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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Analysis of Surface Markings  
at Sam Neua, Laos (C)

REFERENCE: Letter to D/OCA, Same Subject, dtd June 3, 1992

*In January 1988,*

1. [REDACTED] Several unusual markings--the letters "USA" and what resembled a US Air Force escape and evasion symbol known as a "Walking Kilo"--on the ground west of Sam Neua, Laos. We are uncertain as to who may have made those 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. [REDACTED]

2. *We obtained early 1987 and mid-1988 information on the Sam Neua area.*

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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 an undetermined period of time (but not more than a few months) than the possible Walking Kilo. [REDACTED]

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