTH PWS WERE DRESSED IN "VIETNAMESE" BLUE COTTON WORK UNIFORMS WITH BLUE HATS AND WERE BAREFOOT. *SSC*, WHO SPOKE WITH THEM, SAID THAT *NAMES* COULD SPEAK THE LOCAL LAO DIALECT. *SSC* COMPLAINED TO *SSC* THAT HE MISSED HIS PIGS AND CHICKENS; HE HAD TO LEAVE THEM AFTER STAYING WITH THEM FOR 8 YEARS AND 4 MONTHS. HE SAID THAT ALL HIS FRIENDS HAD DIED.

4. AFTER THE MEAL, THE SUB-LIEUTENANT'S GROUP AND THE PWS BOARDED A VEHICLE WHICH DEPARTED FOR KILOMETER 18 ON THE WAY TO *NAMES* PROVINCE.

COMMENTS: BAN LONG KAT MAY BE BAN KAT//UTMCOORD SH 973997//SHOWN ON 1:50,000, EDITION 3, L7015 SERIES WHICH IS AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 46 AND 4. THE GROUP MAY HAVE USED ROUTE 4 TO TRAVEL TO *NAMES* PROVINCE.

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REQS: D-VOP-2430-03-90; D-VOP-43468.

SOURCE: //OTS 2 240 0011 90//, A U.S. FEDERAL AGENT WHO OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IN THE COURSE OF AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER OFFICIAL DUTIES.

SUMMARY: A LAOTIAN EXPATRIATE AND SELF-DECLARED LAOTIAN RESISTANCE GROUP LEADER CLAIMED THAT THE PATHET LAO COMMANDER OF THE 11TH REGIMENT AT KHAM KEUT //GEOCOORD KHAM MONAME PROVINCE WAS SUSPECTED OF HOLDING "D. HERLICKA." HE

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DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE RESCUE ATTEMPT.

TEXT:

1. SYNOPSIS. A LAOTIAN EXPATRIATE

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CLAIMED IN A JUN 89 LETTER THAT THE PATHET LAO COMMANDER OF THE 11TH REGIMENT AT KHAM KEUT, KHAM MONAME PROVINCE WAS SUSPECTED OF HOLDING "D. HERLICKA." HE DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE RESCUE ATTEMPT. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE IN DEC 89 INDICATED THAT "HERLICKA" HAD BEEN HELD IN VINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

2. BACKGROUND. SOURCE OBTAINED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SSC - 1 (SUBJECT 1), AN EXPATRIATE LAOTIAN AND SSC - 2 (SUBJECT 2), A FRENCH CITIZEN AND PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE CORRESPONDENCE WAS FREELY PROVIDED BY SSC - 2. ALONG WITH COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SSC - 2 AND SEVERAL U.S. CITIZENS CONCERNING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SSC - 3. SSC - 3 WAS

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CLIPPINGS OF HIS OWN MIA "RESCUE" ATTEMPTS CIRCA 1985 AND 1986.

SSC-2 INDICATED THAT SSC-3 HAD NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. MIA STILL ALIVE IN LAOS, AND THAT HE, SSC-2, WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

3. CORRESPONDENCE IN REFERENCE TO U.S. MIA.

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A. EXCERPT NAMING POSSIBLE MIA. THE FOLLOWING WAS TAKEN FROM A LETTER FROM SUBJECT 1 TO SUBJECT 2 DATED 27 JUN 1989, BANGKOK. "I AM TALKING TO COL CHAENG (BRIG GEN) PL COMMANDER OF THE 11TH REGIMENT AT KHAM KEUT, KHAM MONAME PROVINCE. SUSPECTING OF HOLDING D. HERLICKA AND FRIENDS. THE OUTCOME OF MY CONVERSATION WILL BE RELAYED TO YOU SOON.

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B. DATE OF LOSS. THE FOLLOWING IS A NOTATION ON A BUSINESS LETTER FROM CARL W. CURTIS TO SUBJECT 2 DATED NOV 28, 1989. "MR. H- NO- STILL MISSING- YOUR NOTE IS NEW TO AIR FORCE, STATE, DIA. HAVE GIVEN THEM YOUR PHONE NUMBER THERE. SHOT DOWN 13 MAY 65. MANY STORIES UNTIL 67/68 WHEN ASSUMED DEAD."

C. LOCATION OF MIA. THE FOLLOWING IS A FAX FROM SUBJECT 2 TO CARL DATED 12-2-89 BANGKOK. "D. H. WOULD BE DETAINED NOT FAR AWAY FROM VINH PROVINCE."

D. POSSIBLE RESCUE ATTEMPT. THE FOLLOWING IS A FAX FROM SUBJECT 2 TO RICK DATED 12-2-89 BANGKOK. "HOUNPHENG IS READY TO FREE SEVERAL US POWS AGAINST A SAFE PASSAGE TO THE US....D. HRDLICKA IS SAID TO BE DETAINED NEAR VINH PROVINCE. WHAT YOU COULD DO IS DOUBLE CHECK...".

SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S COMMENTS

1. SEARCH OF MIA RECORDS. DIA PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION COLLECTION SUPPORT DATA BASE LISTS AS MISSING IN ACTION -

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2. RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO NEXT OF KIN. DUE TO THE POSSIBLE CORRELATION OF THE NAME PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT WITH THE EVENT-RECORDED IN DIA MISSING IN ACTION RECORDS, THIS REPORT IS FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL FOR POSSIBLE RELEASE OF PERTINENT INFORMATION ELEMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 3, A (U) TO NEXT OF KIN AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

COMMENTS: THIS IS THE SECOND OF TWO REPORTS FROM SOURCE. THE FIRST WAS IIR 2 240 5009 90, HEARSAY, RE U.S. MIA/C47 CREW ALLEGEDLY ALIVE IN LAOS. SOURCE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT WILLINGLY AND WITHOUT EVASION. ANY EVALUATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THIS IIR SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO: CDRUSAOPSGP FT GEORGE G. MEADE MD//IAGPC-L/IAGPC-CM//.

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SUBJ: FURTHER CONTACT WITH LAO SOURCE OF PW INFO

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B. DIA/PW-MIA MSG 121505Z JUN 90, SUBJ: SOURCE DIRECTED  
REQUIREMENT, SDR S-VDP-05346

C. USDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA// MSG 220907Z JUN 90, SUBJ:  
RESPONSE TO SDR S-VDP-05346

D. DIA//CV(DEA-DRE)// MSG 251902Z OCT 90, SUBJ: IIR  
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1. REF A INCLUDED A REPORT FROM LAO SOURCE *source*, DATED JUNE 1989, AS FOLLOWS: "I AM TALKING TO COL CHAENG (BRIG GEN) PL COMMANDER OF THE 11TH REGIMENT AT KHAM KEUT, KHAM MOUANG PROVINCE. SUSPECTING OF HOLDING D. HERLICKA AND FRIENDS. THE OUTCOME OF MY CONVERSATION WILL BE RELAYED TO YOU SOON." REF B HAS REQUEST THAT *SC* BE INTERVIEWED AS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN DAVID HRDLICKA, MISSING IN LAOS SINCE MAY 1965. DURING STONY BEACH INTERVIEW, REPORTED IN REF C, *SC* WOULD NOT RESPOND TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THE "HERLICKA" CASE, HOWEVER, DID SAY THAT HE HAD INFORMATION FROM COL CHAENG THROUGH COL BOUA THAT HERLICKA WAS HELD IN THE VICINITY OF LAK XAD.

2. PARA 1, REF D STATES IN PART, AS FOLLOWS: *DATA* INDICATES GENERAL CHAENG CHAINONG, A LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY COMMANDER IS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. GEN. CHAENG IS ALSO THE CHIEF OF THE PHATANA PHU DOI COMPANY IN THE KHAMMUAN, SAVANNAKHET, AND BOLIKHAMXAI PROVINCES. INVOLVED WITH GEN. CHAENG IS THE GOVERNOR OF KHAMMUAN PROVINCE (LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)." IT SHOULD

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Deposition of S. RICHARD RAND, a witness herein,  
called for examination by counsel on behalf of the Select  
Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, pursuant to notice,  
commencing at 10:02 a.m., in Room S-407, The Capitol, the  
witness having been duly sworn by MICHAL ANN SCHAFER, a  
Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, and the  
proceedings being taken down by Stenomask by MICHAL ANN  
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S. Richard Rand

By Mr. McCreary

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Whereupon,

S. RICHARD RAND,

the witness herein, called for examination by counsel on behalf of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs and having been duly sworn by the Notary Public, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

BY MR. McCREARY:

Q. Welcome, Mr. Rand. This is the deposition of Mr. S. Richard Rand. Present are Mr. S. Richard Rand, Mr. Hergen, Mr. Barry Valentine, representing the Committee, and Mr. John McCreary, who will be the chief questioner, representing the Committee. Mr. Dino Carluccio is expected to join us shortly.

This deposition is beginning at 10:02 in the office of Senate Security. Again, welcome. I expect that this will be a Secret deposition and remain in Secret channels.

We will introduce as Exhibit 1 a copy of the rules.

[The document referred to was marked Rand Exhibit No. 1 for identification.]

Exhibit 2 will be a copy of the authorization.

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1 MR. HERGEN: So we won't discuss anything above  
2 Secret?

3 MR. MCCREARY: If it goes above that, we will  
4 break and discuss how to handle it.

5 MR. HERGEN: I don't have any reason to assume  
6 anything's going to come up, and I do recall you having  
7 said Secret. I just wanted to confirm that.

8 MR. MCCREARY: That's right. It will be Secret.  
9 None of the materials I will consult will be higher than  
10 that.

11 BY MR. MCCREARY:

12 Q. Let's move on, then, to the setting as you  
13 experienced it. What kind of problems did you encounter  
14 in the embassy and what kind of working relationships did  
15 you have with the other Executive Branch presences and the  
16 military presence you described, and the intelligence?

17 A. I'm trying to recall if there was a formal  
18 structure. I know each of these agencies had a person  
19 that had the principal focus on this activity. I can just  
20 recall one name, maybe.

21 Q. Would you recall that name, please?

22 A. Yes. For DIA, I believe it was a Major Charlie  
23 Tennant -- Charles Tennant -- T-e-n-n-a-n-t, as I recall.  
24 I think that's the only name.

25 Q. That's fine. I'd like to pursue this. In your

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1 dealing with families and so on, did you have a point of  
2 contact in the military presence in the defense attache's  
3 office for prisoners of war and MIA issues?

4 A. It would have been Charlie Tennant.

5 Q. Was there one in the Chief-of-Station's  
6 organization?

7 A. Yes. As I recall, it was [REDACTED]

8 Q. Were those positions established after you  
9 arrived, after June '71, or did they preexist?

10 A. I think they preexisted my arrival.

11 Q. Do you recall -- and again I'm only asking for  
12 your memories here -- that they existed for some time, had  
13 been well established, or were they fairly recently  
14 established?

15 A. I don't recall. I know my position was  
16 established with my arrival.

17 Q. How would you describe the political milieu in  
18 Laos at the time? Was the government strong when you  
19 arrived and became weaker? Were people upbeat and  
20 optimistic about what the United States was doing at the  
21 time? Those kinds of atmospherics, if you will. Feel  
22 free to just talk about that as you recall it.

23 A. As I recall it, especially when I first arrived  
24 in '71, the atmosphere was upbeat. The Souvannaphouma  
25 government was well entrenched and operating efficiently,

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1 words, once a guy is on the ground and he becomes sort of  
2 anonymous, he's an anomaly walking through a Southeast  
3 Asian country in some ways.

4 A. I think that several elements of the mission who  
5 were there in Vientiane were information addressees on  
6 these reports, but I have a sense that the focus was in  
7 CINCPAC, the principal file or the official file or the  
8 disposition of these cases.

9 Q. Who was the ambassador that you worked for?

10 A. G. MacMurtrie Godley.

11 Q. Do you maintain contact with him at this point?

12 A. No, I don't.

13 Q. Did Ambassador Godley receive regular briefings  
14 on losses in Laos, do you believe or recall?

15 A. Well, he was fully aware of everything that I  
16 was made aware of. He had all the traffic I had. I would  
17 say yes. I don't know if he had briefings, but he was  
18 very well aware of all incidents related to POW/MIA  
19 affairs.

20 Q. Do you remember the name of the CIA station  
21 chief while you were out there?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. Would you please state it?

24 THE WITNESS: May I?

25 MR. HERGEN: Sure.

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1 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

2 BY MR. MCCREARY:

3 Q. We intend to depose him. I just wanted to make  
4 sure I understood the right sequence in time.

5 A. I was trying to recall when [REDACTED] left. No, I  
6 think it was after my entire tenure.

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7 Q. Would you describe your impressions of Colonel  
8 Soth Petrasay?

9 A. You know, after these many contacts with him  
10 over a two-year period, I definitely concluded that Soth  
11 Petrasay was not a mover or shaker within the Pathet Lao  
12 infrastructure. I often had reason to question whether he  
13 was even really in the loop of things. He was really just  
14 a figurehead.

15 Again, I have a recollection that there was a  
16 conclusion that he was not a very effective functionary of  
17 the Pathet Lao movement.

18 Q. On what would you base that conclusion, as you  
19 recall, particularly the terminology that he was not very  
20 effective?

21 A. Well, he was never able to be responsive to any  
22 request we ever made. I recall that, especially toward  
23 the end, as we were approaching negotiations in early  
24 1973, I had a lot more information than he did about what  
25 was going on up north. I clearly recall that. I may have

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1 BY MR. MCCREARY:

2 Q. We're back on the record. I have some questions  
3 for you, Mr. Rand, about some embassy telegrams that were  
4 sent between 22 March of 1973 and the 24th of May of '73.  
5 The first cable is the one on the 22nd of March. I'd like  
6 to draw your attention to paragraph 2 of the cable  
7 Vientiane.

8 Do you recall whether you or someone else  
9 drafted this cable?

10 A. My recollection is that John Dean and I drafted  
11 it together. Let me just --

12 Q. Take your time.

13 [Pause.]

14 A. I would say that at this stage of the scenario  
15 the participants had been upgraded so that each of these  
16 incidents was in conjunction with the DCM, John Gunther  
17 Dean at the time, and although I may have drafted the  
18 cable it was coordinated with John and he probably had  
19 input into it as well. That's the best of my  
20 recollection.

21 Q. Does the cable look familiar to you in gross  
22 terms or in specific?

23 A. Yes, it does.

24 Q. And the subject of this cable is U.S. PWS in  
25 Laos. I would like to read the first sentence or so of

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1 that second paragraph and ask you to comment and provide a  
2 context or your interpretation, your understanding as a  
3 person involved in the process at the time as to what that  
4 sentence means.

5 The sentences are these: "We believe the  
6 LPF" -- that is, the Lao Peoples Front -- "holds  
7 throughout Laos more prisoners than found on the DRV list"  
8 -- DRV meaning Democratic Republic of Vietnam -- "but we  
9 believe that, for the time being, we should concentrate  
10 our efforts on getting these nine listed men repatriated  
11 as soon as possible. The release of the nine PWs already  
12 acknowledged seems possible within the time frame of the  
13 Vietnam agreement. However, we do not believe it is  
14 reasonable to expect the LPF to be able to produce an  
15 accurate PW list by March 28. The LPF just has not  
16 focused on the PW repatriation and accounting problem  
17 until very recently, and probably cannot collect in the  
18 next few days the information we require."

19 I'll stop there. In your time in Laos, did we  
20 believe that thee were men alive in Lao hands, and is that  
21 what this cable purports to say?

22 A. Yes, at that point in time.

23 Q. We believed, as of the 22nd of March -- correct  
24 me if I'm misstating -- that there were more than nine  
25 Americans captive by the Pathet Lao; is that correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And is that your understanding of this cable?

3 A. That was my understanding, but I would say it  
4 was based on factors such as our having proof that, for  
5 example, the Hdrlicka and Debruin -- the proof of their  
6 capture and survival of their incidents -- when it was  
7 documented, and it would be in that regard that we would  
8 have made that statement that there were other people  
9 other than the ones on their list that had survived until  
10 a more recent date.

11 Q. Would that statement also have implied we did  
12 not have evidence that the Lao killed people deliberately  
13 as a policy -- the Pathet Lao, that is?

14 A. I can recall information describing mob murder  
15 of downed airmen that came in through various channels. I  
16 can't recall whether any of those incidents were  
17 confirmed, but we were certainly getting information along  
18 those lines from time to time.

19 Is that responsive?

20 Q. That's very responsive. It's very helpful.

21 Do you recall Soth Petrasz ever stating that the  
22 Lao policy was to kill pilots, was to punish the pirates,  
23 if you will, or language to that effect?

24 A. I do not recall that. In fact, my recollection  
25 would be that he would have taken, particularly when I was

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1 there mostly with family members, a much more humanitarian  
2 posture. I don't recall that he ever stated that was a  
3 policy.

4 Q. We have no information of that either, so I  
5 wanted to confirm it.

6 A. It just wasn't in his modus operandi to say  
7 anything along those lines at all -- that we were the  
8 barbarians.

9 Q. We have not found any policy statements by the  
10 Lao, either in intelligence channels or others, that  
11 indicates that they had a policy of killing pirates.

12 A. I can recall -- again, a best recollection is  
13 that he would, on the other hand, in that regard have  
14 stated that any persons taken prisoner were treated  
15 humanely in any discussions that myself or the families  
16 would have had with him.

17 But again I would qualify that by saying the  
18 total conclusion I came away with was that probably he had  
19 no basis, any valid basis for saying things like that.

20 Q. Do you believe he had communications with the  
21 Pathet Lao headquarters at Sam Neua?

22 A. I can recall, whether I did in a cable or just  
23 informally, at one time questioning whether he did in fact  
24 have communication with Sam Neua, and I think this  
25 particularly came about at the time of the final

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1 opinion, but that was my conclusion.

2 Q. You may not have been in the loop for all this  
3 information, you know, and that's fine. I have no way of  
4 knowing that. I'm trying to find out.

5 A. Well, all I can say is that, as I indicated,  
6 clearly at that point the embassy focus had been elevated  
7 at least to the DCM level and he had to be in the loop.

8 Q. Yes, he did. This leads to a discussion of the  
9 next cable. I want to talk about this one.

10 A. I guess really what I'm saying is, you know, to  
11 get to have a cable like that approved for dissemination -  
12 - I mean, I just didn't sit down and draft it and send it  
13 myself. It had to have a much higher level, and probably  
14 an ambassadorial level at that time.

15 Q. I understand that and I fully concur.

16 The next cable is Vientiane 2241, and it's  
17 toward the back of the package. I apologize. I didn't  
18 get time to put them in the right order. 27 March 1973.

19 A. This is still pre-Homecoming?

20 Q. Yes. This is still pre-Homecoming. Cable 2241  
21 from Vientiane, dated 27 March 1973, is entitled U.S. PWS  
22 in Laos: Discussion with LPF Rep. This cable describes  
23 in paragraph 1 a meeting of Deputy Chief of Mission John  
24 Gunther Dean and Consul Richard Rand with LPF permanent  
25 representative Soth Petrasay and provides details of the

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1 discussion.

2 Paragraph 2 describes questions related to the  
3 March 28 release of nine PWs in Hanoi, which the cable  
4 says were resolved. It goes on to say: "We informed Soth  
5 that USG continues to hope LPF holds other U.S. PWs whose  
6 names were not placed on list transmitted by DRV on  
7 February 1. We asked Soth to transmit this view to LPF  
8 authorities in Sam Neua with request that LPF undertake  
9 serious research to determine whether there are in fact  
10 other PWs being held."

11 Paragraph 3 begins: "We then discussed with him  
12 on some detail the cases of Eugene Debruin and U.S. Air  
13 Force Captain David Hrdlicka. We presented him with  
14 photographs of both men in PL captivity and noted that  
15 both photos had appeared in Neo Lao Hak Sot publications.  
16 We showed him an embassy memo of conversation prepared in  
17 May 1966 in which Soth acknowledged PL detention of  
18 Debruin and his report that Debruin was in good health.  
19 Soth displayed keen interest in the items presented and  
20 stated he would refer the question of other U.S. PWs to  
21 his superior at Sam Neua and agreed to convey response to  
22 DCM as soon as it is received.

23 "He added that in event other PWs located their  
24 release would be handled within the framework of the  
25 February 21 Vientiane agreement."

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1 Do you recall that cable as one you would have  
2 seen or helped draft?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You would have helped draft?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Does that cable reflect, in your recollection,  
7 our expectation that the Pathet Lao held more prisoners  
8 than the nine that were under discussion?

9 A. I would say yes, at that point in time, based on  
10 the Debruin-Hrdlicka evidence that we had.

11 Q. Were you personally convinced that they knew  
12 more than they were telling us about Americans alive and  
13 in captivity?

14 A. I was convinced that Soth Petrasz most likely  
15 told us as much as he knew at the time. Phrasing it  
16 differently, I don't believe that Soth Petrasz, when we  
17 were talking to him one on one, knew that there were  
18 presently any particular individuals such as Debruin or  
19 Hrdlicka surviving in the north.

20 Is that responsive?

21 Q. That's fine. Do you recall talking about this  
22 issue with DCM Dean in preparation for this meeting?

23 A. I don't have a particular recollection, but I'm  
24 absolutely certain we did before we went to talk to  
25 Petrasz. We would have reviewed the Hrdlicka and Debruin

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1 evidence that we had.

2 Q. Do you have any specific recollection of Dean's  
3 attitude? In other words, specifically did he believe the  
4 Lao held more prisoners than they were willing to admit?

5 A. I don't have a specific recollection along those  
6 lines, but I would say at the time, as much as I did  
7 myself, we expected that at least they had a basis for  
8 accounting for additional prisoners by virtue of the fact  
9 that we know that they had these two particular  
10 individuals alive and captives at a certain point.

11 I don't know if either John Gunther Dean or  
12 myself were able to conclude that these or other Americans  
13 were in fact still alive up north.

14 Q. Were you familiar with an International  
15 Committee for the Red Cross, ICRC, program of handling  
16 over casualty folders to the Lao?

17 A. Just remind me what a casualty folder it.

18 Q. We had a program --

19 A. Oh, yes.

20 Q. -- where we had told the Lao everybody who was  
21 lost in Laos from the 1960s-on. They had the ability to  
22 know everybody who was lost. We gave them the data. Do  
23 you recall that?

24 A. I recall that that was an ongoing process.

25 MR. MCCREARY: Okay. Why don't we break for a

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1 toward the end of our interview because we had asked him  
2 what kind of contact he had had over the years with the  
3 embassy, with the American embassy in Bangkok. We were  
4 interested in what the level of that contact was for a  
5 number of reasons associated with our interview with him.

6 And we asked him when he last had contact with  
7 the embassy. He told us that it was in the early '80s,  
8 and that he had been trying to arrange, through a  
9 congressman -- we don't know at that time, because he  
10 wasn't specific about the time in the early '80s, whether  
11 this congressman was still a congressman; John Leboutier,  
12 who was from New York.

13 THE WITNESS: Long Island.

14 MR. VALENTINE: Right. And that through  
15 Leboutier he had been trying to arrange for passports,  
16 official U.S. Government passports, for himself and for  
17 another individual to aid them in their work, their search  
18 for information.

19 It was his understanding that those passports  
20 had been approved, but that he was unable to get them  
21 because he claims that you, to use his word, put the  
22 kibosh on it so that he was never able to get his  
23 passport, [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

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1 information that went back and forth on it, but it was an  
2 item of serious concern to the mission at the time.

3 MR.. VALENTINE: Do you know of anybody else who  
4 might be familiar with that particular event?

5 THE WITNESS: I had completely forgotten about  
6 it until you just mentioned it. [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]

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9 MR. VALENTINE: Do you recall any other contact  
10 with Mr. Shinkle before or after that time period?

11 THE WITNESS: Let me just say you triggered a  
12 memory, and I don't know if I'm confusing two different  
13 scenarios, but there was in fact a group -- and I tend to  
14 think it was Shinkle-related -- that actually went across  
15 the border and into Laos, were picked up and were held a  
16 while, and we had to negotiate their release and did in  
17 fact do it.

18 Yes, that's it.

19 MR. VALENTINE: The organization with which he  
20 was associated at the time was called Skyhook 2. That was  
21 the name given to Leboutier's organization.

22 THE WITNESS: Was it? Jim just reminded me that  
23 that scenario concerned Bo Gritz, and it was Bo Gritz that  
24 I had a lot of contact with up north.

25 MR. VALENTINE: Mr. Shinkle claimed that he

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1 himself had not been in Laos since 1965, that he works  
2 through "researchers." But he himself hasn't been in the  
3 country at all.

4 What we were trying to ascertain from him  
5 related to a whole other subject -- the time frame and  
6 frequency of his contacts with the U.S. embassy.

7 MR. HERGEN: Just for the record, I don't mean  
8 to interrupt you, but could you ask the witness if the  
9 post was authorized to issue official passports locally,  
10 or were they issued in Washington?

11 THE WITNESS: Should I answer that?

12 MR. HERGEN: Yes.

13 THE WITNESS: They were issued in Washington.  
14 We did not have the authority to issue diplomatic or  
15 official passports.

16 MR. VALENTINE: For clarification that's a good  
17 point in terms of how the process happens.

18 BY MR. McCREARY:

19 Q. [REDACTED]

21 A. [REDACTED]

22 MR. VALENTINE: [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

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BY MR. McCREARY:

Q. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Who would you consult with?

A. On a passport decision? I was Consul General at the time.

Q. Would you notify the Ambassador?

A. If information came in that Al Shinkle, who as I recall was a questionable character and whose activities were questionable at the time, I certainly would have consulted with my superiors, the DCM and the Ambassador.

[REDACTED]

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1 Q. That is an issue in some of these cables.

2 A. I don't have a particular recollection of that.

3 Q. So it doesn't stand out? If it doesn't stand  
4 out, it doesn't stand out.

5 MR. HERGEN: My recollection may be wrong, but  
6 just for the record I think the 22 March cable, the  
7 paragraph 2 that you referred to earlier, I seem to recall  
8 that as having referred to the DRV list.

9 MR. McCREARY: That's correct. There's another  
10 cable in here that talks about prisoners being released  
11 under the Vientiane accords.

12 MR. HERGEN: Thank you. That's what I wanted to  
13 clarify. The witness's testimony, I believe, now on the  
14 record is that he does not have a specific recollection of  
15 any Vientiane separate accords.

16 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

17 BY MR. McCREARY:

18 Q. That's a helpful clarification. I appreciate  
19 that.

20 Let's go to the 5 April 73 cable, which is  
21 Vientiane 2553. There are two parts. There's a part in  
22 paragraph 1 that I will read to refresh your memory.

23 A. This is 5 April and after Homecoming?

24 Q. Right. This is post-Homecoming. I'll read  
25 paragraph 1 of the cable. The subject is PWS in Laos.

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1 for example, through Paris or other channel? Would your  
2 position have entitled you to that access?

3 A. If it related to PW/MIA affairs, I would have  
4 expected to have been in that loop, and I can't confirm  
5 that I was in fact, but I would have expected to be privy  
6 to that.

7 Q. Would you have been aware of an expectation that  
8 the Lao had 40 men alive in March '73, of a communication  
9 from the Pathet Lao?

10 A. Phrase that again.

11 Q. There is evidence in another file connection  
12 that I don't have access to but I have been informed about  
13 and other members of the staff have had access to that  
14 there was a private communication -- let me rephrase that  
15 -- there is documentary evidence that refers to a  
16 communication, the tenor of which we do not have, do not  
17 know, that says that the Lao have told us they have 40  
18 prisoners.

19 This is around the middle of March, 1973. Have  
20 you ever heard of that information -- in a back-channel  
21 capacity or in any capacity?

22 A. Again, I can only say that you are triggering  
23 something when you mention the figure 40. I can't relate  
24 it specifically to any communication. I really can't  
25 recall.

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1 A. What month?

2 Q. April 73, basically the day after Senator Brooke  
3 met Soth Petrasz, and there's a cable in here. I'm not  
4 going to plow through the cables again, but Soth Petrasz  
5 and Brooke had a conversation and Brooke told Soth Petrasz  
6 -- and this is in that cable -- that there were 318 MIA or  
7 CIA, missing in action or captured in action, in 1973,  
8 according to U.S. records. Does that sound familiar?

9 A. It sounds familiar, and I would likely have  
10 accompanied him on that.

11 Q. That's my question. Would you have been with  
12 him?

13 A. I would assume that. Again, I just don't  
14 picture myself with Senator Brooke sitting down and  
15 talking with Soth Petrasz, but I probably did it. You  
16 know, this became such a routine function. I really have  
17 no specifics on it at all.

18 There was a cable that resulted from that?

19 Q. Yes. There's one in this package, but I've  
20 already given you basically the highlights of what we're  
21 interested in.

22 I'm still struck by this. I'd like to return to  
23 this phrase that said the embassy is being directed toward  
24 making an accounting. Is that language that reflects  
25 direction from Washington? How should I understand that?

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Plaintiff,	)	
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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY	)	
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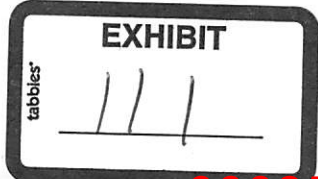
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT  
CIA'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

NATURE OF THE CASE

Plaintiff in this action seeks various records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) from three federal defendants relating to photographs and related documentation from the Sam Neua/Bon Nakai area of Laos. Defendant Central Intelligence Agency ("CIA") moves for summary judgment.

FACTS

On September 6, 1994, plaintiff submitted a FOIA request to the CIA for "all photo negatives of overhead imagery of the Bon Nakay area of Laos on or about October, 1969 and all



related documents, analysis, and records." On April 4, 1995, CIA informed plaintiff that no responsive records were located pursuant to his September 6, 1994 FOIA request. On April 20, 1995, plaintiff appealed CIA's finding of no responsive records to his FOIA request.

On August 26, 1997, CIA responded to plaintiff's appeal by informing him that on appeal, another search was conducted for materials responsive to his FOIA request and no responsive records were located at the CIA. However, as a result of the additional search, CIA personnel unofficially forwarded the request to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (hereinafter "NIMA"), which located six documents that were considered to be responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request. These six documents were originated by the Defense Intelligence Agency (hereinafter "DIA"). After reviewing the six documents for CIA information exempt from FOIA and withholding information from two of the documents, the CIA forwarded the six documents to the DIA for review and direct release of non-exempt information to the plaintiff.

DIA reviewed the six documents and also referred three of the documents to NIMA and CIA for a review of the information contained in the materials relating to these agencies. On March 9, 2000, the six documents were released to plaintiff by DIA, with portions of two of the documents withheld at the request of CIA pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b) (1) and (b) (3).





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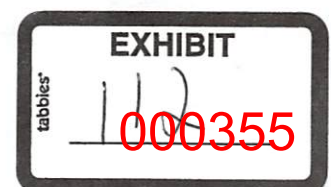
Dear Mr. Irvine:

This responds to your June 9, 2003, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal. You appealed the partial denial of information, and the adequacy of the search by the Office of Freedom of Information (OFOI) for your November 4, 2002, FOIA request. I am sorry that this response was not provided in a more timely manner.

Concerning items one and two of your request, I am affirming the initial determination. The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) advises that any records that may be responsive to your request have already been processed by DPMO and placed into the public domain for review by the public as a result of Legislative requirement, specifically, 50 U.S.C. 435 Note, commonly referred to as the "McCain Bill." DPMO has placed well over a million pages of POW/missing personnel material into the Library of Congress (LoC) for public review, and more are being added continuously. These records are retrievable on the public web site of the LoC under the POW/MIA Database collection at following web address: <http://leweb2.loc.gov/frd/powquery.html>. This database is key word searchable and a search will yield a list of all responsive records.

Concerning item three of your request, the DPMO conducted a new search for records. The search included key word phrases such as, "Operation Tailwind," "POW," "MIA," "POW/MIA, Laos," "Vietnam," "Thailand," and "Cambodia." I have reviewed the search procedures at the appellate level and find their search to be adequate. Therefore, I am affirming that DPMO holds no records transferred to Defense Intelligence Agency by the Central Intelligence Agency since DPMO's founding in 1993. *go to DTA directly*

Concerning the 404 pages responsive to item four of your request, I have determined at the appellate level that the withheld information remains exempt from release because it is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 as it pertains to (a) military plans, weapons, or operations; (b) foreign government information; and (c) intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology. Finally, some information is withheld because release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. Consequently, this information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) and b(6).



Concerning items four through seven of your request, the Joint Staff conducted a new search for records. The search included key word phrases such as, "Operation Tailwind," "POW," "MIA," "POW/MIA, Laos," "Vietnam," "Thailand," and "Cambodia." The Joint Staff found no additional records. I have reviewed the search procedures at the appellate level and find their search to be adequate. Therefore, I am affirming the initial search determination.

You have the right to judicial review of this decision in a United States District Court, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Rhodes", written in a cursive style.

Michael L. Rhodes  
Director

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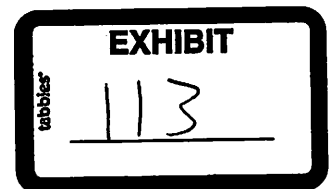
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**The Air America Association** has reportedly also received some documents.

The National Archives has space reserved for the Air America documents but has never received ant.  
The CIA as given documents to two Universities shielding them from the FOIA.

The CIA reportedly has refused to declassify any further documents for the Universities according to Paul of Univ. of TX. Thy use the sequester as the excuse to shut down declassification.



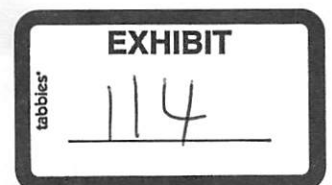
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Wm. McLean -- Trail Watch Program and Failed POW Rescue

I was informed of the Trail Watch Program by William McLean, a former CIA employee that was stationed in Laos for 10 years, at his home in 199X>. His wife Ruth was present, she was stationed at the American Embassy in Laos as the chief of protocol for 13 years. William informed me that indigenous people were placed along routes including the Ho Chi Minh Trail to observe communist activities. They reported on troop movement, kinds of equipment being moved, and POWs.

He also informed me that Moua Chung, an indigenous Laotian, was part of the failed rescue of David Hrdlicka. Some time after the failed rescue he worked for Vang Pao the H'Moung General whose troops were on the CIA payroll.

Roger Hall



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