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26 MAR 1981

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POW/MIA

[Redacted] a team

[Redacted] was to be dispatched to investigate a suspect POW compound near NHO MORRAT, Laos some time in the next two to three weeks. Since there are HUMINT reports indicating that this compound may contain U.S. POWs, it has been the focus of considerable interest since December 1980. [Redacted] this team appears to be awaiting the exit and debriefing of another team previously [Redacted] in [Redacted] this area of Laos.

Team 1
Team 2

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23 July 81

SUBJECT: Chronology of [redacted] Analytic Efforts Related to the POW/MIA Issue

Aug 77-Dec 78 All previous [redacted] (reflections of U.S. prisoners of war) was reviewed. Over 900 items sanitized, edited and passed to DIA for release to POW/MIA families.

Mid-late Jul 79 [redacted] requested we search our [redacted] files back to 1 January 1977 for references to POWs.

Aug-Sep Appropriate [redacted] analysts searched [redacted] files [redacted] for same period with negative results. Routine inclusion of POW/MIA-associated terms in machine SCAN process initiated during this period.

23 Nov 79 [redacted] [redacted] - negative results.

12 Dec 79 [redacted] proposed that NSA and DIA work together on a formal continuing basis on POW/MIA issue.

10 Jan 80 [redacted] briefing [redacted] on POW's in SEA. [redacted]

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[Redacted] requested any data [Redacted] holds on Cubans reportedly serving as POW interrogators during Vietnam war. [Redacted] furnished list [Redacted] possible refs to Cubans in Vietnam. [Redacted] no data on this.

1 Dec 80

[Redacted] top priority [Redacted] 4 Dec 1980 in hopes of [Redacted] information on collaterally reported [Redacted] movement of U.S. POW's from Udomsai Province to Vientiane. Negative Results.

4 Dec 80

[Redacted] serious reservations about its accuracy quickly developed.

30 Dec 80

CIA, NSA, DIA representatives meet [Redacted] and he presents photos of Lao and Viet sites reportedly containing U.S. POWs. CIA representatives express doubts about validity of reports and state that the earlier report of U.S. POWs being moved to Vientiane is a fraud. DIA urges [Redacted] operation against Nhommarath, Laos site to confirm or disprove presence of U.S. personnel.

Jan 81

Series of exchanges among CIA, DIA, NSA, [Redacted] [Redacted] seeking to assure that all possible measures to collect any [Redacted] of POWs in Nhommarath facility. Some adjustments [Redacted] [Redacted] with negative results regarding [Redacted] POWs.

16 Mar 81

[Redacted] a team will go into Laos to investigate Nhommarath site in about three weeks when another team comes out of Laos and is debriefed.

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Team 2

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14 May 81 [redacted] team had exited Laos on 13 May.

18 May 81 [redacted] team reports no caucasian prisoners.
(Photos confirm team's debrief subsequently).

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22 Jun 81 [redacted] advises that no further special effort required

[redacted]

[redacted]
to discuss [redacted] non proposal [redacted] for reestablishment of an
interagency POW/MIA working group. First meeting
tentatively scheduled for late Jul-early Aug.

27 JUL 81

Ch [redacted] briefed Senate Appropriations Committee Staffers

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24 NOV 81

Ch [redacted] briefed Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable

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