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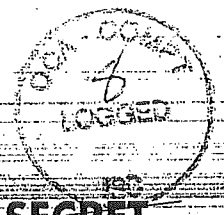

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Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

14 December 1992

[redacted] (b)(6)
Director of Senate Security
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear [redacted]

Please find enclosed copies of classified Agency intelligence reports. The reports are provided to your office for review by [redacted], an SSCI staffer currently serving with the Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs. [redacted] is the only individual whom the originating office has approved for access to the reports. Please ensure that no one else has access to this material.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at your convenience on extension [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted] (b)(3)(c)

[redacted]
Security Liaison Officer
Office of Congressional Affairs

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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

OCA 3415-92

11 December 1992

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Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear [redacted] (b)(6)

Enclosed is a paper prepared by the Directorate of Operations that describes efforts to recover Americans downed in Laos. The paper was originally prepared for the Defense Intelligence Agency. You may find it useful in regard to your recent questions [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

Also enclosed, per your request, is a listing of CIA finished intelligence products concerning POWs from 1970-1975. Most production during this period consisted of short, current intelligence items, usually for the National Intelligence Daily.

In response to your question regarding possible involvement by Cuba or China in POW matters in Vietnam, we have found no information regarding cooperation between either country with North Vietnam in interrogating US POWs during the war or on other POW/MIA matters.

Let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John L. Breckenridge
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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1. Paper on American Efforts in Laos
2. List of Intelligence Products

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SUBJECT: Response to [redacted] POW/MIA Affairs Cmte, re CIA and Air America Operations in Laos

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SUBJECT: Paper on POW/MIA Aspects of CIA and Air America Operations in Laos

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The Attached Paper on the WAR in LAOS was prepared as an earlier Backgrounder By EA/ICOG POW

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10 March 1992

SUBJECT: CIA Contributions to Rescuing Downed American Pilots in Laos; A Successful Rescue of POW's; and Air America Losses in Laos

1. Far from ignoring or in some way causing the loss of American pilots shot down over Laos during the Vietnam war, the CIA contributed materially to locating and rescuing them. I have spoken recently with Agency officers who served in Laos in the late 1960's and early 1970's, and have obtained the following details from them. You may want to cite these facts in your paper on Laos [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

2. In about 1970 an AC-130 aircraft crashed near the Ho Chi Minh Trail, north of the Bolovens Plateau and south of Savannakhet. It was heavily armed, and carried a crew of 18. The plane appeared to have blown up upon impact (the largest piece of it was about the size of a Volkswagen "beetle"). Over a six or seven-month period following the crash, the CIA [redacted] sent in eight or ten roadwatch teams [redacted] for periods of from five days to three weeks each, to search for any survivors. They did not find any survivors, though they did examine the wreckage of the crash. (b)(3)(n) (b)(1)

3. [redacted] The teams examined a number of crash sites. but never found any which had been recently occupied. The teams also investigated reports of elaborate caves where American prisoners were allegedly held, but the teams could never verify their existence. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

4. During the period 1970-72, Air America aircraft picked up many downed American fliers just after the pilots landed. In addition, USAF A1E "Black Widow" rescue aircraft were based at

"NKP" (Nakorn Phanom) in Northeast Thailand. The CIA [redacted] sent a briefer to NKP three times a week to tell the USAF about safe areas where where our roadwatch teams were, in case U.S. pilots had to eject. Also, USAF commanders at the Ubon, NKP and Korat air bases were briefed regularly [redacted] on our teams' spotting and rescue capabilities. Our roadwatch teams were kept fully briefed. They were shown photos of types of friendly (b)(1) aircraft, and told to go to where they saw such aircraft come (b)(3)(n) down. They carried the photos, to show to local villagers when asking them if they had seen such planes descending nearby.

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[redacted] Team members were also told how American pilots were dressed. During this period [redacted] employed over [redacted] individuals on the road watch, river watch, [redacted]

5. Because of these efforts, the roadwatch teams were able to help pinpoint downed U.S. pilots and to signal back their locations. As a direct and immediate result, many of the U.S. pilots were picked up immediately after landing. While no American prisoners of war were found by the teams, many just-downed pilots were saved. If a parachute was seen, the search and rescue aircraft (AlE's and helicopters) were immediately alerted, and went in to rescue the pilots. Although those were military rescues, they were triggered by the efforts of Agency employees. On other occasions Air America [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) aircraft [redacted] would hear a distress signal, and immediately alert an orbiting platform ("Blue Clip"), which in turn would dispatch rescue aircraft to the precise location. During the 1970-72 period, one or two downed U.S. pilots were picked up each month in Laos at the point where they came down.

6. Roadwatch teams were also sent in to confirm reports of crashes. They found human remains, dogtags, and in one case a dead pilot still in his cockpit. As a result they were able to bring back confirmation of crashes and deaths from areas where the U.S. military could not go [redacted]

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The information and physical evidence the teams acquired from these searches was turned over to the U.S. military attaches

7. The CIA mounted one successful rescue operation using roadwatch teams. On 5 September 1963 an Air America C-46 went down in southern Laos. The two pilots were killed. Loadmaster Eugene DeBruin, three Thais and four Taiwanese citizens survived the crash. They were captured, and subsequently moved about in southern Laos. In July 1966 American military pilots Lt(jg) Dieter Dengler and USAF 1st Lt Duane Martin were moved in with the C-46 survivors. They decided to try to escape while they still had the strength to do so. They broke up into two-man teams, with Dengler and Martin paired off. Unfortunately Martin was decapitated by an angry villager when he approached a village asking for food. Lt. Dengler got away, eventually managed to signal to an aircraft, and was safely picked up on 20 July 1966. DeBruin remains missing. A Thai named Pisidhi Indradat escaped, but was recaptured by the Pathet Lao. He was placed in a Pathet Lao prison in the jungle about 60 miles east of Thakhek. In the fall of 1966 the CIA got good information that one of its roadwatch teams had been captured and was in this prison, and that at least one American POW might also be there. An old farmer from the area where the prison was located made it out to Thakhek. was able to recruit him and to obtain his agreement to guide a rescue mission to assault the prison. prepared an attack plan, and selected the best troops it had from among its roadwatch teams. In January 1967 the camp was attacked with total success. The entire captured roadwatch team was freed, as was C-46 survivor Pisidhi. The assault team also rescued a number of Royal Lao Army soldiers and civilians who had been held in the prison. Pisidhi has since been interviewed a number of times by DIA (PW-MIA). The DIA search continues in Laos for any traces of DeBruin.

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8. With regard to Air America, it should be noted that a considerable number of patriotic Americans died while in the employ of Air America and other American-owned contract airlines which supported the long, hard-fought war Between 1961 and 24 July 1973, seventy Air America

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employees in Laos lost their lives while on active service. An additional twelve American employees of Continental Air Services were killed between 1966 and 24 July 1973, and six American employees of Bird & Son were killed between 1961 and 1965, when Bird & Son was purchased by Continental Air Services, Inc.

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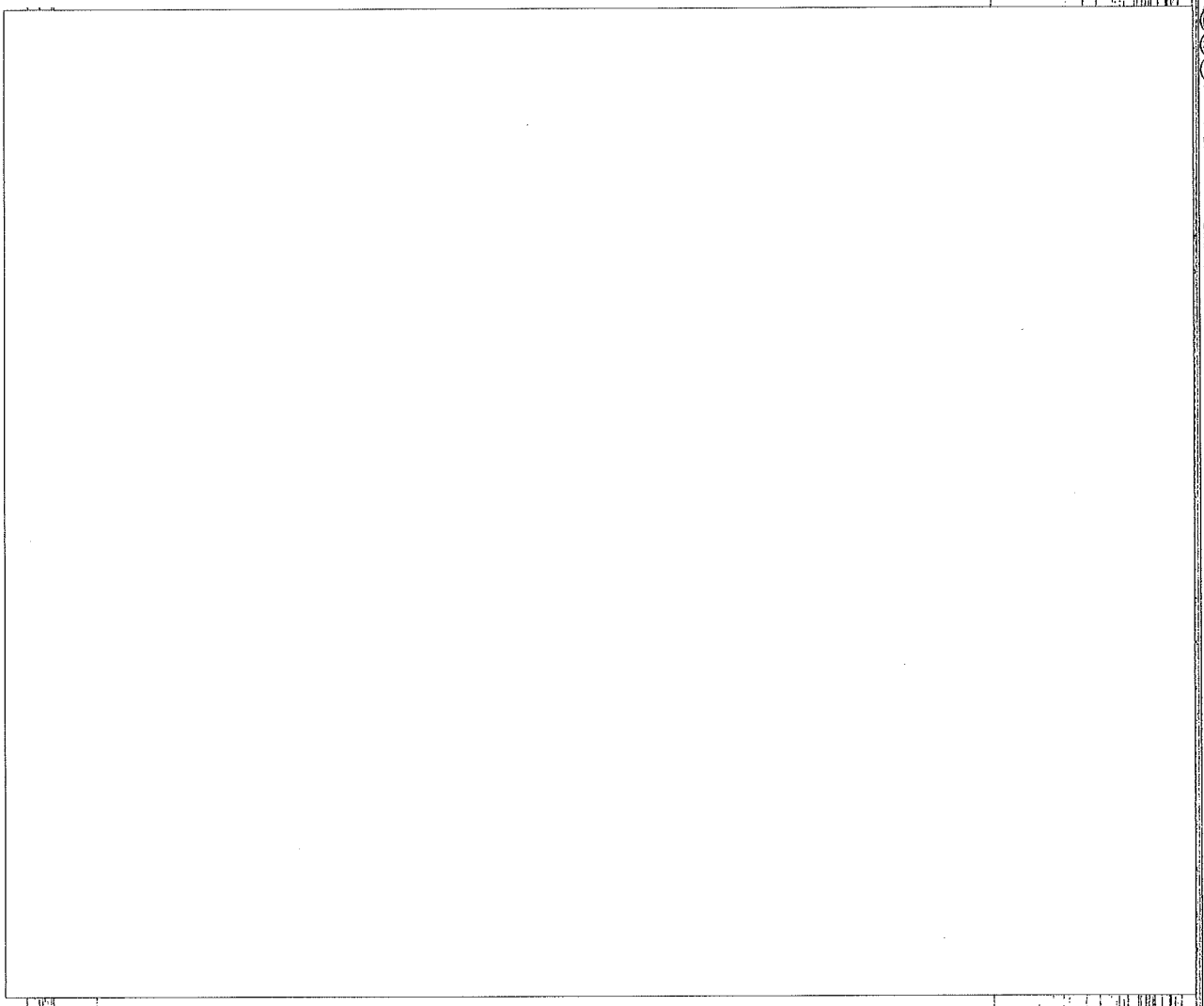

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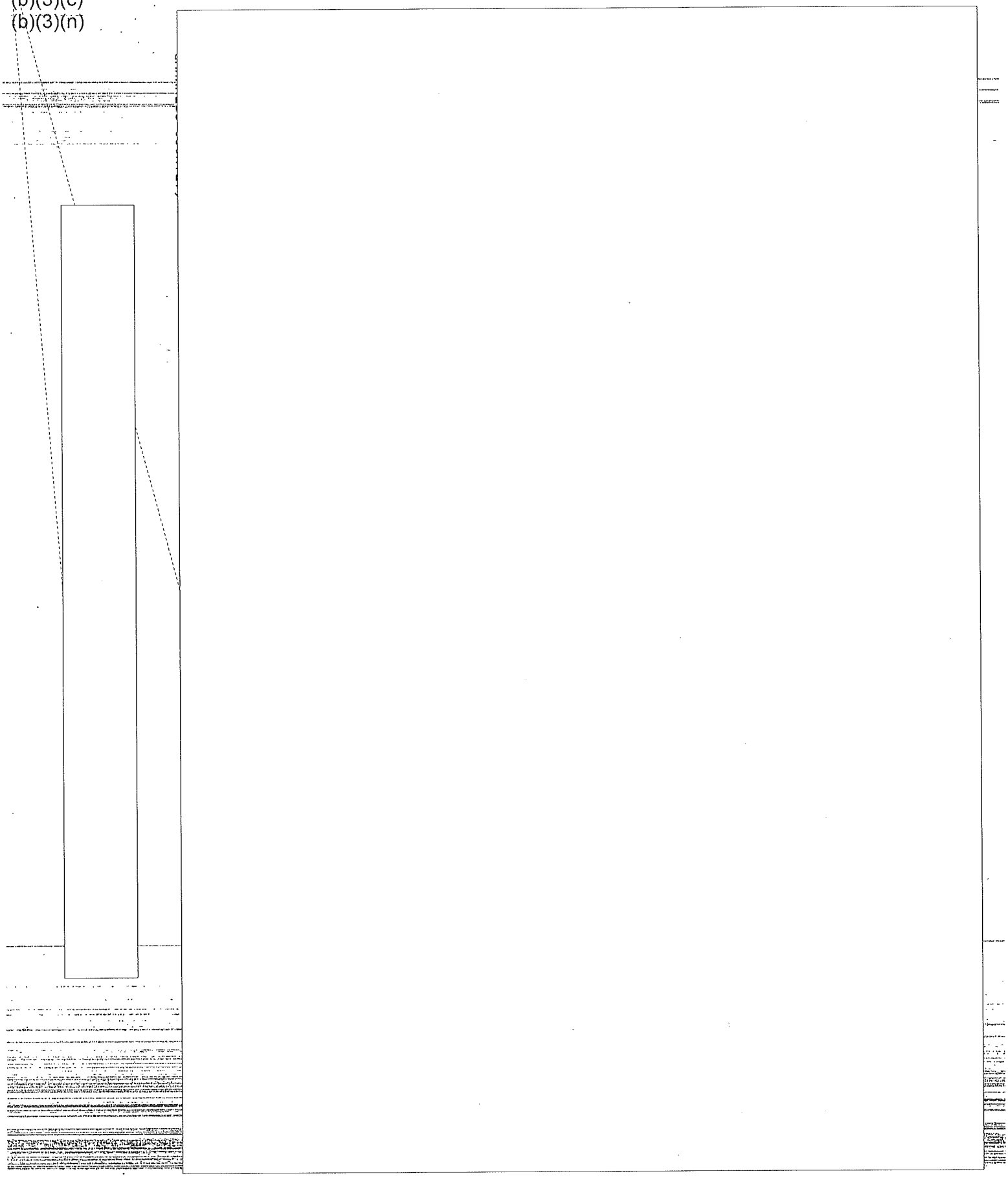

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SPOT REPORT

4 NOVEMBER 1992

UPDATE ON COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR NATIONAL WARNING FILES

Further to our Spot Report on 3 November, on 5 November NIO Officer for Warning Charlie Allen chaired a meeting with OCA and EA/ICOG to discuss the request from the Senate Select Committee for POW-MIA Affairs for access to information held in a vast array of Warning Center files. Mr. Allen described the joint nature of the Warning Center files (which are administered jointly for the DCI, but not as a purely CIA activity), the extreme sensitivity of many of the files, the fact that many of the items belong to other Government agencies, and the fact that the files contain no separate repository of POW-MIA information such as the Committee is seeking.

In short, Mr. Allen is most reluctant to afford the Committee untrammeled access to information contained in the Warning Center files. He proposed that the Warning Center chief and an NIO Warning Officer physically review the file holdings at the Joint Warning Center at the Pentagon, to ensure themselves that they are not holding any POW information of value to the Committee. By early next week we will have the results of their search. Unless the search develops something of specific value to the Committee, we plan to respond to the Committee to the effect that we have thoroughly reviewed our Warning files, but that our search has failed to uncover the type of information they are seeking.

The other part of the requirement, for all intelligence reports on American military prisoners held during the Korean War and all Cold War incidents, is being pursued through IMS and OIR, but neither element was especially hopeful about locating comprehensive reporting on those topics at this late date.

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EA/ICOG Spot Report - 4 November 1992

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On 4 November Major General Loeffke, Chief of the Army's Task Force Russia, made an introductory visit to ICOG with his deputy, Col. Herrington, and a Russian analyst. CE Division POW referent [redacted] participated in the meeting. We briefed the general on who does what here with regard to POW/MIA issues. Gen. Loeffke expressed complete satisfaction with the support he has received to date from CIA, and said he had no problems. C/ICOG pledged our continuing assistance via the ICOGPOW Branch and CE Division. The visitors reiterated the need to deliver requested information directly to them rather than via DIA, for greater efficiency; we promised to do so. (The DIA Chief of Staff has confirmed this arrangement via memorandum.) The general asked if we had any information supporting the sometimes heard allegation that American POW's were moved to the Soviet Union during the Korean War. We said we do not. [redacted] On reading the report, Gen. Loeffke was satisfied that he could testify accurately to the Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs concerning his knowledge of it. [redacted] we promised to pass on immediately any additional pertinent information which we receive. The DO's working relationship with Task Force Russia is functioning smoothly.

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Following this meeting, [redacted] told us that DC/CE had asked her to draft a memorandum recommending that an Agency-wide entity be established to handle the proliferation of POW-MIA questions which both EA and CE are constantly being asked to handle.

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Other: We researched a number of items in response to requests made by the three DIA (PW-MIA) visitors of last week, and have prepared some replies for them. We also responded to several specific requests from the DoD CDO to declassify certain items; from DIA (PW-MIA) to review an FOIA request involving the Nhommarath detention facility and a new DIA study on American POW's in Laos; and to other requests from the DASD, the U.S.-Russian Joint Task Force, and the State Department. And the beat goes on.

Since three of our contract employees area away teaching [redacted] our Branch has fluctuated in strength from two to four people over the past two weeks.

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ICOGPOW Weekly Highlights - 5 November 1992

Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs: On 30 October two Committee investigators visited Headquarters to examine numerous intelligence reports and other documents we had located and assembled at their request, concerning several cases centering on Laos. The investigators' perusal of the documents led to their raising a number of further questions, which we have since been researching. They expressed their appreciation for our thoroughness and responsiveness.

On 30 October we received three additional requests from the Committee, all of which we researched and answered on 2 November. On 2 November we received another Committee request, this one an ambitious, sweeping requirement for access to numerous sensitive National Warning Center files, as well as for all intelligence reports on U.S. military POW's from the Korean and Cold wars. The NIO Warning Office is physically checking its file holdings, preparatory to our replying to the first part of the requirement. We have asked OIR and IMS to search for the intelligence reports, but neither was especially hopeful about being about to locate Cold War reports catalogued as such, or the quite dated Korean War reports.

For the third time, the Committee is asking the Director for full access to our [redacted] thick volumes of [redacted] operational files. The matter is now being discussed at the Directorate level. We prepared written reasons why we should not allow this, as well as proposed positions should the DCI decide to permit such access. The Committee will present its final report (reportedly in conflicting majority and minority versions) by 17 December, and expire on 2 January 1993. DIA expects the Committee will call for an investigation of DIA by the next Congress. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

The Committee will depose former Czech defector Sejna this week, and he may be called to testify in an open Committee hearing on 11 November. [redacted]

Task Force Russia: On 4 November Major General Loeffke, his deputy, and an analyst from Task Force Russia paid an introductory visit to ICOG. The general said he is very pleased with the cooperation and support he is receiving from CIA (ICOG and CE Division). We pledged to continue to assist them. We discussed some specific cases of interest to the Task Force. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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4 November 1992

I. Reasons Not to Permit Senate Committee Staffers to Review Our [redacted] Operational Files

--They are full of "sources and methods"-type data;

--It sets a dangerous and irreversible precedent for the Agency and this Directorate to do so. Any Congressional Committee will henceforth demand the same kind of access.

--Committee members' threats of inevitable criticism of the Agency should not deter us from maintaining our standards of protecting sources and methods, or scare us into throwing away 45 years of strict and uncompromising standards for protecting DO documents;

-We can assure them that the FI contained in the files has already been extracted and declassified for the Library of Congress, and that the operational information in the files was pursued insofar as possible at the time, and will not now produce any new or different information;

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-Some documents in the files came from other Government agencies (i.e., we are not authorized to pass them);

--Some items, such as memoranda from former NSC POW specialist Richard Childress, were clearly intended as privacy items between the Executive Branch and this Agency;

--Their search will inevitably lead to requests for other operational traffic and other files (e.g., on agents mentioned in these generic files), [redacted] Where would their search end?

--The Committee has a demonstrated propensity to leak sensitive data to the Washington Times [redacted]

--The fact that a sane investigator like Art Grant does the review does not prevent the information from getting into the hands of the more extreme investigators on the Committee staff, who are prone to leak it or lie about it;

-The Director has twice denied the Committee full access to the files. Why should he roll over now, just because it is their third try? The entire Agency is counting on the Director to hold his ground. Why? Because he is right.

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II. If we Lose, our position should be:

-All of the declassifiable FI in the files has already been extracted and declassified, for passage to the Library of Congress via the DoD POW-MIA Central Documentation Office. (Some of the documents are still being processed prior to

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passage, but the extraction and declassification steps have been done.) We have done this in response to the Executive Order. These amount to over 200 documents. Some (possibly 30) others were denied because of their sensitivity, [redacted] or gory descriptions of the deaths of servicemen which we did not want their next of kin to see. In other words, we are not holding back any factual information on POW-MIA matters. Would they be satisfied with seeing these items? (I doubt it. Unfortunately, it is not this information they are after, but the operational traffic, which seems to tantalize them.)

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There is some misunderstanding on the part of Committee investigators Taylor and McCreary as to what the files contain in terms of operational information. They have seen examples of our [redacted] efforts to run down the initial intelligence reports on [redacted] and seem to think that the files contain many other like items; i.e., that every intel report we received launched a major effort to corroborate it. Some did, and some didn't. The files contain many dead ends. Some efforts ended with no explanation, and we are unable to learn the reasons now. Vientiane Station, the source of some of the information of greatest interest to the investigators, no longer exists. This information cannot be pursued any farther at this late date. The information we acquired was pursued as far as possible, within the capabilities of the Stations, at that time. Our experience in trying to locate refugee sources of reports 20 and more years old (as one example) is that it is nearly always an impossible task. In other words, we see their search as rather quixotic and impractical, an academic exercise at best, and enormously time-consuming. If we are to open up the operational files, the Committee investigator must understand this, and not task us with a hundred new requests which will be impossible to satisfy these many years later [redacted]

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-If we lose, we must establish precise guidelines as to just how far the Committee's researches can take them. For example, will we put a time limit on it? We are dealing with an unlimited number of possibilities with regard to the questions they can raise after reviewing [redacted] thick files. Are we to accept tasking of this magnitude? It won't lead anywhere anyway. At the minimum, we would have to discuss the terms of the agreement before just rolling over and letting them task us ad infinitum. (The workload this might entail could be enormous.)

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6 January 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/EA/ICOG
DCEA/SEA

INFO: C/OCA/Senate (John Breckenridge)
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FROM: C/EA/ICOGPOW

1. This first CDO weekly meeting of the new year was a sellout, with 16 attendees in all. Unfortunately [redacted] did a good deal of speechmaking toward the end (thanking some people who had done a fine job, and others who are leaving), and as a result I returned too late to be able to get in the door at the DDO's Town Meeting. (b)(6)

2. [redacted] said that DASD [redacted] (who is only about 47 years old) will retire on 22 January, after 26 years' government service. There was no word on what he plans to do afterwards, or on who will replace him. ASD [redacted] signed a memorandum on 31 December stating that with the end of the Senate Select Committee, the work of the DoD POW/MIA CDO is only partly completed. The CDO will continue to work on the declassification of the numerous source and casualty files, under the McCain Bill and the Executive Order, and will require the continued help of the military services through the end of FY 93, and possibly into FY 94, albeit with a reduced staff. This is a sizeable task (see attached chart, showing that they are only 22 percent of the way through the source files alone).

3. Congressional Liaison Officer [redacted] who leaves the CDO shortly for another job on a DIA task force, said the Committee's charter did indeed expire at midnight on 3 January. However, the Committee's final report will not be out until 12 January. This week the staffers were briefing (b)(3)(c) returning members of Congress and Committee members on the report. They are still trying to write one unified report, not two, though Sen. Smith can still direct that a minority report be written if he is not happy with the report.

4. [redacted] gave me a copy of the Table of Contents of the Committee's report (attached). I have marked areas in which we might be mentioned. Although a lot of attention is given in the report to DIA, we don't seem to be mentioned, at least as a separate topic. Of course most of what we showed them was classified anyway, so I don't see how thwy can mention such subjects as the [redacted] The Committee staffers

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will be employed through this week, then lose their clearances (be "debriefed", in DIA parlance) on Friday. The only staffer who is staying on is [redacted] who will be employed on Sen. Kerry's personal staff. He needs two more weeks to complete the casualty file summaries he is writing at the CDO. (b)(6)

5. I asked how we could be sure to get the Committee's report. [redacted] said we should call Committee Chief Clerk [redacted] at [redacted] (all the other Committee phones have been disconnected). The Committee is now located in Room 632 of the Dirksen (House?) Office Building, since they lost their former office space. (Can the OCA arrange to get our copies?) Of the 436 "taskings" which the Committe levied on the CDO, all but four have been completed. We are not responsible for any of the four still outstanding. [redacted] made the point that if additional "taskers" come in, they will refer them to DIA's Legislative Liaison Office. He asked what we would do. I said of course we would reply, via the OCA, though we devoutly hoped we would not get any more requirements. Committee investigator Bob Taylor, relentless as always, had called the CDO that day with a request for something.

6. I asked how much work we would continue to be getting from the CDO. I was assured that we would still receive bundles of documents regularly, though they expected that they would be "smaller bundles" now.

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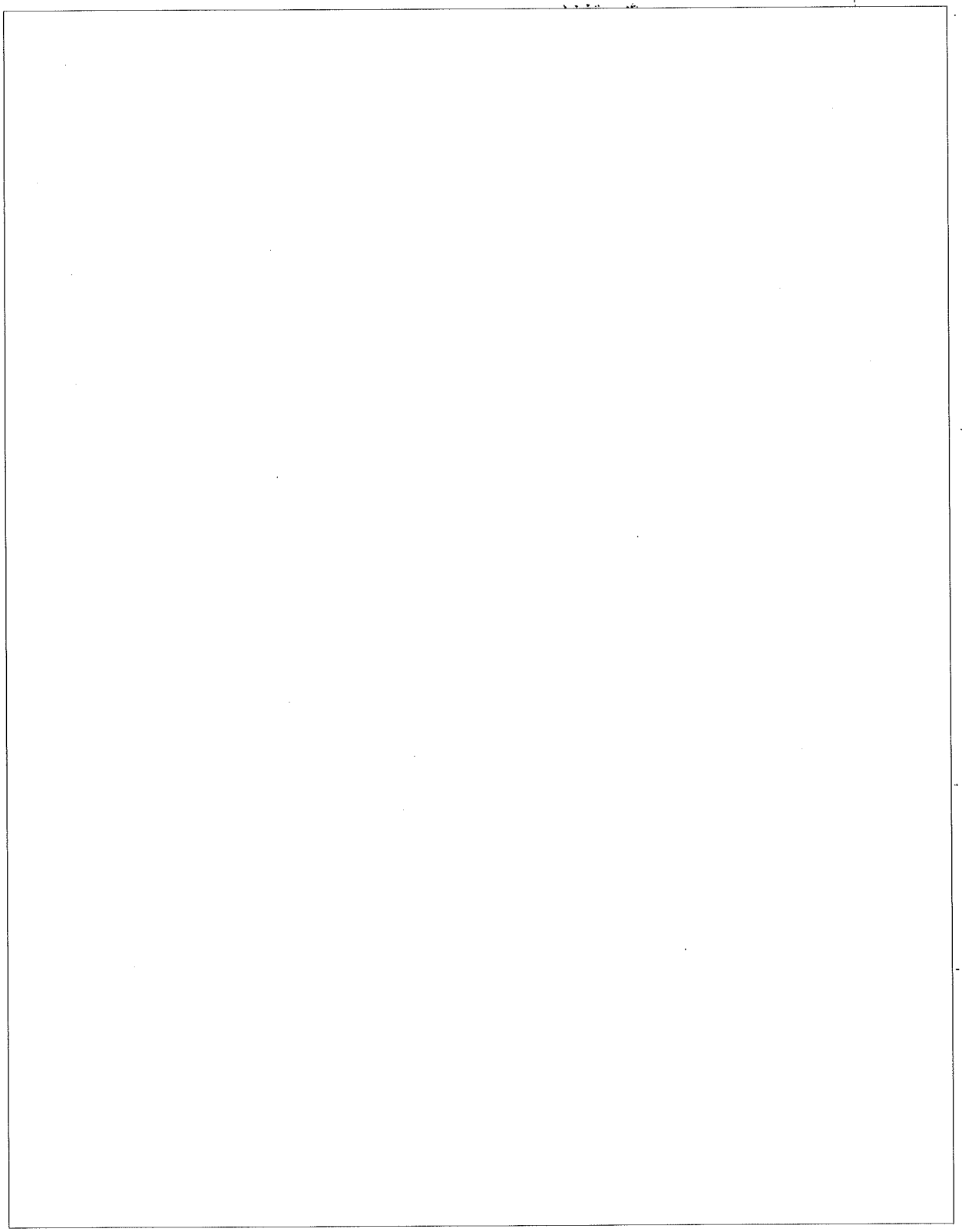

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31 August 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: OCA/Senate (Mr. Robert Magner)

VIA: C/EA/ICOG

INFO: DC/EA [redacted] (b)(3)(c)

FROM: C/EA/ICOGPOW

SUBJECT: Efforts to Determine Whether Ross Perot Was Briefed by COS, Vientiane in Vientiane in April 1970

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1. I have been unable to find any reference in Agency records to an Agency briefing of Mr. Ross Perot during Mr. Perot's early April 1970 visit to Vientiane, Laos. I searched the following records:

--[redacted] Weekly Highlights for the period surrounding the visit;

--[redacted] cables from Vientiane Station to Chief, FE Division for the period surrounding the visit;

--Logs of Congressional visits to Vientiane Station for 1970.

2. At my request, the State Department has searched their Vientiane Embassy cable files for us. They have found four cables which mention the Perot visit, but none mentions any Embassy or CAS briefing. However, a State Department officer pointed out that such briefings are not always mentioned in embassy reporting back to the Department. The State Department is now ~~now~~ searching for four other Vientiane embassy cables, which were referred to in the first four, and have promised to Fax copies of all of the cables to us, once they have collected them.

3. None of the Agency documents I reviewed mentions Mr. Perot or his visit. I confirmed via the library microfilms of the New York Times that Mr. Perot and party did in fact visit Vientiane on 5 and 6 April 1970. There are articles about it in the Times datelined Vientiane on both those dates.

4. We have also tried to obtain all the Vientiane Station cables for April 1970, but unfortunately Agency archives have

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collections of Vientiane cables dating back only to 1971. We are continuing that search, but as yet without success.

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5. Another possibility would be to ask [redacted] which other Station officers in Vientiane at that time might have attended a meeting with Mr. Perot, had such occurred. We might then ask those officers for their recollections. Presumably the [redacted] and other senior Station officers could be queried.

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11 FEB 1992

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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A copy of this letter is also being provided to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stanley M. Moskowitz

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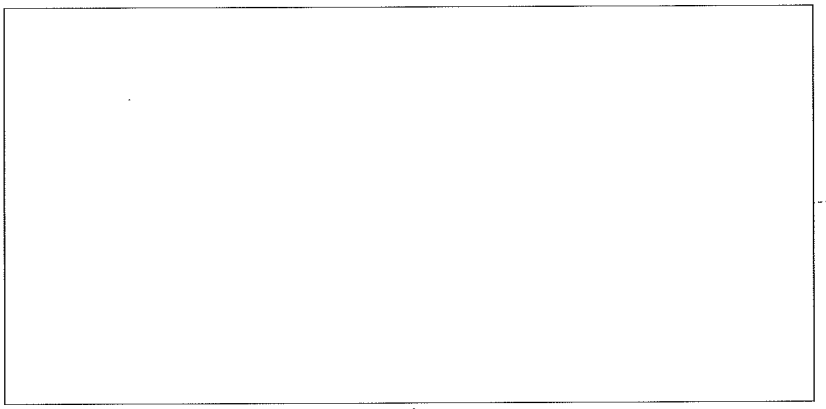

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 20 NOVEMBER 1987

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF AMERICAN POW IN SARAVANE PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 1963 TO 9 NOVEMBER 1987

TEXT: 1.

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(b)(1) AS OF 9 NOVEMBER 1987, AN AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD IN PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE, SARAVANE PROVINCE. THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS (b)(6) (b)(6) PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE IS DESCRIBED AS CONSISTING OF FIVE HOUSES AND IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE LPDR BORDER WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS FROMTA OUI DISTRICT, SARAVANE PROVINCE. IT WAS NOT INDICATED IF THE 70 KILOMETERS IS BASED ON STRAIGHT LINE OR ACTUAL ROAD DISTANCE. PAKXE LANONG IS POSSIBLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC8170, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF MUANG NONG (XD6009).)

2. (b)(1) (b)(6) ACCORDING TO WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1963, IN THE VICINITY OF NAM PA CHON VILLAGE (NCA), AND FROM 1964 TO 1968, HE WAS IMPRISONED AT MUANG NONG, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (b)(3)(n) COMMENT: NAM PA CHON VILLAGE IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO NAMPA VILLAGE (XD1273), SEPONE DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET.)

3. (b)(1) (b)(1) PROVIDED A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTING FIVE MEN APPARENTLY BEING GUARDED BY A SOLDIER ARMED WITH A RIFLE. FOUR OF THE MEN APPEAR TO BE ORIENTAL WHILE THE FIFTH APPEARS TO BE A CAUCASIAN. IDENTIFIED THE CAUCASIAN AS (b)(6) (b)(6) FOUR OF THE MEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH, INCLUDING THE ONE IDENTIFIED AS ARE DRESSED IN A SIMILAR MANNER, WEARING DARK WESTERN-STYLE TROUSERS AND LIGHT COLORED DRESS SHIRTS. THEY ALSO APPEAR TO BE BAREFOOTED. THE DRESS AND HAIR STYLES OF THE FIVE MEN GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1960'S. THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS (b)(6) APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND BETWEEN 25 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE. THE BACKDROP OF THE PHOTOGRAPH INCLUDES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A WOODEN STRUCTURE AND HEAVY FOLIAGE.)

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4. (b)(1) (b)(1) COMMENT: DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF THE ALLEDGED AMERICAN POW. HE STATED THAT HE OBTAINED THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM A SOURCE THE IDENTITY OF WHOM HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE. SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH HE PROVIDED REPRESENTED A COPY OF THE PHOTO PROVIDED BY HIS SOURCE. DID NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ALLEDGED AMERICAN POW IS BEING FELD, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT HE IS UNDER GUARD, OR ON THE STATUS OF HIS HEALTH.)

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AS OF JANUARY 1987

DOI: 18 JUNE 1968 - JANUARY 1987

TEXT:

AS OF JANUARY 1987 "SOME" FORMER AMERICAN POWS WERE

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STILL IN THE GENERAL AREA OF BAN BOUAK.

COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE POWS IS NAMED (FNU) ((HARLAND)), WHO WAS CAPTURED ON 18 JUNE 1968 IN THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE AND SON LA PROVINCE OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). ACCORDING TO HARLAND WAS DETAINED FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME BUT WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED AFTER HE HAD BEEN "REFORMED". (b)(3)(n)
COMMENT: THE TWO ELDERS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HARLAND CONTINUES TO LIVE IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA UNDER HIS OWN VOLITION. THE ____ DID NOT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE EVER HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH HARLAND OR ANY OTHER POW PURPORTEDLY STILL IN THE AREA).

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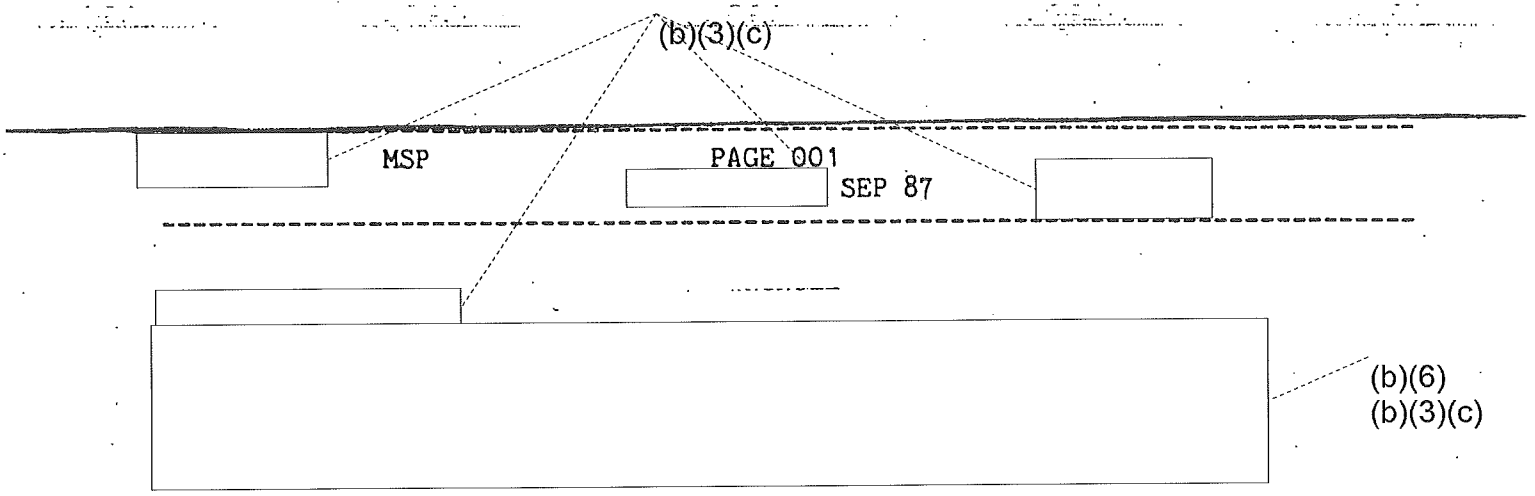

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DIST: 29 SEPTEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED CROSSING OF AMERICANS INTO LAOS FROM THAILAND TO MEET AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN THE SRV.

DOI: JUNE - 7 SEPTEMBER 1987

SOURCE:

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TEXT: 1.

[redacted] ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1987, A GROUP OF 20 RESISTANCE SOLDIERS ASSOCIATED WITH [redacted] ACCOMPANIED FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS FROM THAILAND TO LAOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DETAINED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). THE GROUP, LEAD BY [redacted] DEPARTED THAILAND FROM KHEMARAT DISTRICT, UBON RACHATHANI PROVINCE, CROSSED THE MEKONG RIVER AND ENTERED LAOS THROUGH SOUTHERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

2. THE GROUP LEAD BY [redacted] WAS REPORTEDLY TO LINK UP WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES ALREADY IN LAOS. THE FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS WERE EXPECTING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE U.S. POW WHO WAS BEING BROUGHT TO LAOS FROM THE SRV. THE RENDEZVOUS POINT IS ALLEGEDLY SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TANGVAY (WD 7014), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE POW, WHERE HE WAS DETAINED IN THE SRV OR HOW HE ALLEGEDLY MADE HIS WAY TO LAOS WAS NOT PROVIDED.)

3. [redacted] IN JUNE 1987 THERE WERE THREE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE U.S. CITIZENS WHO WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING IN A HOUSE RENTED BY [redacted] IN MUKDAHAN CITY, MUKDAHAN PROVINCE.
ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS TELEPHONED AN ASSOCIATE [redacted] IN JUNE TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO "PRISONERS." (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISCUSSION OR THE PERSONS INVOLVED.)

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EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF A LIVE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN PRISONER AT KHAM KEUT TOWN, KHOUENG KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN JUNE 1975

DOI: JUNE 1975

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TEXT: 1. ABOUT JUNE 1975, A CAUCASIAN PRISONER, ALLEGEDLY AN AMERICAN, WAS SITTING ON THE BAMBOO FLOOR OF A HOUSE IN KHAM KEUT TOWN (VF 710180), KHOUENG KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN THE CUSTODY OF THE 31ST SAPPER BATTALION OF THE FOURTH MILITARY REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) AND THE LAO ARMY PROVINCIAL UNIT. THE CAUCASIAN HAD SHORT BROWN HAIR, WAS UNSHAVEN, HANDSOME, WORE A WRIST WATCH AND ONLY HIS SHORT UNDERPANTS. HE WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL. (b)(1)
HE WAS CAPTURED AT THE LAO-THAI BORDER, EXACT LOCATION NOT MENTIONED, BY TROOPS OF THE PAVN 31ST SAPPER BATTALION TWO DAYS BEFORE. A COMPANION OF HIS ESCAPED TO THAILAND BY SWIMMING THE MEKONG RIVER. THE PRISONER HAD BEEN FORCE-MARCHED FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS FROM WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED TO KHAM KEUT, LOCATED ON ROUTE EIGHT ABOUT 120 KILOMETERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE PUBLIC SECURITY BORDER CONTROL STATION TO THE EAST. THE CAUCASIAN WAS LOADED ON A "GAZ" TRUCK AFTER LUNCH AND TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ESCORTED BY TEN LAO TROOPS.

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2. CLAIMED HE WATCHED THE CAPTURED CAUCASIAN IN THE HOUSE FROM A DISTANCE OF FIVE METERS FOR SOME 15 MINUTES AND HEARD THE ABOVE BROADCAST.)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIST: 12 JUNE 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEDGED PHOTOGRAPH AND LETTER OF A LIVE AMERICAN POW IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS, RECEIVED IN MAY 1987

DOI: UNKNOWN

TEXT: 1. ON 27 MAY 1987, [redacted] RECEIVED A ROLL OF FILM

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FROM LAOS WHICH CONTAINED A PHOTO OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR (POW) IN LAOS. RECEIVED THE PHOTO AND LETTER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO RESIDENT. PROBABLY KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE LAO BUT WAS NOT WILLING TO REVEAL THE NAME.) IN ADDITION TO THE FILM, ALSO RECEIVED, FROM THE SAME SOURCE, A LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY THE POW TO HIS MOTHER. THE SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER WAS ((PHENSEN)) (SIC). THE PHOTO OF THE POW WAS TAKEN ON AN UNKNOWN DATE AT A LOCATION ABOUT 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LAKO (XD 5857) IN SA'ANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE POW WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM'S 576TH BRIGADE. THE UNIDENTIFIED LAO WAS ASKING 50,000 BAHT FOR INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN POW. THE PHOTO OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BLACK AND WHITE AND SHOWS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EMACIATED CAUCASIAN SITTING ON THE GROUND ON A MAT. HE IS WEARING ONLY A PAIR OF DARK TROUSERS. HIS FEET APPEAR TO BE SWOLLEN. THE AGE OF THE PERSON IN THE PHOTO IS CIRCA EARLY FORTIES. THE PHOTO SHOWS INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHOTOGRAPH. HOWEVER, THE NEGATIVE WAS OBTAINED FROM AND DEVELOPED. THE PRINT FROM THE NEGATIVE MATCHES PHOTO, BUT IS MUCH BETTER QUALITY AND DOES NOT SHOW THE INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTO OF A PHOTO. THE NEGATIVE FILM WAS THE BRAND "ORWO" WHICH IS NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN THAILAND BUT IS AVAILABLE IN LAOS. THE LETTER FROM PHENSEN TO HIS MOTHER TO HELP GET HIM OUT OF JAIL, CONTAINS MANY ERRORS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE MADE BY A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER.) (b)(3)(c) COMMENT: THE EXISTENCE OF A PAVN 576TH BRIGADE IS UNCONFIRMED.)

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DIST: 30 APRIL 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN POWS SEEN IN 1979 AND 1981 BEING MOVED THROUGH BAN LONG KAT, OUDOMSAI PROVINCE

DOI: 1979 -1981

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO

BROUGHT FOUR AMERICAN

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PRISONERS TO THE VILLAGE. AND THE PRISONERS ATE A MEAL AT S HOUSE. LEARNED FROM KHAM THAT THE FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT MAUNG HOUN (QC 5829), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE IN A PLANE CRASH (NFI). THE PRISONERS WERE BEING MOVED FROM PRISON AT PHON PA RAI, WHICH IS TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF BAN THIN (RC 0892), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE, ON ORDERS OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES WHO WANTED THE PRISONERS HIDDEN AND PUT INTO A RE-EDUCATION PROGRAM. SAID THAT IN 1981 HE LEARNED FROM A VILLAGER OF BAN THAM (UTM UNK) WHO CAME TO S VILLAGE TO BUY FOOD THAT TWO OF THE AMERICANS HAD DIED FROM SICKNESS AND STARVATION AND TWO WERE STILL ALIVE. THE AMERICANS WERE RAISING CHICKENS AND MAKING HANDICRAFT ITEMS AT A COVERT SITE (NFI).

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2. ACCORDING TO

IN OR ABOUT MARCH 1979 WHEN HE VISITED HIS HOME AT BAN LONG KAT HE SAW FOUR AMERICANS IN THE VILLAGE WHO WERE BEING GUARDED BY OUDOMSAI PROVINCIAL POLICE. THEY HAD A MEAL AT BAN LONG KAT AND LEFT IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION. THREE DAYS LATER THE POLICE CAME THROUGH THE VILLAGE AGAIN BUT WITHOUT THE AMERICANS.

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DIST: 28 APRIL 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

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ADDENDUM

1. ON 8 APRIL 1987 A [redacted] REPORT WITH THE ABOVE HEADING AND NUMBER WAS ISSUED. THE DEBRIEFING OF [redacted] ON 14 APRIL REVEALED THAT ON 5 AND 6 APRIL 1987, [redacted] TRAVELED TO SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE, SALEO CANTON, SAMOI (XD 9416) DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE VIETNAM BORDER. SALEO VILLAGE CONSISTED OF SIX HOUSES AND APPROXIMATELY 30-40 INHABITANTS.

ACCOMPAINED ON THE TRIP. CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED TWO LIVE AMERICANS BEING HELD BY LOCAL HILLTRIBES, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED CLOSER THAN 100 METERS FROM THE AMERICANS. SAID THAT THE HILLTRIBE CARETAKER DEMANDED A PAYMENT OF 500 OF THE "OLD FRENCH SILVER COINS" BEFORE HE (WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE AMERICANS. (b)(3)(c) THE FRENCH COINS ARE VALUED AT 2,800 KIP EACH AND ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH SILVER CONTENT. THE COINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE SHOPS IN LAOS. U.S.$1.00 EQUALS 35 KIP AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE AND MORE THAN 400 KIP AT THE CURRENT BLACK MARKET RATE.)

2. SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN LOCAL VILLAGE COSTUMES. ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS HAD MARRIED A LOCAL VILLAGER AND HAD TWO SONS, A FIVE-YEAR-OLD AND A THREE-YEAR-OLD. THE AMERICAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN KEPT SINCE THE "LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS." THE LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS WERE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLOSE THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.)

3. IN HAND DRAWN SKETCHES OF THE AREA MADE BY SALEO VILLAGE APPEARS TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF XD 5570, LOCATED NEAR THE TIGER CAVE (THAM SUA) AND THE HOUAI NAMSE STREAM. THE VILLAGE IS LOCATED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE STREAM AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING KEPT WAS ON THE EAST BANK. IN THE SKETCH MAP INDICATED THAT IT IS ABOUT ONE DAYS WALK FROM SALEO VILLAGE TO SAMOI DISTRICT TOWN AND ANOTHER ONE-HALF DAYS WALK (BASED ON APPARENT DISTANCE ONLY) TO TA-OY, THE LOCATION OF OTHER REPORTED STORIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. DONG VILLAGE (XD 5138) IS LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TA-OY VILLAGE FROM SAMOI TOWN. DONG VILLAGE WAS THE SITE OF AN LPDR REEDUCATION CAMP; HOWEVER, NO RUMORS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAMP.)

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DIST: 09 JANUARY 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION FOR ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: REPORTED RECAPTURE OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS BY THE LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY

DOI: 4 JANUARY 1987

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STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE TO THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THAT THE AUTHORITIES SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE PRISONERS EXISTENCE BUT NOT HIS EXACT LOCATION. [redacted] SAID THAT HE GAVE [redacted] SPOUSE 1,000 BAHT, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO LEARN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HER ABOUT THE ARREST. [redacted] ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. $1.00.)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

DIST: 29 DECEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR BEING HELD IN VIENGSAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 7 OCTOBER 1986

TEXT: 1. ON 7 OCTOBER 1986, [redacted] CLAIMED THAT [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE, PARENTS' NAMES, STATE OF RESIDENCE, A RECORDED CASSETTE TAPE AND ROLL OF F[redacted] CONCERNING AN AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR (POW). SAID THAT [redacted] DID NOT SHOW THE ITEMS TO HIM AND CLAIMED TO BE AFRAID OF THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO [redacted] WAS WILLING TO SELL THE ITEMS FOR 100,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. $1.00).

2. [redacted] SAID THAT [redacted] WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE POW WHILE HE WAS IN REEDUCATION AND HAD ACQUIRED THE ITEMS DURING THAT PERIOD. [redacted] CLAIMED THAT [redacted] HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND EXECUTED BY THE LPDR GOVERNMENT DURING 1984, AS A RESULT OF HIS POW RELATED ACTIVITIES. AFTER [redacted] DEATH, [redacted] HAD HIDDEN THE ITEMS WHERE THEY STILL REMAINED.

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3. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] AGREED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE DURING EARLY 1987 AND ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE [redacted] TO PROVIDE THE NAME.

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SIGNATURE, PARENTS' NAMES AND STATE OF RESIDENCE OF THE POW WITHOUT PAYMENT. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH HER STORY [redacted] SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO ACCOMPLISH.)

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TEXT: 1. ON 26 DECEMBER 1986, [redacted] CROSSED FROM VEUN PRABAT VILLAGE, THA UTHEN DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE, THAILAND INTO LAOS TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) HOWARD D. ((STEPHENSON)), REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LAO AUTHORITIES IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. TRAVELED BY BUS TO MAHAXAI (WE 2125) DISTRICT TOWN. TWO DAYS LATER HE TRAVELED THROUGH PHAKEO (WE 6512) VILLAGE TO PAK PHANANG (WE 7723) VILLAGE WHERE HE ALSO REMAINED FOR TWO DAYS. WHILE AT PHAKEO VILLAGE, WAS TOLD BY [redacted] WHERE STEPHENSON WAS REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN, THAT THE LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE AND RECAPTURED STEPHENSON ON 20 DECEMBER. CAUTIONED AGAINST TRAVELING TO NAPANG VILLAGE WHICH WAS STILL QUITE "HOT" PERSUADED TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO NAPANG VILLAGE BECAUSE [redacted] WOULD PROVIDE A REASON FOR TRAVELING THERE. WAS NOT AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF TRIP TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE STORY OF STEPHENSON'S EXISTENCE. HOWEVER, THE REPORTED LPA RAID ON NAPANG VILLAGE HAS NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED.) (b)(1)

2. AT NAPANG VILLAGE ON 31 DECEMBER. SAID THAT LPA HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT OF THE MILITIA AND THAT THE VILLAGER WHO HAD HIDDEN STEPHENSON, HAD BEEN ARRESTED ALONG WITH STEPHENSON AND THE TWO OF THEM HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN BOUALAPHA (WE 8075) DISTRICT. SAID THAT [redacted] ADMITTED TO CARING FOR THE PRISONER TO THE LPA BUT HAD NOT YET INFORMED THEM THAT ANY OTHER NAPANG VILLAGERS WERE INVOLVED. PROMISED TO FOLLOW THE MATTER AND SAID THAT IF [redacted] HAD CONFIDED STEPHENSON'S EXACT LOCATION TO HIM, HE WOULD HAVE PERSONALLY HELPED STEPHENSON TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND WHEN THE LPA CAME. SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, STEPHENSON HAD BEEN A "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT PILOT WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE AREA OF SEPONE (XD 3244) AT AN UNKNOWN DATE AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO BOUALAPHA DISTRICT. BOUALAPHA DISTRICT HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE AND OVERRUN. STEPHENSON HAD ESCAPED AND MET WHO HAD CARED FOR HIM SINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [redacted] HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE IN 1980. THOUGHT THAT THE ATTACK WAS BY A RESISTANCE FORCE LED BY [redacted] THE LPA MAY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE IN THE NAPANG AREA BECAUSE OF [redacted] WHO HAD OPENLY TRAVELED TO THAKHEK TOWN TO PURCHASE MEDICINES FOR THE MIA AND HAD USED BAHT THAI CURRENCY. MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME.) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

3. SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER FROM NAPANG COULD HAVE REPORTED

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR BEING HELD IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA OF SARAVAN, PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 12 NOVEMBER 1986 - 3 JANUARY 1987

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ON 24 DECEMBER 1986 A WITH THE ABOVE HEADING WAS ISSUED. FOLLOW-UP DEBRIEFING ON 2 AND 3 JANUARY 1987, OF

IN JUNE 1985, INDICATED THAT CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A CAUCASIAN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS A PRISONER. AND WHO WAS A CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE, TRAVELED ON FOOT FROM POUI (XB 8329) VILLAGE THROUGH XAKHE (YB 0352) AND KENGSAI (YB 0363) VILLAGES TO CHAPON (NCA) VILLAGE. FROM CHAPON VILLAGE, THEY TRAVELED NORTHEAST TO AN UNLOCATED AREA NAMED HOUA PHOU SOUT TO VISIT WITH DURING THE ONE NIGHT VISIT IN THE AREA, WHICH CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY TEN HUTS FOR HOUSING THE GUARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, SAID HE OBSERVED THE CAUCASIAN WALKING AT A DISTANCE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 200 METERS.

(b)(3)(n) SAID THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS ABOUT 1.6 METERS IN HEIGHT AND WAS EASILY RECOGNIZED BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN WEARING A SHIRT. CLAIMED TO HAVE ASKED WHO THE MAN WAS AND REPEATED THE QUESTION IN THE LAVEN DIALECT. TOLD THROUGH THAT THE MAN WAS A PRISONER. SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER MANY OF THE DETAILS CONCERNING SPOTTING THE PRISONER BECAUSE AT THE TIME HE HAD NO INTEREST IN HIM.

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DIST: 29 DECEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR BEING HELD IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA OF SARAVAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 12 NOVEMBER 1986

TEXT: 1. ON 12 NOVEMBER 1986,

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TRAVELED TO THAKHEK (VE 8023) DISTRICT TOWN, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO VISIT A RELATIVE. WHILE IN THAKHEK TOWN, [redacted] WAS REUNITED WITH HIS FATHER, [redacted] A FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT SERGEANT, AFTER TEN YEARS. [redacted], A RESIDENT OF SA PHAI (WB 7779) VILLAGE, PAKSE DISTRICT, CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE, TOLD [redacted] THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO THE DAKCHUNG (YC 4211) AREA, NEAR THE SARAVAN AND ATTOPEU PROVINCIAL BORDER AS A SMALL SCALE TRADER WHERE HE MET AND SPOKE WITH TWO U.S. PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS). DAKCHUNG IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS EAST OF ATTOPEU PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO [redacted] SAID THAT ONE OF THE POWS WAS LEAN AND TALL AND THE OTHER WAS RATHER FAT AND NOT TOO TALL. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE POWS THROUGH THE UNNAMED SON OF A FRIEND WHO WAS A GUARD AT THE PRISON. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE POWS IN ENGLISH AND WAS TOLD BY THEM THAT THEY WERE "CRYING" TO GO HOME.

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2. [redacted] RETURNED TO THAILAND ON 15 NOVEMBER, AFTER MAKING PLANS TO RECONTACT [redacted] ON 19 NOVEMBER TO PURSUE THE MATTER. [redacted] MISSED THE RETURN DATE AND ON 22 NOVEMBER, [redacted] YOUNGER BROTHER, TRAVELED FROM THAKHEK TO NAKHON PHANOM TO FOLLOW UP. PLANS WERE AGAIN MADE FOR [redacted] TO TRAVEL TO THAKHEK ON 1 JANUARY 1987, IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. [redacted] PLANNED TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE HIS FATHER TRAVEL TO MEET HIM IN THAKHEK IF POSSIBLE. (SOURCE COMMENT: [redacted] INITIALLY REQUESTED 10,000 BAHT TO MAKE THE TRIP TO PAKSE TO MEET HIS FATHER.) [redacted] ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.$1.00.) [redacted] WAS TO HAVE HIS FATHER OBTAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE POWS INCLUDING NAMES, DATES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE PRISON AND SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS UNTIL MID-JANUARY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION. [redacted] ALSO SAID THAT IF THE SOURCE WERE NOT HIS FATHER, HE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE STORY.

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DIST: 23 DECEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: STATUS OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 8 DECEMBER 1986

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TEXT: 1. ON 8 DECEMBER 1986, [redacted], TO DISCUSS THE ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION WHO WAS BEING HELD IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. AFTER [redacted] ESTABLISHED HIS BONA FIDES WITH [redacted] BY PROVIDING HIM WITH THE SIGNATURE OF [redacted] GAVE [redacted] A SLIP OF PAPER WITH THE NAME "H.D. ((STEPHENSON)), [redacted] AND PROTESTANT" WRITTEN ON IT. ACCORDING TO [redacted], STEPHENSON WAS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH MALARIA. THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER CARING FOR STEPHENSON, [redacted], TOLD [redacted] THAT HE HAD SOLD A PAIR OF OXEN VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 4,500 BAHT, A CART AND THREE "HANGS" (PIECES OF SILVER BARS) TO PURCHASE INJECTION MEDICINE FOR STEPHENSON.

ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. $1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE. STEPHENSON H.D. IS LISTED ON JCRC RECORDS AS AN AIR FORCE MAJOR, WHO WAS A CREW MEMBER ON AN AC 130 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN 1972 IN LAOS AT XD 165414, WHICH IS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF NAPENG VILLAGE.)

2. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] TO HAVE [redacted] COME FOR STEPHENSON IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE TO WAS AFRAID OF BEING TURNED IN TO THE LPDR AUTHORITIES FOR HARBORING HIM. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE GIVEN [redacted] 6,000 BAHT, 4,000 OF WHICH WAS FOR [redacted]; WHICH HE RAISED BY SELLING A RELATIVE'S NECKLACE AND BY BORROWING FROM ACQUAINTANCES. [redacted] HAD SPENT 1,500 BAHT DURING HIS TRIP WHICH LASTED UNTIL 12 DECEMBER.

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DIST: 19 DECEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 29 NOVEMBER 1986

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TEXT: ON 29 NOVEMBER 1986, (b)(6)

TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) BEING KEPT IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [redacted] WAS THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF HIDING THE AMERICAN MIA FROM THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. SAID THAT WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT THE MIA, [redacted] WHO DID NOT KNOW WELL, ONLY SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS NORMAL AND DID NOT TRUST HIM WITH ANY DETAILS. SAID THAT ABOUT 11 NOVEMBER, THREE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY FROM VIENTINE, WERE MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT A LIVE POW IN THE AREA OF PHA KEO (WE 6612) AND KAVAK (WE 6513) VILLAGES.

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DIST: 10 NOVEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS; REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE LAOS

DOI: LATE JUNE - EARLY NOVEMBER 1986

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A D D E N D U M

TEXT: 1. ON 30 OCTOBER 1986, A ____ REPORT WITH THE ABOVE HEADING WAS ISSUED. IN A FOLLOW-UP OF THIS REPORT OF A LIVE "MISSING-IN-ACTION" (MIA) (POW) IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE,

REVEALED THAT

WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN MIA. CLAIMED THAT ___ TOLD HIM THAT THE POW STAYED AT PHOU LOUANG (NCA) CAVE, LOCATED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS EAST OF NAPANG VILLAGE. THE EARLIER REPORT PLACED "NAPENG" VILLAGE AT WE 7115. THE COORDINATES FOR PHOU LOUANG ARE WE 7916 AND THE LOCATION OF THE CAVE MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF WE 7920.)

2. THE MIA, WHO WAS A JET PILOT, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY 12.7-MILLIMETER (MM) ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE. ____ CLAIMED THAT SAID THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TO DO SO QUICKLY BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT THE EXISTANCE OF THE MIA MAY LEAK TO (b)(3)(n) THE AUTHORITIES WHICH WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. [redacted] COMMENT: PROBABLY HAD NOT PERSONALLY SEEN THE MIA BECAUSE THE VILLAGER IN CHARGE OF HIDING HIM, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS , CLOSELY GUARDED ACCESS TO THE MIA FOR SECURITY REASONS. HAD SAID THAT THE MIA WAS ASKING ABOUT THE RESISTANCE, THEIR GENUINE INTENT AND THEIR TRUSTWORTHINESS, AND AFTER BEING REASSURED, HAD REQUESTED THAT THE RESISTANCE PASS WORD OF HIS EXISTENCE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.)

(b)(3)(n) 3. [redacted] COMMENT: WHILE OPERATING IN THE NAPANG VILLAGE AREA FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS DURING 1983-1984, NO MENTION OF A MIA HAD BEEN MADE BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, FOR FEAR OF LEAKING THE SECRET. DURING THE LATE 1969 - EARLY 1970 TIME FRAME,

RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO A PLANE CRASH SITE BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE SITE DUE TO HEAVY ENEMY FIRE.)

4. TOLD THAT LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY SOLDIERS HAD SHOT AND KILLED A VILLAGER FROM NAPANG VILLAGE, (DATE UNKNOWN) WHEN THE TROOPS ASKED ABOUT AN AMERICAN PRISONER AND THE VILLAGER REPLIED THAT HE DID

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NOT KNOW. SPECULATED TO THAT THIS SHOOTING MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE VILLAGERS TO INFORM THE RESISTANCE AND THROUGH THEM, THE U.S. AUTHORITIES.

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DIST: 30 OCTOBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS; REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: LATE JUNE - OCTOBER 1986

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TEXT: 1. IN LATE JUNE 1986, (

[redacted] TOLD A LAO REFUGEE THAT A FELLOW VILLAGER TOLD HIM OF A LIVE AMERICAN "PRISONER OF WAR" (POW) WHO WAS LIVING IN A CAVE AND WAS BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LPDR GOVERNMENT BY NAPENG VILLAGERS. THE VILLAGERS PROVIDED PROTECTION AND GUARDED THE POW. THE POW HAD SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG IN 1972 WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED, AND HAD BEEN TREATED BY A VILLAGER WHO STILL CONTINUED TO LOOK AFTER HIM. NAPENG VILLAGE CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 80 HOUSES AND WAS COMPRISED OF INHABITANTS WHO DID NOT CLOSELY COOPERATE WITH LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO [redacted], THE POW HAD SAID THAT IF ANY OF THE VILLAGERS COULD CARRY A MESSAGE TO THAILAND AND ARRANGE TO EFFECT HIS RESCUE, THE POW WOULD "TAKE CARE OF THE ENTIRE VILLAGE."

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[redacted], SAID THAT THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. AIRMEN WERE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF CHOMAT AND VIANG VILLAGES (POSSIBLY WD 5068) HAT CANTON, PHIN DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [redacted], TOLD THE REFUGEE THAT THE REMAINS COULD BE RECOVERED BUT THAT IT WOULD COST MONEY TO EXCAVATE THE SITE AND TO HOLD A CEREMONY FOR THE "SPIRITS" (PHI) BY THE VILLAGERS WHO OWNED THE SITE. [redacted] SAID THAT IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 25,000 KIP PER SET OF REMAINS. [redacted] 35 KIP EQUALS U.S. $1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE.) [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE VISITED THE SITE.

3. IN SEPTEMBER, THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE HAD PROVIDED [redacted] WITH 3,000 THAI BAHT TO GO AND GET THE REMAINS. [redacted] ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. $1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) THE REFUGEE CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER TOLD HIM THAT ONE SET OF REMAINS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PAKSEBANGFAI (VD 7373) VILLAGE ON 12 OCTOBER. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HIS BROTHERS WERE THE VILLAGE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF OF MILITIA. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO CROSS BACK INTO LAOS TO RETRIEVE THE REMAINS.

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DIST: 24 OCTOBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED LOCATION OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MID 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO A LAO RESIDENT WHO DROVE A SUPPLY TRUCK AND REPORTEDLY SAW THE POWS, THERE WERE SEVEN AMERICAN POW'S AS OF MID-1986 BEING DETAINED AT A CAMP NEAR NAM BAC (TH 3683) TOWN, OUDOMSAI DISTRICT, LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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(LPDR). THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN THIS GENERAL AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, WHO FLED TO THAILAND IN 1986, HAVE REPORTED A REEDUCATION CAMP AT NAM BAC. THE CAMP WAS EMPTIED OF REEDUCATION INMATES ABOUT 1980 AND THE CAMP WAS OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) TROOPS.) SIX OF THE AMERICANS WERE HISPANICS AND ONE WAS A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN NAMED ((LINGER)) (PHONETIC). THERE HAD BEEN 12 AMERICAN POWS AT THE SITE BUT IN 1985 FIVE OF THE AMERICANS POWS WERE MOVED TO THE SOVIET UNION. ALL OF THE AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN 1968 WHILE WORKING AT THE NAM BAC CAMP. NAM BAC WAS THE SITE OF AN AIRFIELD DURING THE INDOCHINA WAR. NO AMERICANS WERE STATIONED THERE, BUT SOME AMERICAN PERSONNEL VISITED THERE OCCASIONALLY. NONE OF THEM WERE LOST.) THE CAMP WAS OVERRUN BY THE ENEMY AND THE AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED. IN ADDITION TO THE AMERICANS, THERE WERE 30 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT THE CAMP.

2. THE PRISON CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY A DOUBLE FENCE. THE INTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH BAMBOO WHILE THE EXTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH NINE WALLS OF BARBED WIRE, EACH ABOUT 170 CENTIMETERS IN HEIGHT. THERE WERE ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT BUILDINGS FOR PRISONERS IN THE 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. [redacted] 2.5 RAI EQUALS ABOUT ONE ACRE.) (b)(3)(c)

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 5891). 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.

4. THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POWS WERE TERRIBLE. THEY WERE GIVEN MILLED BUT UNPOLISHED RICE TO EAT WHICH WAS SOMETIMES SUPPLIMENTED BY WHEAT OR BARLEY FROM CUBA. THE POWS WERE IN BAD HEALTH DUE TO MALNUTRITION.

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COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND/VIETNAM

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

DOI: JUNE 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1.

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SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE ALLEGED REMAINS FROM , AN INHABITANT OF NONG CHIK (WC 449862) VILLAGE, SONGHON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. ACCORDING TO DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN AT A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AT WC 442864. 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.)

FURTHER SAID THAT 226 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN LAOS. SAID THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT THE POW'S FROM CLAIMED THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIT GUARDING THE PRISONERS. SAID THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN RELOCATED INTO LAOS FROM VIETNAM

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CIRCA JUNE 1986. SAID HE HAD ASKED TO OBTAIN NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF THE POW'S FROM . WHICH PLANNED TO SEND TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. SAID THAT HE, , AND HAD TRAVELED TO A POINT LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) DISTANT FROM SEPONE (XD 3244) DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE NINE IN THE DIRECTION OF VIETNAM. SAID THAT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE POINT ALONG ROUTE

NINE, LEFT THE ROAD ON FOOT TRAVELING TO THE SOUTH. . SAID THAT HE WAS DIRECTED TO WAIT AT THE ROAD. . RETURNED TO ROUTE NINE AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED THE POWS, BUT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO "DO ANYTHING" BECAUSE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SECURITY FORCES AT THE "INNER AREA" AND THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) SOLDIERS AT THE "OUTER AREA" WITHIN A TEN KM RADIUS OF THE CAMP. TOLD . THAT PLEDGED TO RESCUE THE POWS WHEN OPPORTUNITY PERMITTED.

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3. [redacted] HAD INVOLVED THEMSELVES WITH THE ALLEGED POWS IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REWARD AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. [redacted]'S 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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DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF SIX PRISONERS OF WAR IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MARCH 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY MARCH 1986, , TOLD A MEMBER OF THE LAO RESISTANCE AND FORMER DETENTION CAMP INMATE THAT A GROUP OF SIX AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) WERE STILL INCARCERATED AT A CAMP LOCATED AT THAM PHA LEUNG (NCA) CAVE NEAR PHOU SAO (UG 3918) VILLAGE, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THERE WERE SEVEN LPA SOLDIERS SERVING AS GUARDS AT THE CAVE AND ONE NURSE WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO THE CAVE. ONE COMBINED BATTALION-SIZED LPA AND PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM FORCE WAS DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 5 THROUGH LAT HOUANG (NCA) TO LAT SEN (NCA), CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE AREA. ANOTHER LPA "SPECIAL FORCE" COMPANY COMPRISING 60 SOLDIERS COMMANDED

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BY WAS DEPLOYED ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM THE CAVE. THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE CAVE WAS LOCATED, NEAR THE JOINT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) AND LPDR BORDER, WAS A VACATION AREA FOR LEADERS OF THE THREE "INDOCHINESE" COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AN INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES.

2.

HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TOLD OF THE SIX POWS BY

IN 1977, THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THE POW CASE AT THAM PHA LEUNG CAVE. ACCORDING TO THE SIX AMERICAN POWS AND TWO ROYAL LAO ARMY (FAR) T-28 PILOTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED AT THE CAVE. AFTER THE PATHET LAO HAD SUCCEEDED IN "LIBERATING" LAOS AND THE PEACE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, THE POW GROUP WAS TRANSFERRED TO LONG (UG 3512) VILLAGE, HOUA GNON CANTON, PEK (UG 1251) DISTRICT, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE POWS WERE USED AS LABORERS TO PLANT CROPS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SEVEN LPA SOLDIERS AND THE NURSE.

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DIST: 24 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: INFORMATION ON MUANG NGOY, LAOS, LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW SIGHTING

DOI: AUGUST 1986

SOURCE:

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2. ACCORDING TO
ON 17 AUGUST 1986, THERE WAS ABOUT ONE BATTALION OF PAVN TROOPS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF MUANG NGOY. THERE WAS A PAVN UNIT OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH STATIONED IN MUANG NGOY. THE TOWN OF MUANG NGOY HAD ABOUT 200 FAMILIES. A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY, HAD GUARD BUNKERS LOCATED AT EACH END. IN THE PAST, HAD HEARD THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOVIET AND CUBAN ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY. PRESENTLY, THERE WERE ONLY VIETNAMESE ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY.

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3. MUANG NGOY IS VERY IMPORTANT DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. ROAD TRAVEL FROM XIENG KHOUANG, HOUA PHAN, LUANG PRABANG AND OUDOMSAI PROVINCES PASSES THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THESE ROUTES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WHICH USES THEM TO TRANSPORT OPIUM FROM THESE PROVINCES FOR THE LAO GOVERNMENT, TO AREAS WHERE THE OPIUM CAN BE SHIPPED TO THAILAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO GOVERNMENTS HAD PLANS TO BUILD A HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN MUANG NGOY. THERE ARE SEVERAL CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE MUANG NGOY

AREA. PHAKEO (TH 5919), AND PHAKOU (NCA), ARE THE PRIMARY CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE AREA. THE MERCHANT, WHO WAS FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE AND HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN LAOS, HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.

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4. WHO TRAVELED THROUGH MUANG NGOY AND SPENT THE NIGHT OF 03 AUGUST IN MUANG NGOY,
, REPORTED THAT MUANG NGOY WAS SITUATED ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE NAM OU RIVER. THERE WAS ONE PLATOON OF PAVN TROOPS WHO GUARDED THE BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER LOCATED AT MUANG NGOY. ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 20-30 HOUSES AND THREE NOODLE SHOPS, WHERE THE REFUGEE ATE DINNER. THE ROAD THROUGH TOWN HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE CHINESE AND WAS SURFACED WITH TAR. THE BRIDGE WAS CONCRETE AND HAD ONE CONCRETE GUARD HOUSE LOCATED AT EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. THE REFUGEE WAS TRAVELING WITH A CIVILIAN CONVOY ENROUTE FROM SAM NUEA (VH 0057) TO SAVANNAKHET (VD 7331). THE CONVOY TRAVELED TO MUANG NGOY ON ROUTE SIX. THE TIGHTEST SECURITY ON THE ROUTE WAS FROM MUANG HIEM (UH 3021) THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THE REFUGEE WAS TOLD THAT THE REASON FOR TIGHTER SECURITY WAS RESISTANCE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

5. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 100 HOUSES. ALSO CONNECTED TO MUANG NGOY WAS A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 200 HUTS. ALL HOUSES IN THE TOWN WERE OF WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND WERE ALL ONE-STOREY. IN WEST MUANG NGOY THERE WAS A SMALL STATE SHOP. THE PAVN TROOPS WERE BILLETED IN WEST MUANG NGOY, WHICH WAS BORDERED ON

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THE NORTH BY LARGE MOUNTAINS WITH CLIFFS. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY CAVES. SUBJECT SAID THAT MUANG NGOY HAD ELECTRIC POWER AT NIGHT FOR ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS. THE WOOD HOUSES IN WEST MUANG NGOY WERE FOR PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND AT THE STATE SHOP. THE REFUGEE STATED THAT A CARGO BOAT WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU.

5. THE CONVOY WAS NOT STOPPED AT THE BRIDGE AND NO ONE QUESTIONED THEM OR CHECKED ON THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN MUANG NGOY. THEY SLEPT IN THE TRUCKS AND SUBJECT OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE TOWN. THE REFUGEE DID NOT HEAR ANY RUMORS OR INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.

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REPORT

DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1986

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF FOUR AMERICAN POWS IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS IN 1983

DOI: NOVEMBER 1983

SOURCE

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TEXT: 1. IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1986, [redacted] REPORTED THAT HER BROTHER HAD SEEN FOUR AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) IN NOVEMBER 1983 IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS. THE BROTHER [redacted] THAT HE WAS [redacted] WITH A [redacted] CONVOY TRAVELING FROM XIENG KHOUANG TO SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3051) IN NOVEMBER 1983. [redacted]: THE CONVOY PROBABLY TRAVELED ON ROUTE SEVEN.) ONE OF THE TRUCKS HAD MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND THE CONVOY HALTED ON THE ROAD ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS FROM XIENG KHOUANG. ONE OF THE DRIVERS WENT INTO BUSHES OFF THE ROAD TO RELIEVE HIMSELF. HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN UNNAMED LAO MAN WHO STATED THAT HE WAS PART OF A GROUP WHICH HAD ESCAPED FROM A PRISON CAMP AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE. THE DRIVER RETURNED TO THE CONVOY AND TOLD [redacted] WHO WENT TO MEET THE ESCAPEE. THE ESCAPEE TOOK THE BROTHER TO MEET THE OTHER MEN IN THE ESCAPEE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED THREE FORMER ROYAL LAO ARMY (FAR) GENERALS, FOURTEEN OTHER FAR SOLDIERS AND FOUR CAUCASIAN MALES, WHICH THE BROTHER BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN POWS. THE BROTHER WAS TOLD THAT THE FOUR CAUCASIANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT SOM THONG (TG 7924) NEAR THE FORMER AMERICAN SUPPORTED BASE AT LONG THIENG (TG 8313). THE DATE OF CAPTURE WAS NOT STATED.

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2. THE BROTHER RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE ESCAPEES AS A FORMER FAR (FORCE ARMEE ROYALE) PILOT WHO WAS A FRIEND OF THE BROTHER. [redacted] BROTHER WAS ASKED TO HIDE THE ESCAPEES ON THE TRUCK CONVOY AND TRANSPORT THEM TO SAFETY. THE BROTHER STATED THAT HE TOLD THE MEN THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY OF THEM AND THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO TAKE THEM WITH THE CONVOY. INSTEAD THE BROTHER TOOK ONLY THE PILOT/ [redacted] AT HER BROTHER IMPLIED THAT THE FORMER

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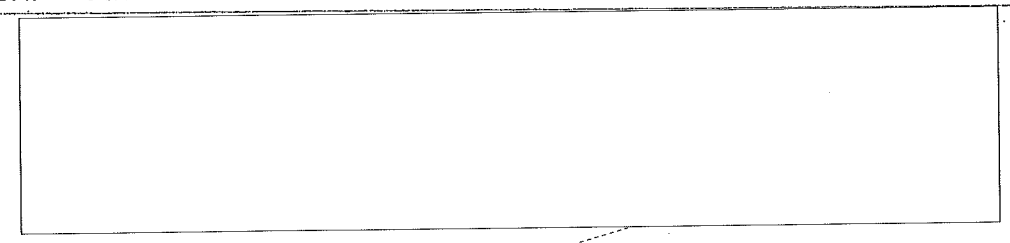
PILOT HAD EVENTUALLY ESCAPED AND WAS SAFE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.
WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANY OTHER DETAILS OF THE STORY.



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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF SIX PRISONERS OF WAR IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MARCH 1986

SOURCE: A

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY MARCH 1986, , TOLD A MEMBER OF THE LAO RESISTANCE AND FORMER DETENTION CAMP INMATE THAT A GROUP OF SIX AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) WERE STILL INCARCERATED AT A CAMP LOCATED AT THAM PHA LEUNG (NCA) CAVE NEAR PHOU SAO (UG 3918) VILLAGE, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THERE WERE SEVEN LPA SOLDIERS SERVING AS GUARDS AT THE CAVE AND ONE NURSE WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO THE CAVE. ONE COMBINED BATTALION-SIZED LPA AND PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM FORCE WAS DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 5 THROUGH LAT HOUANG (NCA) TO LAT SEN (NCA), CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE AREA. ANOTHER LPA "SPECIAL FORCE" COMPANY COMPRISING 60 SOLDIERS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN ((THIEP)) SOUTHIDET, WAS DEPLOYED ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM THE CAVE. THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE CAVE WAS LOCATED, NEAR THE JOINT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) AND LPDR BORDER, WAS A VACATION AREA FOR LEADERS OF THE THREE "INDOCHINESE" COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AN INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Defense Intelligence Agency
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State
Office of the Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
National Security Council
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos-Addendum

15 AUG 1985

1. The attached additional information is from the source of in response to follow-up requirements levied upon his subsource.

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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: 1. On 22 July 1986, a -- information report with the above heading and numbered was issued. [redacted] reported the following additional information, based on further discussion with [redacted] in early August 1986.

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2. The American POW detention camp is at Doi Nang Lio, also known as Tham Mae Mai (Widow's Cave), which is in the area of Muang Ngoy (TH 585915). There is a road linking Oudomsai via Tasseng Phra That to Tasseng Don Lao of Muang Ngoy. This is a new road built by the Vietnamese in 1984 with a length of 36 kilometers. The road circles around Muang Ngoy District office and merges with the main road to Muang Na Mo. Muang Ngoy has six (sic) Tassengs: Ngoy, Nam Lat, Ban Mo, Nong Sing, and Don Lao, which is where the POW camp is located.

3. [redacted] No coordinates were given for the above locations.

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22 JUL 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Defense Intelligence Agency
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(International Security Affairs)
Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: According to [redacted] who claimed to have visited the site, as of April 1986, there was a detention camp containing 12 male and four female American prisoners located at Ban Don Lae (near TH 5085), Ngoy District, Luang Prabang Province, Laos. [redacted] said the prisoners were being held in a cave that was used by the Pathet Lao and Vietnamese during the Indochina War years. Eight Vietnamese and 14 Lao ran the detention camp. There were three trucks assigned to the camp which were used to take the prisoners outside the camp to work everyday. [redacted] said eight of the prisoners worked repairing engines and four taught engine repair to the Lao. The four females worked as nurses. The workday was 0800 hours to 1800 hours daily. The LPA soldier claimed that the Americans had been in Laos since before the communists took over the country. The LPA soldier said the Americans were confined in harsh conditions even though they had worked hard while in captivity.

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Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
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SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

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SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

TEXT: In a private conversation with friends and relatives in mid-April 1986, stated that in mid March she had seen seven People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) guards controlling three caucasians eight kilometers east of Muang Ngoy (TH 5891) along the main road. said at first she thought they were Soviet advisors but then noticed that two of the three prisoners were wearing leg irons. Local residents later told her the men were American prisoners captured prior to 1972. The men were about 150 meters from the road. At the time as traveling from Son La, Vietnam.

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Department of Defense
Principal Advisor For Prisoner of War
Missing In Action Affairs
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Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoners of War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained

refugee observed an apparent detention camp in Saravane Province, Laos, which a local village militia chief told him contained 23 American Prisoners of War.

2. This very sensitive information is for your background use only. There will be no further distribution of this report and additional dissemination or extraction of this information requires prior approval from this Agency. DIA is authorized to pass this information to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCR

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TEXT: 1. Circa March 1983, a militia chief claimed that there is a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp located at the foot of Ngoua Mountain (NCA), approximately 25 kilometers south of Kadon Village. According to there were 23 American prisoners of war (POW's) detained in the camp. Prior to 1975 the camp contained 25 American POW's, but two had since died. said that Kadon Village is responsible for growing food for the camp and insisted that he had personally seen the POW's on numerous occasions while escorting food convoys to the camp. added that the militia forces of Chavan Village (YB 2197) were actually responsible for security at the camp.

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escorted him to the top of Nqoua Mountain and pointed out the camp to him. According to the camp consisted of four buildings and was surrounded by a fence and a canal. did not claim to see any of the POW's. Both Chavan and Kadon Villages have been under the influence/control of the Communist Pathet Lao since circa 1954.)

3. account is the first believable story on the possibility of live American POW's in the LPDR that has been heard since 1975.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Department of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in Northern Laos

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SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in Northern Laos

TEXT: 1. In late April 1982, saw a total of six alleged U.S. prisoners-of-war (POW's) at a detention camp in a small valley of Thao La Hamlet, Houa Phan Province, in northern Laos (grid coordinates 20 degrees north latitude, 104 degrees east meridian). On 26 April , saw four tall Caucasians who were said to be U.S. POW's being escorted by two small Asian guards from the prisoners' house of detention to the camp office. On 27 April saw two blacks who were also said to be U.S. POW's carrying bamboo baskets on their back being escorted up a hill by a guard to carry out their labor duties. made the observations from a steep hill at (b)(1) the edge of the Thao La Valley where the detention camp was located.

the men they had seen were U.S. POW's. He said the camp held about 50 such POW's who had recently been transferred to the camp from an unknown location.) Presumably the guards were Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) personnel.) (b)(3)(c)

2. The camp was located across the valley to the southeast of Thao La Hamlet. The house of detention was a long, thatched house with a small front yard. It stood between two smaller houses with walls made of timber; apparently the camp office and a guards' quarters. The camp was surrounded by a trench and a fence of closely posted, pointed wood poles. Thao La Hamlet had about 50 small houses located next to a creek.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
Department of Defense
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT : Alleged Sighting of Live U.S. Prisoners of War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained from

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SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Live U.S. Prisoners of War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. On 24 February 1983, was in the area of Ban (village) Song where several members of the were attending a propaganda session. According to an ethnic Lao who was present in that village, two Caucasians and six People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) soldiers were at that session. One of the Caucasians was giving a speech in Lao praising the LPDP regime. did not explain why he believed that the two Caucasians were U.S. Prisoners of War (POW's). (b)(3)(c)

2. On 25 February 1983, informed that there were four U.S. POW's being held at the Nadeng Prison in the LPDR. member stated that the prison was divided into two sections. One part of the prison was used to confine former Royal Lao Government (RLG) officials and Royal Lao Army (FAR) officers. The other part of the facility was for the four U.S. POW's. One of the Americans was ill with "sciatic disease." Another U.S. POW was allowed to look after him. The two other U.S. POW's were allowed to accompany PAVN soldiers who conducted propaganda operations. 18 PAVN soldiers were guarding the prison.

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3. indicated that his was willing to attempt to rescue the four Americans without advance funds for their efforts, and would hold the liberated U.S. POW's until negotiations for a reward were completed. asked how much money the might get for each U.S. POW.)

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4. claimed to have met with two U.S. POW's during his one and one-half year detention from mid-1981 to January 1983. said that the two alleged U.S. POW's were not incarcerated within the prison facility but were held in a nearby cave. The was not able to identify either of the two alleged U.S. POW's by name. He stated that one of their "serial number plates" was available at Ban Nondeng (WE2507). The cited in Paragraph 2 of this report stated that he would attempt to recover the plate by 1 April 1983.)

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(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

FROM: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Claimed Sightings of U.S. Personnel
Missing in Action in Laos in the
Period 1969-79

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SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTINGS OF U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79

1. [redacted] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79 (b)(3)(c)

2. IN A CONVERSATION IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR) WITH [redacted] IN FEBRUARY 1981, AN UNIDENTIFIED LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN A CAVE IN HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE. THIS LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT ALL OF THESE POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) "IN 1979." THE LPLA OFFICER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. ABOUT DECEMBER 1971, WHILE [redacted] WAS PILOTING AN H-34 HELICOPTER [redacted] HE SET HIS AIRCRAFT DOWN BESIDE AN AIR AMERICA UH-1 HELICOPTER THAT HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN DEMOLISHED. THE COCKPIT OF THE HELICOPTER, WHICH WAS ON A LANDING ZONE BEING FIRED UPON BY HOSTILE FORCES, CONTAINED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT, AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DEAD. [redacted] SAID FIRING BY THE ENEMY, WHO HAD ALREADY OVERRUN LATSEN, PREVENTED HIM FROM RECOVERING THE BODY. [redacted] WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT.) (b)(3)(n)

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4. ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1970 A HMONG TOLD THAT A BUNKER CONTAINING THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD SUSTAINED A DIRECT ENEMY HIT AND THAT THESE MEN WERE NOT SEEN TO EMERGE FROM THE BUNKER. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE EXACT TIME FRAME AND LOCATION WERE NOT GIVEN NOR WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.)

5. ABOUT AUGUST 1969 [redacted] WHILE FLYING TO PHATHUNG (TH 1726) ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, HEARD THE DISTRESS CALL OF A DOWNED U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THE SIGNAL, [redacted] LOCATED A U.S. PILOT, PICKED HIM UP, AND TURNED HIM OVER TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT LUANG PRABANG. [redacted] APPARENTLY NO MIA IS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR
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CHIEF, PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION BRANCH
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PRINCIPAL ADVISOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND
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(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM : DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT : REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CENTRAL LAOS (b)(1)

ATTACHED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS [redacted] RESULTING FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCE IN [redacted] MAY 1978. WE ARE GIVING THIS REPORT NO FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

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SUBJECT: REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CENTRAL LAOS

1. THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WAS OBTAINED ON 30 MAY 1978

2. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF LAOS IN 1975, THE LPDR ESTABLISHED INDOCTRINATION CAMPS FOR FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AT XEPON AND SARAVAN, WHICH WERE LITTLE MORE THAN FORCED LABOR CAMPS. THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE PRISONERS AT THESE CAMPS WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD LINKING THE TWO TOWNS. DURING A ROUTINE ROAD SURVEY IN EARLY OCTOBER 1976, CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A GROUP OF AMERICAN PRISONERS BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL PRISON COMPOUND LOCATED IN A MOUNTAIN CAVE ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SARAVAN. (SOURCE COMMENT: PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.)

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SUBJECT: POW-MIA: COMMENTS OF A LAO OFFICIAL ON TENSIONS BETWEEN LAO AND U.S. SIDES CONCERNING EFFORTS TO VERIFY CLAIMED SIGHTING OF MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM [redacted]

[redacted] SAID IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 THAT TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED BETWEEN THE LAO AND U.S. SIDES FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN SEPTEMBER TO VERIFY THE CLAIMED SIGHTING OF A MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN. ACCORDING TO [redacted]

(b)(1) [redacted] LAO SEARCHERS FIRST WERE DISPATCHED FROM VIENTIANE TO ATTOPEU PROVINCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A LAO RESIDENT OF THE PROVINCE WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN "AMERICAN SOLDIER" LIVING IN A REMOTE VILLAGE. WHEN THE LAO SEARCH TEAM LOCATED THE INFORMANT, DESCRIBED ONLY AS AN "OLD MAN," HE REFUSED TO CONSIDER ESCORTING THE TEAM ON FOOT OVER WHAT HE INDICATED WOULD BE A SIX-DAY ROUND-TRIP TREK TO AND FROM THE VILLAGE WHERE THE CLAIMED SIGHTING HAD BEEN MADE. AFTER DEMANDING AND RECEIVING PAYMENT OF TWO BAHT-WEIGHT (30.4 GRAMS) IN GOLD, PLUS A LAO GOVERNMENT PROMISE OF MORE IF THE SIGHTING PROVED TRUE, THE INFORMANT AGREED TO CARRY A CAMERA INTO THE REMOTE VILLAGE AND ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PERSON WHOM HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN.

3. THE INFORMANT RETURNED WITH EXPOSED FILM, BUT WHEN IT WAS DEVELOPED, THE ONLY RECOGNIZABLE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED JUST THE LEGS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON. THE LAO SEARCH TEAM NONETHELESS DECIDED TO BRING IN U.S. AUTHORITIES AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF VILLAGES IN AREAS MENTIONED BY THE INFORMANT TURNED UP THE EXISTENCE OF A PERSON WITH CAUCASIAN FEATURES LIVING IN ONE OF THEM. WHEN IT SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DETERMINED THAT THE APPARENT CAUCASIAN WAS A METIS OF FRENCH-ASIAN EXTRACTION, THE INFORMANT ATTEMPTED TO DENY THAT THIS WAS THE PERSON WHOM HE HAD SIGHTED. THE LAO SIDE TOLD THE INFORMANT TO KEEP QUIET AFTER HE CLAIMED THAT THE VILLAGE WHERE THE SIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE WAS NOT THE ONE WHERE THE METIS WAS FOUND BUT WAS IN A MUCH MORE REMOTE AREA.

4. [redacted] THE U.S. TEAM BECAME UPSET WHEN THE LAO SIDE REFUSED TO CONSIDER FURTHER SEARCHES IN AREAS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY COVERED. [redacted] ATTRIBUTED LAO HESITANCE IN THIS REGARD TO CONCERN THAT SUCH SEARCHES WOULD TAKE THE U.S. TEAM OVER WHAT THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AS THE "FREE ZONE" ALONG THE XEKONG PROVINCE BORDER WITH VIETNAM. [redacted] DESCRIBED THIS ZONE AS BEING INHABITED BY VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, SOME OF WHOM DO NOT SPEAK LAO AND MOST OF WHOM DO NOT RECOGNIZE LAO AUTHORITY. ALSO, VIETNAM MAINTAINS A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THIS AREA, AS WELL AS INTERNMENT CAMPS FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE ELEMENTS. AS SUCH, [redacted] SAID THAT LAOS HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE ZONE, AND THE LAO SIDE IN THE

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SEARCH HAD NO AUTHORITY FROM THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO ENTER THE AREA WITH OR WITHOUT U.S. PERSONNEL.

5. (STONY BEACH COMMENT: A STONY BEACH OFFICER WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1991 INVESTIGATION IN LAOS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE LAO DELIBERATELY HINDERED HIS INVESTIGATION IN ANY WAY. IN HIS OPINION, THE LAO DISPLAYED MORE COOPERATION THAN USUAL. THE OFFICER SAID THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO VISIT ATTOPEU PROVINCE BECAUSE OF FLOODING AND IMPASSABLE ROADS, BUT THE LAO INVITED THE TEAM TO RETURN WHEN THE ROADS WERE DRY. THE PERSON THE TEAM WANTED TO INTERVIEW WAS NOT LOCATED SIX DAYS AWAY, AS SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT, BUT NOT MORE THAN FOUR OR FIVE HOURS AWAY. THE TEAM SAW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS PERSON, WHO WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. THE OFFICER DISPUTED THE CLAIM THAT THE TEAM WAS UPSET BY NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT ANOTHER AREA. THE TEAM ASKED TO VISIT AN AREA NOT PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE APPROVAL AND DID NOT DISPLAY ANNOYANCE AT THIS. THE OFFICER SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE VERACITY OF THE PARAGRAPH FOUR REASONS FOR NOT ALLOWING THE TEAM TO GO. HE SAID THAT AREAS FOR INVESTIGATION ARE GENERALLY AGREED ON PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN LAOS, IN PART TO ALLOW TIME TO GET APPROVAL FROM BOTH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS. REGARDING PARAGRAPH TWO, IN THE OFFICER'S JUDGMENT LAO OFFICIALS WOULD NOT PAY TWO BAHT-WEIGHT IN GOLD FOR PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY WERE TRYING TO BE OBSTRUCTIONIST.)

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PHOTO OF ALLEGED POW'S AND ON LIVE POW'S IN INDOCHINA

REF:

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS THE SOURCE OF REF, WHICH REPORTED ON THE EXISTENCE OF VIET CONG (VC) PRISON CAMP BETWEEN SAIGON AND CAMBODIA. THIS REPORT IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR ACTION.

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2. AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1991 HE REGARDED THE WELL-PUBLICIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF THREE ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AS A HOAX. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HANDLED THE SAD SITUATION WELL, WITHOUT RAISING THE HOPES OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MIA'S WHO WERE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

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3. STATED THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO LIVE POW'S IN VIETNAM. HE MADE THIS STATEMENT BASED ON HIS PAST PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE COULD NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE COULD BE U.S. SERVICEMEN ALIVE IN LAOS, BUT REGARDED THIS AS ONLY A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY, GIVEN THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND PRIMITIVE LIVING CONDITIONS THERE. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF SOME LIVING U.S. PERSONNEL TURNED UP IN LAOS, BUT HE HAD LIITLE BASIS FOR SUCH OPTIMISM.

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4. SAID THAT HE MET A POW NAMED "JOHN" (LNU), WHO LATER DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

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[redacted] SAID HE HAD JOHN S DOG TAG AT HIS HOME IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND WOULD LOOK FOR IT WHEN HE RETURNED THERE [redacted] (b)(3)(c)

(b)(1) [redacted] IN REF REPORT [redacted] SAID THAT JOHN'S LAST NAME WAS DAVIS OR DAVIES.).

5. [redacted]

6. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [redacted] ~~SECRET~~

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON [redacted] AS OF 1971

(b)(6) 1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN 1971 BY [redacted] WHO TASKED AN [redacted] TO SHOW THE [redacted] A CARD CONTAINING A PICTURE OF A U.S. PERSON MISSING IN ACTION (MIA), [redacted] THE CARD WAS INSCRIBED WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HIS FATE. THE CARD WAS SHOWN TO CONTACTS IN PATHET LAO (PL) COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS NEAR MUONG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS. THE RESPONSES WERE COLLATED IN ONE REPORT WHICH WAS SENT TO OUR THEN EXISTING OFFICE IN VIENTIANE. THE REPORT WAS NOT DISSEMINATED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE SOME STATEMENTS APPEARED DOUBTFUL, SUCH AS THE PL HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) NEAR MUONG PHINE. IN FEBRUARY 1991 [redacted] REVIEWED THE FILE AND RECONSTRUCTED HIS ORIGINAL REPORT TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. HE NOTES THAT THE DATES ARE APPROXIMATE BECAUSE THEY ARE BASED ON CONTACTS' RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OCCURRING AROUND THAT TIME, SUCH AS THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON.

2. THE PL CAPTORS TOOK [redacted] TO MUANG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS, IN JUNE 1966. ON 3 JANUARY 1967 HE LEFT MUANG PHINE AND ARRIVED ON 5 JANUARY AT A PRISON AT MUANG NONG (XD6009), WHICH CONTAINED ONLY EIGHT OTHER U.S. POW'S. AT MUANG NONG THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) CAPTORS GUARDED [redacted] STRICTLY AND HE SUFFERED VERY MUCH. WHILE THE PAVN GUARDS DID NOT TORTURE DEBRUIN, HE WAS HELD IN PRISON AND SUBJECTED TO PROPAGANDA LECTURES. PL GENERAL KHAMKONG (SIC) AND PAVN GENERAL TAO (SIC), WHO SPOKE ENGLISH, WERE THE ONLY HIGH RANKING OFFICERS TO INTERROGATE DEBRUIN. THE PAVN GUARDS OFTEN WERE ANGRY WITH THE POW'S BECAUSE OF U.S. BOMBING IN THE AREA. [redacted] WAS ALLOWED TO EAT AND TALK WITH THE OTHER POW'S. BUT WHETHER HE EVER RECEIVED LETTERS OR PACKAGES IS UNKNOWN. BECAUSE HE WAS STRICTLY GUARDED, [redacted] NEVER ESCAPED FROM EITHER PRISON. ON 2 JANUARY 1968 A PAVN GUARD NAMED "ONG (MR.) LUI" AND SIX OTHER GUARDS TOOK [redacted] AND EIGHT OTHER POW'S AWAY. THE VILLAGERS WERE TOLD ONLY THAT THE POW'S WERE BEING TAKEN AWAY FOR "TRAINING."

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TO: (b)(6) (ATTN: COL. MIKE PECK).

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SUBJECT: REMAINS, DOG TAGS AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

REFS:

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN MID-SUMMER 1990

2. AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON AN UNKNOWN DATE A GROUP OF SEVEN POW/MIA'S WERE SHOT AND BURIED. ONE WAS A COLONEL IN FULL UNIFORM. ONE WITNESS OF THIS INCIDENT TOOK THE UNIFORMS AND REBURIED THE BODIES. THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS ARE STILL AT THE BURIAL SITE. ANOTHER MIA INDIVIDUAL (NFI) IS ALIVE AND UNDER GUARD, BUT IS AFRAID TO TRY TO ESCAPE. WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED HELP TO DO SO. HE IS MARRIED (POSSIBLY TO A LAO) AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. PARTIAL DOG TAG INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS IS AS FOLLOWS.

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C. TR D (SIC)

LEATS A

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D. BOBS

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BAPTIST

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED - VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE BORDER SMUGGLERS AND CASUAL SOURCES ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS. INFORMATION WAS PASSED AS NOTED TO JCRC AND/OR STONY BEACH. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS INFORMATION WITH JCRC AND STONY BEACH.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON 15 VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE SOURCES AND FOUR BORDER SMUGGLERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED VARIOUS TYPES OF LIVE SIGHTING, DOG TAG/REMAINS REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE. ALL INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY [redacted] WHICH PASSED THE LEADS TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION ON THE DATES NOTED BELOW WITH NO FURTHER FORMAL DISSEMINATION. (b)(1)

A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE .) CLAIMED HE SAW AN AMERICAN LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN IN OCTOBER 1983 NEAR DAC TO VILLAGE, BAN ME THUOT PROVINCE. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAUCASIAN WITH LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1972. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STORIES ABOUT AMERICANS LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN INDIAN SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN THE AREA. ALSO REPORTED THAT IN OCTOBER 1984 HE SAW THREE AMERICANS IN SA HUYNH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. THE THREE AMERICANS WERE WORKING ON AN OIL PROJECT ON "HAI NAM" (PROBABLY HAINAN) ISLAND WHEN A STORM SENT THEM ADRIFT. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS JOHN PIERRE, THE SON OF A TEXAS JUDGE. AS OF EARLY 1985, THE THREE AMERICANS WERE MOVED TO HANOI. PROVIDED THE NAMES: RONNAL C. LUCSK, RA [redacted] BAPTIST; JOHN BOY; JAMNE CARTE; RONIE HARIS. DOG TAGS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE TURNED OVER TO MR. LE VAN PHU OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC). (LE VAN PHU HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE MOI IN HCMC.) WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988. (b)(1)

B. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED HEARSAY FROM ABOUT THE SINKING OF AN AMERICAN SHIP OFF THE COAST OF NGOC HIEN DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF AMERICAN BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THAT VESSEL. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

C. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED AN ACQUAINTANCE HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN. SAID THE ACQUAINTANCE COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH HIS FAMILY AT 42/41 HOANG DIEU, 14TH QUARTER, 4TH DISTRICT, SAIGON. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH

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ON 9 MARCH 1988.

D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE), A FORMER ARVN CAPTAIN, CLAIMED HIS SISTER HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED A NEIGHBOR, HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN AT HIS HOME IN SAIGON. REPORTEDLY TURNED THE REMAINS OVER TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND HOPED TO BE RESETTLED VIA THE ODP PROGRAM. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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F. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN REEDUCATION CAMPS IN YEN BAI AND HOANG LIEN SON HE CAME ACROSS A WHITE AMERICAN USING THE NAME "TRAN VAN NAM." AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 776TH UNIT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE CAMP. SAW NAM AND A BLACK MAN. ACCORDING TO GUARDS, THESE TWO AMERICANS VOLUNTEERED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. IN EARLY 1980, WHILE IN HOA LO PRISON, CLAIMED HE SAW TWO AMERICANS (ONE YOUNG AND ONE OLD). STATED THAT HE CONTACTED THEM BY MORSE CODE AND THE TWO AMERICANS WERE VICTIMS OF A SHIPWRECK IN 1975 POSSIBLY NEAR CON SON. WAS INVOLVED IN SEARCHING FOR AMERICAN REMAINS AND CLAIMED INFORMATION ON NEARLY 40 SETS OF REMAINS, MOST OF WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. ALSO MENTIONED A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ALONG THE BANK OF A RIVER NEAR THE BIEN HOA-PHUOC LONG-SONG BINH PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES. PRODUCED ONE NAME BUT WAS NOT SURE IT WAS CORRECT: RUSSEL COCK. NO PREF. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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G. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT TWO SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS BURIED IN HOC MON. ALSO CLAIMED THAT HIS RELATIVES HELD ONE AMERICAN DOG TAG. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

H. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN AMERICAN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND FEBRUARY 1978 AT THE CATHEDRAL IN SAIGON. THE AMERICAN WAS NAMED PAUL, BORN ABOUT 1953, AND WAS FROM PENNSYLVANIA. PAUL WAS REPORTEDLY AN "INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY STUDENT" WHO WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. PAUL REPORTEDLY LIVED AT THE FAUCAULD MONASTERY ON CUONG DE STREECT, HCMC. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

I. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE) CLAIMED HIS AUNT HAD INFORMATION ON AMERICAN REMAINS. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

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J. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE TURNED OVER ONE DOG TAG AND EIGHT RUBBINGS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES: L.C. WALKER, USN. M. PROTESTANT; T.L. JONES, USMC. S. ASSEMBLY OF

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GOD. I.E. HONEYCUTT [redacted] CHRIST OF (UNREADABLE) WILBUR R. FINKS RA [redacted] CATHOLIC. EUGENE SMITH, US [redacted] BAPTIST. ALFREDDER COLEMAN, [redacted] BAPTIST. J.R. GREEN, [redacted] USMC. S. BAPTIST. RUBEN CASALLOS, RA [redacted] THE DOG TAG AND RUBBINGS WERE TURNED OVER TO JCRC. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988. (b)(6)

K. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

REPORTED THAT HER FATHER ...

(A FORMER ARVN 1ST CORPS COLONEL) WAS HOLDING ONE SET OF AMERICAN REMAINS.

THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 11, 12 JULY.

L. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

, CLAIMED THAT TWO FRIENDS OF HIS, , KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN REMAINS COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH A .

THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 11/12 JULY.

M. WHO LIVED IN TRAT PROVINCE TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A PHOTOCOPY OF DOCUMENTS PURPORTEDLY OF AN AMERICAN HELD IN VIETNAM. THE INFORMATION CORRESPONDS TO DEWEY M. BALL, A KNOWN SCAM CASE. THIS SAME ALSO PROVIDED TWO OTHER NAMES WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAM. THE NAMES WERE: RICHARD A. MANN, RA [redacted] BAPTISE (SIC); AND, WILLIAM T. OLLER, [redacted] THE SOURCE CLAIMED THAT AN AMERICAN COUPLE HAD CONTACTED HIM AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT PICTURES AND OTHER PROOF ON THE DEWEY M. BALL CASE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF POLITICAL STATEMENT DURING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS (AMERICAN). THE AMERICAN NAMES AND ADDRESS WERE LISTED ON THE REVERSE OF THE PHOTOCOPY. THIS INFORMATION WAS TURNED OVER TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM ON 12 JULY, AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE PASSED TO JCRC ON 11 JULY.

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N. TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A DOG TAG RUBBING ON FOIL PAPER OF AN AMERICAN REPORTEDLY KILLED IN VIETNAM. THE NAME WAS HAROLD A. CLINE U.S. [redacted] CHURCH OF GOD. CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE BONES CONNECTED WITH THIS NAME WHICH WERE STILL INSIDE CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAB RUBBING WAS TURNED OVER TO JCRC ON 11 JULY. (b)(6)

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PASSED INFORMATION AND PICTURES TO ... ALLEGEDLY OF A FORMER AMERICAN SOLDIER HELD IN QUANG NGAI, DA NANG. THERE ARE THREE IDENTICAL BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS OF AN APPARENT MALE CAUCASIAN. THE FILM WAS DEVELOPED BY BUT THE NEGATIVES WERE RETAINED BY A XEROXED COPY OF A LETTER, PURPORTEDLY FROM THE AMERICAN, ACCOMPANIED THE PHOTOS AND READ AS FOLLOWS: "7408-04327 #CO 120916 ROS VICHTA 15-01-74 I MET ' I AM VERY - VERY HARD, AND I WANT TO HELP ME, RI (CROSSED OUT) NOW I AM LIVING AT QUANG - NGAI DANANG CITY." ... FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, PRINTED A NEAR DUPLICATE OF THE LETTER. IS ONLY AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE AFFAIR AND SEEMED UNAWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER. STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER MET ANY AMERICAN IN VIETNAM AND WAS SURPRISED THAT THE LETTER STATED THAT HE HAD. THE FIRST HAND SOURCE,

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IF IMMEDIATE CONTACT IS DESIRED BY STONY BEACH, SOMEONE NEED BE ON STANDBY DURING THAT PERIOD. THE MATERIAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO STONY BEACH ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, AND A MEETING WITH [redacted] HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 17 JANUARY.

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P. PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. JOHN KANALY, NEW TIMES PRESSE AGENCY, 1102 SOUTH RD, APT C, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43207 USA, WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN GIA LAI-CON TUM PROVINCE (NO TIME FRAME GIVEN), AND IS STILL BEING HELD AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN VIETNAM. THESE DETAILS WERE PROVIDED BY

IS TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON KANALY. THE NOTE WITH NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO YOUR OFFICE ASAP. THE NOTE INCLUDES A LINE IN THE THAI LANGUAGE CLAIMING THAT THE ADDRESS IS IN KANALY'S HANDWRITING. THE ABOVE WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH CIRCA 23 MARCH 1989.

3. DURING MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED FOUR OTHER LEADS. ONE LEAD WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH IN BANGKOK AND THREE OTHER LEADS WERE PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH [redacted] IN HONG KONG. WE HAVE NO RECORDS OF WHETHER ANY OF THESE LEADS WERE FOLLOWED UP BY STONY BEACH. THE LEADS ARE AS FOLLOWS. (b)(6)

4. ON 5 AND 22 MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING AND DOG TAG INFORMATION WHICH WAS OBTAINED BY [redacted] BASE FROM ' ON 22 MARCH, STONY BEACH SAID IT WOULD TURN OVER THE REPORTING TO ITS OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM IN [redacted] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION WITH (b)(1) ROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. ON 4 MARCH, ... RELATED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO BAN TAN VILLAGE, SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE, THAILAND. HE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIS THAI FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WHO WAS CONDUCTING SOME BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH HIS SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE TRADING. WHILE IN THE VILLAGE, WAS APPROACHED BY THE VILLAGE HEADMAN (NFI) WHO RELATED THAT HE KNEW AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO HAD SOME INFORMATION ON POW'S. THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO [redacted] WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN A PRISON IN LAOS IN AN AREA CALLED HAI HIN (PHONETIC/NFI). [redacted] REPORTEDLY SAW SOME CAUCASIAN PRISONERS. THE EXACT NUMBER WAS NOT CLEAR, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THEM ALLEGEDLY RECENTLY DIED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES. ACCORDING TO [redacted]'S STORY, THE DECEASED PRISONER HAD THE INITIALS "KS" TATOOED ON HIS FACE. THE HEADSMAN SAID [redacted] ALLEGEDLY HAD DOG TAG(S) AND THE ASHES OR REMAINS OF A PILOT WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH (NFI). THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO [redacted] RESIDED IN THAILAND, PRESUMABLY IN THE SAKHON NAKHON OR NAKHON PHANOM AREA, AND WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE DOG TAG(S) AND OTHER POW INFORMATION FOR A PRICE. SAID HE, HIS FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WERE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO PLACE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN CONTACT WITH THE HEADSMAN TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE INFORMATION. WAS ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO BANGKOK FOR FOLLOWUP AND THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTED IF HIS ASSISTANCE WAS REQUIRED. [redacted] BASE COMMENTED THAT IT COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE APPROACH WAS LINKED TO UNSCRUPULOUS LAO RESISTANCE SCAM ARTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN RECOVERY EFFORTS, AND/OR WITH SRVIS-DIRECTED UDOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES DISINFORMATION EFFORTS ON THE ISSUE.

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ON 1 MARCH 1988 RECONTACTED OUR BASE TO PASS ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE POW HE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED WHICH WAS PASSED TO YOUR OFFICE. STATED THAT [redacted] THE BROTHER OF HIS FIANCEE, HAD HAD SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE VILLAGE

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HEADSMAN (NFI) WHO WAS NOW BELIEVED B[redacted] TO BE A TAMBON OFFICIAL), AND WITH THE ETHNIC LAO [redacted] (NFI). ACCORDING TO [redacted] WAS TOLD THAT THE ASHES OF THE DECEASED PILOT WERE THAT OF A PERSON IDENTIFIED AS CASTILLO. [redacted] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH ALLEGEDLY WAS TAKEN FROM CASTILLO'S DOGTAG: "CASTILLO NEIRA LINEO [redacted] ROMAN CATHOLIC." ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [redacted] CASTILLO DIED AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH (NFI). STATED THAT [redacted] WAS TOLD THAT THERE WERE CURRENTLY FIVE POW'S BEING HELD IN THE PRISON WHERE [redacted] PREVIOUSLY WORKED. THE PRISON WAS REPORTEDLY LOCATED ABOUT A SEVEN DAYS WALK FROM THE MEKONG RIVER (NFI). [redacted] WAS TOLD THAT [redacted] WAS WILLING TO GUIDE ANYONE TO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PRISON SITE.

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APOLOGIZED FOR THE LACK OF ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO HIS POOR COMMAND OF THE THAI LANGUAGE.

AGAIN OFFERED TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN CONTACTING THE SOURCES OF THE POW REPORT SHOULD THEY WISH TO PURSUE THE INFORMATION FURTHER.

C. [redacted] BASE COMMENTED THAT STONY BEACH OFFICERS WERE IN [redacted] DURING THE WEEK OF 14 MARCH BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT REGARDING HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POW INFORMATION. [redacted] REQUESTED [redacted] TO ADVISE IF STONY BEACH INTENDED TO CONTACT AND IF ANY FURTHER ACTION WAS REQUIRED BY BASE. [redacted] PASSED A COPY OF SUBPARAGRAPH B ABOVE REPORT TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM ON THE MORNING OF 22 MARCH. STONY BEACH THEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE ABOVE SUBPARAGRAPH A AND B REPORTS TO THEIR OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM IN [redacted] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION BY BASE.

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5. ON 9 MARCH 1988, THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN HONG KONG WAS PASSED THREE LEADS:

A. CLAIMED HE STAYED AT TIMES WITH THE FAMILY OF HIS BROTHER IN MINH DUC VILLAGE. HE MOVED TO QUANG HA DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, IN 1976 UNTIL HE WAS DRAFTED INTO PAVN IN 1981. HE AVOIDED THE DRAFT, RETURNED TO PHA LET AND LIVED AS A FISHERMAN UNTIL 14 JULY 1987 WHEN HE LEFT VIETNAM WITH HIS FAMILY AND TWO SISTERS. HE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON 18 AUGUST 1987; BOAT NUMBER [redacted] CLAIMED THAT ON ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT OCTOBER 1972 TWO CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMEN RECEIVED EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT THE HA SAN HOSPITAL, NUI DEO TOWN (XJ 7411), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAIPHONG CITY. ONE AIRMAN HAD A BROKEN LEG; THE OTHER AIRMAN WAS WOUNDED IN HIS ARM. THEIR FACES WERE BLOODY, POSSIBLY FROM INJURIES. THEY REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED AT THUY DUONG VILLAGE (XJ 7512), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN AAA UNIT ON NUI DEO HILL AND CRASHED IN A RICE FIELD AT THUY DUONG AFTER IT AND TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING ONE ALLEGED B-52, BOMBED SEVERAL PLACES IN HAI PHONG. [redacted] CLAIMED HE SAW THREE AIRCRAFT BOMB A PLACE ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM HIS VILLAGE OF PHA LE (XJ 815115) IN THE MORNING. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE DIRECTION OF THUY DUONG, ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF PHA LA. ON THE SAME AFTERNOON, [redacted] WENT TO THE HA SAN HOSPITAL TO VISIT HIS MOTHER WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED THERE, AND SAW THE TWO CAUCASIAN AIRMEN FROM THE DOOR OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM. FROM PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL, [redacted] LEARNED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRMEN'S CAPTURE AND THE ALLEGATION OF A B-52 BEING AMONG THE AIRCRAFT. HE COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE AIRMEN IN ANY MORE DETAIL.

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B. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1988 FROM

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ABOUT 0900 HOURS IN MID-1970 DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE PHU LUONG BRIDGE, AN F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY DOWNED BY A MISSILE UNIT LOCATED IN KIM MON DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE. ONE CAUCASION U.S. AIRMAN BAILED OUT VERY HIGH UP IN THE SKY. AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HE LANDED AT QUANG TRUNG VILLAGE (APPROXIAMTE XJ 575215) SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE YEN PHU MOUNTAINS, KIM MON DISTRICT. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT HIEP THUONG VILLAGE AT THE NORTHERN FOOT OF THE NEO PASS (XJ 565 230). THE AIRMAN WAS BEATEN BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE BEFORE A CHINESE VEHICLE FROM THE HAI DUONG (NOW HAI HUNG) PROVINCE MILITARY PROVICE CAME AND DROVE HIM TO THE UNIT'S HEADQUARTERS. CLAIMED HE WAS WORKING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION IN THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT. LATER, HE AND OTHER WORKERS WENT TO "SEE" THE CAPTURED AIRMAN AND THE MILITIA DIGGING UP OF THE AIRCRAFT. HE DESCRIBED THE DIRECTION OF THE SITE WHERE THE AIRMAN LANDED AND THE CRASH SITE IN DETAIL. HE SAID HE COULD NOT GET CLOSE TO THE SCENE, SO HE DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRMAN. THE COMMANDER OF THE PROVINCIAL MILITARY UNIT WAS LE THUA DAO.

C. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN LATE FEBRUARY 1988 FROM [redacted]

[redacted]. BEFORE NOON ONE DAY IN MAY OR JUNE 1968, TWO ALLEGED U.S. AIRMEN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT CHO HUONG OR LANG HUONG, SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE PHUC HAI ROAD JUNCTION (XH 730995), AN THUY DISTRICT, HAI PHONG CITY. ONE CAUCASIAN AIRMAN WAS ABOUT 1.8 METERS TALL, AND HAD LIGHTLY CURLED IVORY-WHITE HAIR AND GREEN EYES. HE WAS NOT FAT BUT HIS FLESH WAS SOFT. HE WAS WEARING A GREEN UNDERSHIRT AND WALKED BARE FOOTED CLUMSILY. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY THAT AFTERNOON BY A PUBLIC SECURITY VEHICLE. THE OTHER AIRMAN DIED WHEN HE LANDED. HIS BODY WAS COVERED, SO HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS WERE NOT KNOWN. HE WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO KIEN AN TOWN (XJ 6902) HOSPITAL, HAI PHONG. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MILITIA, HE WAS KILLED BY GROUND FIRE WHILE HIS PARACHUTE WAS DESCENDING. THEY ALSO SAID HIS PARACHUTE WAS RED AND THAT THE LIVE AIRMAN'S PARACHUTE WAS BLUE/GREEN. THEIR AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOME NINE KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH IN KIEN THUY DISTRICT, HAIPHONG. THE DEAD AIRMAN WAS EVACUATED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE LIVE AIRMAN. CLAIMED HE WAS THEN LIVING AT PHUC HAI (XJ 7300), AN THUY. THE AIRMEN WERE ALREADY CAPTURED WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE AIRMEN AND HAD TOUCHED THE LIVE ONE. [redacted] WAS ABOUT 1.5 METERS TALL AND HIS HEAD ONLY REACHED THE LIVE AIRMAN'S ARMPIT.

6. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED BY [redacted] (b)(3)(c)

A. ON 11 AUGUST 1988, A CASUAL CONTACT OF [redacted] CASE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME DAY FROM HIS RELATIVE.

[redacted] BROUGHT HIM A SILVER BADGE (DOG TAG?) MEASURING TWO INCHES BY TWO INCHES WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT FOUND AT THE SCENE OF AN AIR CRASH. THE SILVER TAG WAS INSCRIBED: R. O.

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CORONA [redacted] USMC, M. CATH. STATED (b)(6)
THAT THE BADGE HAD BEEN FOUND NEAR THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND THAT "THEY" WERE BRINGING THE UPPER PART OF THE SKELETON, INCLUDING THE SKULL, FROM THE LAO SIDE TO HIM SOON. "THEY" INFORMED HIM THAT "THEY" HAD FOUND THE REMAINS OF TEN MORE AMERICAN "SOLDIERS" IN LAOS AND VIETNAM. "THEY" WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT REWARDS FOR SUCH REMAINS. THE REPORT WAS PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN BANGKOK, WHICH WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION.

F. AS OF 4 FEBRUARY 1989,

REPORTED THAT A FRIEND, "A FORMER LPA SOLDIER," HAD LOCATED THE BODY OF A U.S. MARINE IN LAOS; DOG TAG IS WITH THE REMAINS. DOG TAG READS: MARSHALL, [redacted] USMC, (b)(6)
BAPTIST S. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH TEAM.

7. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1988,

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A LAO BUSINESS CONTACT NAMED WHICH REPORTED ON THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LIVE U.S. POW'S ALONG THE LAO/VIETNAMESE BORDER. TWO NAMES WERE PROVIDED GORDON (b)(6)
D.C.A., [redacted] USMCM NOPREF, AND, MARSHALL, [redacted] USAC BATIT. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DAO OFFICE IN BANGKOK.

8. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1988, OUR [redacted] OFFICE WAS APPROACHED (b)(1)
BY A FORMER CONTACT, AN ETHNIC LAO NAMED [redacted] WITH POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION. [redacted] WAS BORN [redacted] KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE; CURRENT ADDRESS: [redacted] SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH. [redacted] HAS AN ALLEGED JAW BONE FRAGMENT OF A PURPORTED UNIDENTIFIED U.S. POW. HE CLAIMS HE RECEIVED THE BONE FRAGMENT FROM UNSPECIFIED PERSONS IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE WHO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE A DOG TAG WHICH APPARENTLY WAS FOUND AT THE SAME SITE AS THE BONE FRAGMENT. [redacted] HAS A LIST OF 25 ALLEGED LIVE POWS IN LAOS-VIETNAM WHICH PURPORTEDLY WAS GIVEN TO A THAI DISTRICT OFFICIAL IN UBON PROVINCE IN MAY 1988 BY A DRIVER (NFI) OF LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN. [redacted] ALSO HAS A LETTER FROM AN ETHNIC LAO RESIDENT OF THE U.S. NAMED [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH UNIDENTIFIED U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OFFERED A REWARD OF ONE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE LAO RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RETURN OF A LIVE POW. [redacted]'S LETTER IS WRITTEN ON STATIONERY OF THE "NATIONAL MORREPLAN ORGANIZATION." (b)(6)

A. [redacted] RESIDES AT [redacted] [redacted] FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES [redacted] WAS A FORMER ROYAL LAO OFFICER ATTACHED TO U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 WHO HAD PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH "INSCM" ON POW/MIA MATTERS. ADDITIONAL FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES A PERSON NAMED [redacted] TRAVELED IN THAILAND WITH BO GRITZ. (b)(1)

B. [redacted] RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE IN SAKHON NAKHON ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1988. OUR [redacted] OFFICE WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN [redacted] AND A STONY BEACH REPRESENTATIVE IF DESIRED. IN THE PAST, [redacted] HAD PROVIDED POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION WHICH WAS NOT ACCURATE. HE ALSO PROVIDED INTRODUCTIONS TO OTHER PERSONS WHOSE CLAIMED ACCESS TO POW INFORMATION WAS NOT ESTABLISHED. [redacted] HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED (b)(6)
WITH [redacted] AS [redacted] A COPY OF [redacted]'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH [redacted] IS AVAILABLE. BELOW IS A LIST OF 25 NAMES OF THE (b)(3)(n)
ALLEGED POW'S PROVIDED BY [redacted] SOME OF THE NAMES ARE ILLEGIBLE AND THE SPELLINGS ARE PRESENTED AS LISTED. A COPY OF THE LIST

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IS ALSO AVAILABLE. THE NAMES INCLUDE: JUNE PETER SA/EN; ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLE LAST NAME IS ROSE; GUAG SONMET; POTTER VIMLIAM J JR; ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLY KYMOTOH; PEARGE EDWIN T; MORGAN SEPFERSON DONAHUE; MERCER JACOB E; FORSITATI ATHNA; C.M. [redacted] SIMMONE ROBENTE; WALTE HUGTH MOON; LINENCO WOON ROW; VISH BROWN; BOUNKINA JEUD; BADINE ROGOUT JR; DEFFRONE THOMAS C; VINESEP; BRANNY LYNWOOD; N.W. SARIDINE; N.W. SAMAN; F.V. 317205; TGI ADOS METHODIST; TODO VILLIAM [redacted] AND, SAV PRAN 197L;

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9. ON 30 DECEMBER 1988, STONY BEACH AND JCRC WERE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHOM WE CONSIDER RELIABLE. ON 3 DECEMBER, C

SAID THEY EXPECT TO HAVE TWO POWS IN HAND FROM LAOS IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK.

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN POW/MIA LIVING IN LAOS

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- THIS IS A REISSUE OF [redacted] WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY SENT UNDER THIS NUMBER. THE CORRECT NUMBER SHOULD BE [redacted] PLEASE CORRECT ALL FILES. THE TEXT DOES NOT CHANGE. -

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THIS INFORMATION WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH AND JCRC.

2. ACCORDING TO [redacted]

25 JANUARY 1990, THERE ARE NO AMERICAN POW/MIA'S LEFT IN LAOS, EXCEPT FOR ONE AMERICAN WHO MARRIED A LAO WOMAN AND RESIDES IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR (GOL) TURNED OVER ALL ITS AMERICAN POW/MIA'S TO VIETNAM IN 1982/1983 (SIC) BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PLACE IN LAOS TO DETAIN THEM. [redacted] SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS THE GOL TURNED OVER TO VIETNAM, BUT HE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE BEING DETAINED AT A PLACE THAT IS 420 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM HANOI, ALTHOUGH [redacted] DOES NOT KNOW IN WHICH DIRECTION. (COMMENT: IF THE PLACE IS INDEED 420 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE IN WHAT WAS FORMERLY SOUTH VIETNAM. THE LPDR WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1975.)

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3. SAID HE EXPECTED THE AMERICAN WHO REMAINS IN LAOS IS UNDER LOOSE DETENTION IN ONE OF THE FOUR POLITICAL DETENTION CAMPS OF LAOS IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE, WHICH INCLUDE:

A. SOMEWHERE IN XAM NEUA DISTRICT (VH 0158)

B. THE PHA DENG CAVE PRISON, TWO KILOMETERS EAST OF VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH 1957)

C. SOMEWHERE IN XAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210)

D. SOMEWHERE IN XIENG KHO DISTRICT (VH 3990)

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4. SAID THAT SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1989, A APPROACHED THE LAO WIFE OF THIS AMERICAN PRISONER TWO TIMES AND GAVE HER A PIECE OF PAPER FOR THE AMERICAN TO FILL OUT WITH HIS NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER. THE LAO WIFE TOOK THE PAPER TO HER AMERICAN HUSBAND, BUT BOTH TIMES HE REFUSED TO WRITE ANYTHING DOWN AND TOLD HER TO TELL THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MEET OR SPEAK WITH ANYONE.

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SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTING OF U.S. POW AT MINE IN LAOS

1. [redacted] IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION IN TAIWAN ON 21 DECEMBER 1989. A [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) DURING A TRIP TO LAOS IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1989. DURING THAT PERIOD WHEN [redacted] WAS IN VIENTIANE DISCUSSING MINERAL PURCHASES, HE WAS TAKEN ON A TWO OR THREE DAY TRIP THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO A MINING CAMP, PARTLY BY VEHICLE AND PARTLY ON FOOT. SINCE HE WAS BLINDFOLDED DURING PORTIONS OF THE TRIP, WHEN HE ARRIVED HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS. AT THE MINE THERE WERE ABOUT SIX GUARDS AND A BEARDED MALE CAUCASIAN. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN WITH EITHER THE CAUCASIAN PRISONER DIRECTLY OR A GUARD, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS AN AMERICAN. [redacted] SAID THAT THE U.S. POW HAD BEARD, WAS GAUNT BUT NOT SICKLY, AND HAD GONE NATIVE BECAUSE HE HAD A LOCAL WIFE. [redacted] SAID THAT IF CONDITIONS WERE RIGHT HE MIGHT GO BACK TO THE MINING AREA IN LAOS, BUT THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO TAIWAN FOR THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR (27 JANUARY 1990).

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2. IN NOVEMBER 1989 ON A VISIT TO BANGKOK, [redacted] PROVIDED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT ABOUT THIS U.S. POW, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT HE DID NOT CLAIM TO [redacted] THE PERSON MAKING THE ACTUAL SIGHTING WAS [redacted]

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CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. AIR FORCE CRASH SITES, WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM TRIBESMEN OR OTHER UPCOUNTRY CONTACTS. BECAUSE [redacted] AND HIS CONTACTS HAD HEARD OF A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR POW INFORMATION, THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. TO BACK UP HIS CLAIM TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. POW'S AND PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA), [redacted] A SHEET WITH INFORMATION COPIED FROM EITHER AN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DOG TAGS AS FOLLOWS: JAMES BLAIR WHITE, DOB [redacted] RANK-CAPTAIN; AIRMAN RALPH W. MAGEE; AND AIRMAN GLENN MATTESON.

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3. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 WAS RELAYED TO JCRC IN BANGKOK, AND IF THE LATTER WERE INTERESTED AN INTRODUCTION TO [redacted] COULD BE MADE. [redacted] STATION STILL HAS THE SHEET DESCRIBED ABOVE, SINCE [redacted] SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO [redacted]

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SUBJECT: POW'S ON LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER AND MIA REMAINS IN CAMBODIA

1. ON 19 OCTOBER 1989,

THE THREE CLAIMED THEY WERE FROM HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM, AND HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO SAVANNAKHET AS PART OF A TOUR GROUP , IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED AT THE PHANOM DISTRICT POLICE STATION.

2. THREE YEARS AGO (I.E. IN 1986) THERE WERE THREE U.S. POW'S LOCATED AT THE LAO BAO NORTH DETENTION CAMP (XD7036) ON THE LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER. ONE OF THE POW'S (NFI) HAD DIED. ANOTHER POW WAS FLIGHT LIEUTENANT THOMAS GRIFFIN. ACCORDING TO ALL THREE POW'S WERE BEING USED AS MECHANICS. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

3. ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1989 CONTACT REPORTED THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 4, WHICH HE SAID HE LEARNED FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN UBON.

4. CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) EITHER KNEW OF OR DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE U.S. MIA'S NEAR KIANAK (UNLOCATED), STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAG FROM ONE OF THE MIA'S WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YORK, DANIEL

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SUBJECT: DOG TAG AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS [redacted] THE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM ONE OF 40 RECENTLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEES WHO ARE NOW INCARCERATED AT THE THA LUAN POLICE COMPOUND. THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO UCRC AND STONY BEACH AND NOW IS BEING SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. A VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE IN TRAT PROVINCE PASSED A COPY OF A DOG TAG RUBBING TO A THAI OFFICIAL. THE DOG TAG IS THAT OF: FRED L. SMITH JR, AF [redacted] METHODIST. A HANDWRITTEN NOTE, IN VIETNAMESE, WITH THE RUBBING STATES THAT SMITH IS AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN AND A HELICOPTER PILOT. SMITH WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN AT KONTUM DISTRICT IN MARCH 1972 AND HIS BODY BURIED IN GIA LAI - KONTUM PROVINCE.

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3. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY WHICH CONTAINED THE POW RELATED INFORMATION DESCRIBED BELOW. THE LETTER CONTAINED INFORMATION FROM A FORMER LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT KHAMPHOU DOUANGMANYCHAN, WHO RESIDES IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE SOURCE'S MEETING WITH KHAMPHOU WAS NOT INDICATED IN THE LETTER. A GIST OF THE LETTER WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH.

4. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, OUR [redacted] OFFICE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE OF UNDERTERMINED RELIABILITY. THE SOURCE CLAIMS HE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (b)(1)

-- TOLD THE SOURCE THAT THERE ARE 14 AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD AT THAM LUANG, NACHIK CANTON IN THE VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH2949) OF HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. "THAM LUANG" IS THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE. SAID THAT THAM LUANG IS LOCATED ONE KILOMETER EAST OF BANCHIK, WHICH IS 17 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE VIENGXAI MUNICIPALITY. SAID THAT THE 14 AMERICAN POW'S ARE GUARDED BY A 26-MAN POLICE COMPANY COMMANDED BY A POLICE LIEUTENANT SITHA. SAID THE POW'S GROW RICE AND VEGETABLES FOR A LIVING, BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SHOES. ALSO ACCORDING TO , THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL POW'S BEING HELD AT AN AIR BASE IN MAUNG HAM (UH9647). THESE THREE POW'S ARE REPORTEDLY BEING USED TO TEACH ENGLISH TO LAOTIAN SOLDIERS AND HOW THE LATTER ARE TO USE AN AIR SIGNAL SYSTEM. SAID THERE ARE FOUR MIG-21'S LOCATED AT THE SAME AIRBASE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION FROM LAO INFORMANT

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION ON LAOS WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1989 HE ALSO PROVIDED NOTES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED IN HIS NOTES, WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO YOU SEPARATELY. HIS STATEMENTS AND NOTES ARE BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. THE POW/MIA INFORMATION WHICH FOLLOWS WAS OBTAINED FROM

HE SERVED IN THE ROYAL LAO ARMY. HE RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS TO VISIT RELATIVES CIRCA AUGUST 1989. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS PEOPLE IN LAOS AND COULD PROVIDE SOME HELP ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE SHOULD HE RETURN THERE, PROVIDED PROPER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PROTECT HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

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4. SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED THREE PAGES OF NOTES ON THE POW/MIA SUBJECT. ONE PAGE REPEATS SOME INFORMATION GIVEN IN PARA. 3 ABOVE. IT ALSO ADDS THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SAID THAT SHE SAW POW/MIA'S IN A PRISON CAMP AT "DINEDING" (SIC) AND THAT ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSON SAW ONE OR MORE POW/MIA'S AT BAN "HOAISAN" (SIC). A SECOND PAGE, WHICH OBTAINED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO WHO HAD RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS, REPORTS THAT PRISON CAMPS EXIST NEAR "DINEDING" (SIC) AND BAN DONG (UNLOCATED). ALSO IN THIS NOTE IS A STATEMENT THAT A CRASH SITE WITH REMAINS EXISTS AT "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC). THE THIRD PAGE CONSISTS OF A SKETCH MAP OF THAT AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND SHOWS THE LOCATION OF A HEAVILY GUARDED CAMP AND OF "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC), WHERE AN ATTEMPT TO RELEASE A POW FAILED FOR LACK OF ENOUGH MONEY.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF POW'S IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO STONY BEACH, HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM

2. ACCORDING TO TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) ARE NOW BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN A LEU VILLAGE IN XIANG KHOANG PROVINCE NEAR THE VIETNAMESE BORDER. THEY ARE BEING HELD AND GUARDED BY A LOCAL VILLAGE MILITIA GROUP; THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THE LAO ARMY APPARENTLY DO NOT KNOW OF THEIR PRESENCE. THE POW'S HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY AS ((STOWERS)) AND ((LATONA)).

3. ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS IS MARRIED TO A LEU WOMAN AND THEY NOW HAVE THREE CHILDREN. ONE WAS INJURED WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED DURING THE WAR AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY LOST AN ARM. BOTH ARE LIVING MISERABLY AND WANT TO ESCAPE. THE VILLAGE IN WHICH THEY ARE HELD IS ENTIRELY ETHNIC LEU, LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA.

4. IS AWARE OF THE AMERICANS' PRESENCE DUE TO THE FACT THAT FRIENDS OF HIS HAVE VISITED THE VILLAGE. SINCE WORD OF A TWO MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR RETURN OF U.S. POW'S HAS SPREAD, THE VILLAGERS AND ALL WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION. SAYS THAT HE CAN BRING THE TWO POW'S TO THE THAI BORDER IF HE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES.

5. STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LIVE POW'S, THIS VILLAGE ALSO HAS THE REMAINS OF 17 AMERICAN MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). THE VILLAGERS WANT TO TURN OVER THE REMAINS FOR A REWARD AS WELL. PROVIDED A SOMEWHAT LEGIBLE LIST OF SOME OF THOSE 17 AMERICANS. FOLLOWING ARE THOSE ON THE LIST WHOSE NAMES ARE LEGIBLE ENOUGH FOR US TO REPRINT HERE:

- SHELL, L.
  USMC S
  BAPTIST
- MARSHALL, T., III
  USMC
  BAPTIST
- GILBERT, FRANCIS G.
- SIMS
  USMC M
  METHODIST
- SHIRLEY, MARSHALL J.
  CATHOLIC
- POLSTON, H.D.
  USMC
  BAPTIST
- MACIEJEWSKI, R.C.

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S IN INDOCHINA

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA WAS OBTAINED IN LATE 1988 AND JANUARY 1989 AND WAS PASSED AT THAT TIME TO JCRC AND THE STONY BEACH TEAM. IT IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER 1988 A DEBRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED OF A WHO HAS WORKED BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND WHO HAS PROVIDED A HEARSAY REPORT ON AMERICANS BEING HELD IN A PRISON IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. STATED THAT IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1988 HE VISITED WITH HIS

REPORTED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICANS WORKED AT THE PRISON WHERE TEN AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD. THE AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED IN A PRISON IN DANANG BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO TAY NINH IN AN UNKNOWN TIMEFRAME. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PRISON WAS NOT KNOWN.

3. IN A DEBRIEFING ON 7 OCTOBER 1988, , AN ETHNIC KHMER NOW LIVING IN REPORTED SEEING AN AMERICAN IN THE BACH DANG PRISON, SAIGON, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1984.

IN SEPTEMBER 1984 WHEN HE SAW THE AMERICAN AND AN AUSTRALIAN INCARCERATED THERE. THE AMERICAN WAS WHITE, ABOUT 180 CENTIMETERS TALL AND THIN (60 TO 70 KG). HE WORE GLASSES AND WAS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE. LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN IN BACH DANG PRISON SINCE ABOUT MARCH 1984. I

AND SOME VIETNAMESE. HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY STONY BEACH ON 19 DECEMBER 1988.)

4. THE NAMES BELOW ARE OF ALLEGED POW/MIA'S:

JAMES L. PHILLIPS, JR. ALLEN K. BURGESS FRED L. SMITH

AF (UNREADABLE) (b)(6)

METHODIST METHODIST METHODIST

TERRENCE L. TAYLOR GEORGE T. MURRAY WOODROW W. KEMP, JR.

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METHODIST CATHOLIC PROTESTANT

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5. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988 AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER [redacted] TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS TO

A. THREE DOG TAG RUBBINGS, ONE HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON RANDY R. SIMPSON, FR. [redacted] DIFFICULT TO READ), [redacted] NONE

B. DOG TAG RUBBINGS AND BONE FRAGMENTS ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA [redacted] CATHOLIC

C. DOG TAG RUBBING, HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT SUMMERSON JR. US [redacted] PRESBYTERIAN

D. DOG TAG RUBBINGS PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON MARVIN FUGATE, US [redacted] NO PREF

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E. DOG TAG RUBBING ON TON V HUONG, "7 TRAN T REP, CSF B18, MED AUTH 29TH, NOTIFY 5FSG LLDB"

6. IN EARLY DECEMBER, AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER [redacted] TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS

A. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA [redacted] CHRISTIAN

B. DUPLICATE OF ABOVE

C. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA [redacted] CATHOLIC

NOTE THAT ANOTHER SOURCE TURNED OVER INFORMATION ON "ROBERT L. TROTTER" WHICH WAS PASSED TO JCRC IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988.

7. [redacted] WHO PROBABLY OBTAINED THEM FROM A REFUGEE IN SITE B, PASSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKELETONS WITH IDENTIFYING INFORMATION LOCATED IN THE PICTURE (TOO SMALL TO READ); A COPY OF A DOG TAG OF: GEORGE T. MURRAY, RA [redacted] CATHOLIC, AND A MAP SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING MURRAY'S BURIAL PLACE. THE PHOTOGRAPHS LOOK VERY FAMILIAR AND POSSIBLY THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TURNED OVER TO JCRC. THE NAME GEORGE T. MURRAY HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST.

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8. ON 9 JANUARY 1989, [redacted] PROVIDED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT ARE ALLEGEDLY, HUMAN BONES AND A DOGTAG. ACCORDING TO A CRUDELY WRITTEN NOTE WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE PHOTOS, THE INFORMATION ON THE DOGTAG READS AS FOLLOWS: GOMEZ, ROBERT A. [redacted] CHRIST. SCI. (COMMENT: THE ALPHA ROSTER SHOWS ROBERT ARTHUR GOMEZ WITH SSAN [redacted] LISTED AS DEAD - BODY NOT RECOVERED.) [redacted] EXPLAINED THAT [redacted] HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN HIS VILLAGE OF BAN THAN IN SWAENG DAEN DIN DISTRICT, SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE O/A 7 JAN 89 BY AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. THE LAO REQUESTED [redacted] TO DETERMINE IF THE BONES IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WERE AUTHENTIC.

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POW'S IN LAOS. SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED T.T.S AND HE AND WERE INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF THE STONY BEACH OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM.) WHEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY, ALTHOUGH FULLY COOPERATIVE, WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH IN TERMS OF DETAILS ABOUT THE ETHNIC LAO OR THE BONES IN QUESTION. SAID THE LAO INDICATED THAT THE BONES WERE FOUND AT A SITE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE BORDER OF LAOS AND VIETNAM. THE LAO CLAIMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE BONES SHOWN IN THE PHOTO, HE WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A PART OF A JAW BONE WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE THE REMAINS OF A SECOND PERSON. STATED THAT THE LAO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO BAN THAN O/A 14 JAN 89. SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN CONTACTING THE LAO IN NAKHON PHANOM THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND SHOULD THERE BE AN INTEREST IN DOING SO.

9. IN NOVEMBER 1988, T [redacted] TURNED OVER A BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA [redacted] CHRISTIAN. (b)(6) STATED THAT TROTTER'S BROTHER (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN VIETNAM AND WAS NOW IN PHNOM PENH. IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TROTTER BROTHER IN PHNOM PENH. BONE FRAGMENTS ON THREE INDIVIDUALS (JAMES L. PHILLIPS, ALLEN K. BURGESS AND FRED L. SMITH), WHOSE NAMES WERE PASSED IN AN EARLIER REPORT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO HANDWRITTEN COPIES OF DOGTAGS FOR TERRENCE L. TAYLOR WERE ALSO RECEIVED AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF SKELETONS AND HAND-DRAWN MAPS OF SUPPOSED GRAVESITES FOR GEORGE T. MURRAY AND WOODROW W. KEMP. JCRC HAS ADVISED THAT NAMES ON THAT REPORT WERE ALL BOGUS SO THE FRAGMENTS AND OTHER MATERIAL WERE ACCEPTED TO REMOVE THEM FROM CIRCULATION. THE CROSS BORDER TRADERS WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION STATE THAT THEY CAN DELIVER THE ENTIRE SKELETONS FOR MURRAY AND KEMP.

10. [redacted] REPORTED THAT IN JANUARY 1988 HE VISITED AN "AMERICAN JOURNALIST" BEING DETAINED AT THE FORMER LON NOL RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN WESTERN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE IN JULY 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY 1988, BUT WAS UNSURE IF THIS CAME ABOUT. THIS SIGHTING IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE BRIAN BONO CASE; BONO WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS SUMMER.

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SUBJECT: LAO MIA/POW REPORTING NET LINKED WITH PRIVATE RECOVERY EFFORTS

1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/ (b)(6) WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FIVE-MAN NET INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FIRST HAND AND HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE IN LAOS. THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THIS NET APPEARS TO BE

(b)(1) NOTED IN BASE REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE SINCE MARCH 1987.

2. (b)(1) FIRST CAME TO BASE ATTENTION ON 26 MARCH 1987 WHEN HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON THE ISSUE. (b)(6) REPORTED ON AN ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE 8 APRIL 1987). REPORTED THE PARAGRAPH (b)(3)(c) TWO INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT. PARAGRAPH ONE WAS PROVIDED BY A MR.

(b)(6) THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON (PARAGRAPH ONE) WHO ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THE PIECE OF PAPER MAY HAVE BEEN WAS DEBRIEFED ON 19 MARCH 1987 AND WAS DEBRIEFED ON 26 MARCH 1987 AT VILLAGE. WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO WHOM FIRST FOR DEBRIEFINGS. WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 14 APRIL 1987. THIS DEBRIEFING WAS DISSEMINATED AS (ADDENDUM) OF 28 APRIL 1987. WAS (b)(3)(c) DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 18 MAY 1987 WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF (28 MAY 1987) ON THE PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT

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COMPANY (MADC) FOR SHIPMENT TO VIETNAM. CLAIMED HE HAD TRAVELED TO KHAM KEUT TOWN ON 3-4 MAY 1987 AS A RESULT OF AN MADC NOTICE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. WAS THEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING A (b)(6) RESIDENT OF VANGPON VILLAGE, KHAM KEUT DISTRICT, BOLIKHAMSAI PROVINCE, LAOS. CLAIMED HE HAD SERVED WITH THE PATHET LAO FROM 1967 TO 1975, AND HAD RECEIVED UNSPECIFIED TRAINING IN NORTH VIETNAM.

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3. IN EARLY JUNE 1987, WAS BROUGHT TO FOR FURTHER (b)(3)(c) DEBRIEFINGS ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING. STONY BEACH DEBRIEFED HIM ON 3 JUNE 1987 OF 17 JUNE 1987) (b)(6) DID NOT SUPPORT STATEMENTS ABOUT TELLING HIM ABOUT A U.S. POW, ABOUT HIS GOING TO SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987, OR ABOUT HIS HAVING SEEN A WHITE U.S. POW AT SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987. AFTER WHICH, CHANGED HIS INFORMATION SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WHITE U.S. POW, HOW HE TRAVELED TO SALEO VILLAGE, AND WHAT HE SAW THE TWO U.S. POW'S DOING WHEN HE SAW THEM. FINALLY STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HIS AND (b)(6) IN SALEO VILLAGE COULD HAVE TRICKED HIM INTO DELIVERING A STORY OF A POW SIGHTING BECAUSE THEY WANTED MONEY. WAS TOLD TO OBTAIN AND RETURN WITH PROOF. AGREED TO DO SO. OR ABOUT (b)(1) HIS NARCOTICS INFORMATION. OUR DEBRIEFER WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM UNLESS RE COULD PROVIDE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF LIVE U.S. POW'S. FABRICATION NOTICES WERE THEN ISSUED ON ALL THREE OF HIS REPORTS.

4. NEXT SURFACED IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN HE BROKERED AN INTRODUCTION TO A LAO MALE NAMED WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA (b)(6) (UH 4254) OF HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS. CLAIMED HE WAS A AND RESIDENT OF VIENTIANE WHO TRAVELED REGULARLY BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. CLAIMED HE OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA IN JANUARY 1987, AND HAD MENTIONED THIS TO A FRIEND NAMED IN VIENTIANE. SAID TOLD HIM ABOUT HIS WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON INTERESTED IN POW INFORMATION. ASKED FOR HELP IN CONTACTING THIS PERSON (OUR DEBRIEFER) THROUGH HIS BROTHER . INTRODUCED TO HIS BROTHER WHO BROKERED THE SEPTEMBER 1987 INTRODUCTION TO OUR DEBRIEFER. DEBRIEFING ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POW'S IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE WAS DISSEMINATED AS (b)(3)(c) OF 2 NOVEMBER 1987. OUR DEBRIEFER LATER DEBRIEFED ON 24 OCTOBER 1987 AT BAN LAOMAKFANG, NONG KHAI PROVINCE, THAILAND. DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF A REPORT ON THE CONVICTION OF FORMER LPDR CENTRAL

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NOVEMBER 1987). CLAIMED HE LEARNED HIS INFORMATION FROM A LAO
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5. ON 30 JANUARY 1988, WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN. PASSED ON INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN AMERICAN POW NAMED (FNU) HARLAND. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE 2 NOVEMBER 1987). THE NAME OF THE POW WAS CORRECTED AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY L. ALLEN; ALLEN IS CARRIED AS DECEASED IN AVAILABLE MIA/POW LISTING. PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALLEN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THROUGH A

ALLEN WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE AREA OF BAN BOUAK VILLAGE (UH 4254), HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, IN EARLY DECEMBER 1987 TO BAN PHIENG KAO HOI (NCA), ABOUT TWELVE KILOMTERS NORTHEAST OF BOUM TA KHOAY CANTON (NCA), SAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210), HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, NEAR THE LPDR/SRV BORDER. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY MOVED BECAUSE STRANGERS IN THE AREA WERE REPORTEDLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER THE GUARD OF A LOCAL CANTON SECURITY FORCE COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER NAMED PHOUNSAVAT (LNU). ACCORDING TO ALLEN WAS MARRIED TO A LOCAL WOMAN NAMED THONGPLIEN SOPHAMISAI , AND WAS THE FATHER OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON NAMED KHAMDNG AND A TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER NAMED KHAMPHENG.

6. ON 5 FEBRUARY 1988, WAS DEBRIEFED. CLAIMED ALLEN WAS MOVED BACK TO THE BAN BOUAK AREA IN MID-DECEMBER 1987, AND THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A PHOTOCOPY OF ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD FROM (b)(1) REPORTEDLY HAS A BRIEFCASE CONTAINING ITEMS (NFI) APPARENTLY PERTAINING TO ALLEN, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ID CARD, AND REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT ALLEN WAS SHOT DOWN ON 26 JANUARY 1970 IN THE VICINITY OF TG 9107. FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HE CROSSED INTO THAILAND IN EARLY JANUARY 1988 WITH THE PHOTOCOPY AND CONTACTED A PERSON NAMED KON (LNU) TO DETERMINE IF THE PHOTOCOPY COULD BE SOLD TO SOMEONE WITH AN INTEREST IN POW/MIA MATTERS. CLAIMED THAT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE 30,000 BAHT FOR PROVIDING THE PHOTOCOPY OF THE ID CARD. (b)(6) SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED HIM TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL IN NAKHON PHANOM CITY WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CLAIMED SHINKLE PAID HIM 4,000 BAHT FOR THE ID CARD. HOWEVER, ALLEGED HE HAD FIRST TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF COPYING THE INFORMATION OFF THE PHOTOCOPY, WHICH HE PROVIDED TO OUR DEBRIEFER. ACCORDING TO

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GAVE HIM A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN FRENCH, SIGNED BY , TO DELIVER TO WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN OPEN ENDED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PRESUMABLY ON POW MATTERS. GAVE THE NOTE TO OUR DEBRIEFER, AND THE NOTE IS BEING HELD BY OUR BASE. (b)(1)

7. PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE REPORTEDLY COPIED FROM THE PHOTOCOPY OF ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD:

ALLEN HENRY L.
DATE OF BIRTH:
WEIGHT: 200 (POSS LBS AND IN 1967) (SIC)
HEIGHT: 6'1"
HAIR COLOR: BROWN
EYES COLOR: BLUE
BLOOD TYPE:
CARD NR.:
DATE OF ISSUE: 22 JUNE 1967
SERVICE NR.:

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8. ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER AMERICAN POW NAMED PATRICK HENRY FALLON BEING DETAINED IN SAM TAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS RELATED TO ON 27 DECEMBER 1987 DURING A CONVERSATION WITH A

NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REPORTED. AVAILABLE POW/MIA LISTING INDICATES A PATRICK MARTIN FALLON WAS DOWNED ON 4 JULY 1969 IN THE VICINITY OF UG013331. FALLON IS LISTED AS DECEASED).

9. AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1988, HAD RETURNED TO LAOS. BASE IS WILLING TO BROKER AN INTRODUCTION TO THEM FOR STONY BEACH FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS. STONY BEACH WAS PASSED INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT ABOVE WITHOUT SOURCING INFORMATION. STONY BEACH HAS SINCE ADVISED BASE OF ITS INTEREST IN CONDUCTING FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF

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ARE NOT FORMALLY DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION, WHICH IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. IN LATE SEPTEMEBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1987 A

(b)(1) REMARKED ON THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF PRIVATE U.S. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PERSONS KILLED, CAPTURED, OR MISSING-IN-ACTION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, SAYING THAT "THERE ARE LESS THAN 1,200 PRISONERS OF WAR" (POW'S). THE FUNCTIONARY LATER REMARKED IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION THAT "THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF POW'S IN THE SRV IS SMALL COMPARED WITH THOSE IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA, BOTH IN KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS." HE CONTINUED THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD LAOS AND CAMBODIA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF POW'S EFFECTIVELY AND THAT "THE NUMBER OF POW'S AS ESTIMATED BY THE AMERICANS, 1,270, IS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL FIGURE." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE 1,270 FIGURE CITED IS FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA OR MERELY THE SRV.)

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ADDITION, HIS NORMAL HABIT WHEN FACED WITH A QUESTION HE DOES NOT WISH TO ANSWER IS TO IGNORE THE QUESTION. IT IS CLEAR HE CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT OF POW'S TO BE SENSITIVE. HE ALSO APPEARS, HOWEVER, TO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE TOPIC AND HAS REMARKED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILS WHEN AND IF HE GAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE WORD THE OFFICIAL USED IN REFERRING TO THE POW'S WAS THE VIETNAMESE WORD "TU BINH," THAT IS "PRISONER OF WAR." WHETHER HE MEANT TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF HOSTAGES OR PRISONERS UNDER THIS TERM IS UNCLEAR.)

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED BY OUR BASE IN [redacted] ACCORDING TO A SOURCE

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REPORTED THAT DURING THE PERIOD FROM 9 TO 11 JULY 1986, THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG (QC 2301) FROM OUDOMSAI (RC 0291) BY CAR. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG TO FIX FOUR OFFICIAL VEHICLES THAT WERE OUT OF ORDER AND TO REPAIR THE ENGINE OF A LOCAL RICE MILL. AFTER COMPLETING THEIR WORK THEY WENT BACK TO OUDOMSAI.

2. OUR BASE COMMENTED THAT THIS INFORMATION AND REF REPORT BOTH DESCRIBE THE "AMERICANS" AS BEING USED AS MECHANICS. REF REPORT WAS FROM THE SAME SOURCE BUT A DIFFERENT SUBSOURCE. OUR BASE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AN ACTIVE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN NORTH LAOS AND THAT PER [redacted] THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN VIENTIANE HAD GIVEN A ONE DAY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE COURSE TO THE LPA 3RD DIVISION IN LUANG NAMTHA ON 11 JULY. ANOTHER BASE SOURCE REPORTED THAT A SOVIET INSTRUCTOR GAVE A COURSE IN LUANG PRABANG FROM 28 JUNE TO 30 JULY FOR CIVILIAN MECHANICS FROM THE SIX NORTHERN LAO PROVINCES. THUS THE SIGHTING OF "AMERICAN" MECHANICS MIGHT BE VALID, BUT THEY MIGHT ALSO BE CAUCASIAN RUSSIAN ADVISORS.

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3. OUR BASE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF THE SOURCE OF PARA ONE ABOVE CIRCA THE WEEK OF 22 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST DIA FORWARD ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEBRIEFING BY 18 SEPTEMBER SO WE CAN FORWARD THEM TO OUR BASE. PARA ONE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE DISSEMED AS A [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL POW/MIA INFO ON LAOS

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1. ~~(S~~ [redacted] THE SOURCE OF [redacted] TITLED "REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN LAOS," WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (b)(3)(c)

2. ~~(S~~ [redacted] IN LATE JULY 1986, SOURCE*S SUBSOURCE, WHO IS A LAO RESIDENT, VISITED BAN KHOANG (QD 9332). BAN KHOANG HAS ABOUT 35 FAMILIES OF ETHNIC LUE PEOLE. WHILE IN BAN KHOANG, SUBSOURCE REQUESTED TO VISIT MUANG NGOY (TH 5891), OBSTENSIVELY TO SEE THE GOLDEN BUDDHA AND THE MAGIC METAL, REPORTED TO BE HARDER THAN STEEL AND INVULNERABLE. SUBSOURCE WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT GO THERE BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY PAVN IN MUANG NGOY AND THEY AND THE LPA DO NOT ALLOW OUTSIDERS. WHEN SUBSOURCE ASKED WHY THE AREA WAS RESTRICTED, HE WAS TOLD IT WAS BECAUSE THERE ARE AMERICANS BEING HELD THERE.

3. ~~(S~~ [redacted] SUBSOURCE CONVINCED [redacted] TO GO TO MUANG NGOY AND BUY THEM A BUDDHA IMAGE. [redacted] WALKED TO THE INTERSECTION AT QD 8418 AND CAUGHT A BUS TO MUANG NAM BAC (TH 3583) AND WALKED TO MUANG NGOY KAO (TH 5891). UPON RETURN THEY SAID THAT SECURITY WAS VERY TIGHT IN MUANG NGOY AND THERE WERE MANY PAVN. THEY STAYED WITH A FRIEND [redacted] AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE THEM TO THE CAVE OF THAM PHA YONG WHERE A GOLDEN BUDDHA IS ON DISPLAY. [redacted] (b)(6) SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE AREA BY THE PAVN. THERE ARE FOUR CAVES IN THE AREA AND PAVN USES THREE CAVES AND PROTECTS THEM WITH 30 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. ANOTHER CAVE CALLED THAM MUANG NGOY IS THE MOST RESTRICTED AREA BECAUSE IT IS A DETENTION CENTER. THERE IS ROOM FOR 3000 PEOPLE INSIDE THE CAVE. IT WAS THE SITE OF DETENTION OF THE LAST LAO KING OF LAOS AND MANY ROYAL RELATIVES AFTER THE COMMUNSTS TOOK OVER.

4. ~~(S~~ [redacted] SAID THAT THE PAVN HAD CAUGHT

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THREE AMERICANS "SINCE" 1975 AND PUT THEM IN THE CAVE CALLED SOP KHAN NOI. MANY VILLAGERS FROM MUANG NGOY HAVE SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN THEY ARE TAKEN OUT TO BATHE AND GO TO THE BATHROOM. [redacted] SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN HE SOLD SUGAR CANE AND FOOD TO THE PAVN WHO GUARDED THE CAVE. ONE AMERICAN IS TALLER THAN THE OTHERS WITH BROWN HAIR AND WALKS LIKE HE HAS AN INJURED RIGHT LEG. THE SECOND AMERICAN IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT WITH SIDEBURNS AND A BLACK SPOT ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK THAT MIGHT BE A BIRTHMARK OR A SCAR CAUSED BY BEING HIT OR BURNED. [redacted] COULD THINK OF NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES FOR THE THIRD AMERICAN.

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5. (S [redacted] ON 3 JUNE 1986, THE PAVN HAD REPORTEDLY MOVED THE POWS FROM SOP KHAN NOI TO THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE. THE PAVN SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER ENTERING THE NEW AREA WOULD BE SHOT. [redacted] HAD NOT BEEN TO THE THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE SINCE THE AMERICANS WERE MOVED THERE BUT USED TO HUNT IN THE AREA AND PROVIDED A SKETCH MAP.

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6. (S [redacted] SUBSOURCE MEMORIZED THE MAP AND REDREW IT FOR SOURCE. OUR BASE REPORTS THAT THE SKETCH MAP IS CLEAR ON MANY POINTS BUT HAS ONE GLARING ERROR. ACCORDING TO THE MAP, MUANG NGOY MAI (NEW MUANG NGOY) AND MUANG NGOY KAO (OLD MUANG NGOY) ARE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE NAM OU RIVER. UNLESS THESE ARE TWO SUB-VILLAGES OF MUANG NGOY THEY ARE ON THE WRONG BANK. HOWEVER, THE SKETCH MAP DOES SHOW THE AIRFIELD WHICH OUR BASE BELIEVES MUST BE THE ONE AT TH 573894. FROM THE MAP OUR OFFICER GUESSED THAT THE CAVE WHERE THE REPORTED AMERICANS ARE NOW IS AT TH 573984 OR JUST TO THE SOUTH IN THE IRREGULAR HILL THAT HAS ITS PEAK AT TH 563888. THE OLD CAVE IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE NEW SITE AND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER. OUR BASE PUTS THIS AT THE HILL WITH ITS PEAK AT TH 588899. OUR BASE CAUTIONED THAT THEY ARE BASING LOCATIONS ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT SUBSOURCE GOT THE AIRFIELD SITE ABOUT RIGHT. IF SO THEN THE OLD CAVE, NEW CAVE AND A PAVN AAA SITE SUBSOURCE MARKED, THAT WE PUT ON THE HILL AT TH 583881 WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.

7. [redacted] HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE MAP FROM OUR BASE. HOPE THIS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION

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1. (~~S~~ NF NC OC) WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL RESPONSES TO REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON OUR STATIONS FOLLOWING THE RECENT LIVE POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. ACCORDING TO , A THAI MILITARY UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS IN LAOS HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPORTING CONCERNING SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICAN POW'S IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA.

2. (~~S~~ [redacted] A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH RELIABILITY DEBRIEFED TWO REFUGEES FROM THE MUANG NGOY AREA. BOTH MEN WERE HELD IN REEDUCATION CAMPS IN MUANG NGOY AREA FROM 1975-1985. ACCORDING TO THE TWO MEN, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY, THERE ARE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS, TWO SMALLER REEDUCATON CAMPS, AND A JAIL LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY. ALL ARE LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER OR ITS TRIBUTARIES AND MUCH OF THE TRAVEL TO THE CAMPS IS BY BOAT. THE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS ARE HAT CHAM (TH 5890) AND NAM BAK (NCA), LOCATED ACROSS THE NAM BAK RIVER FROM BAN NAKHON (TH 4680) VILLAGE. THE HAT CHAM CAMP IS LOCATED IN THE VALLEY OF THE PHABOM AND PHAPAE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM LUANG PRABANG AND SAYABOURY PROVINCES WERE DETAINED AT THIS CAMP WHICH CONSISTED OF ABOUT 15 HOUSES, FOUR BARRACKS, AND ONE RICE MILL. IN 1980, MANY OF THE INMATES FROM THIS CAMP WERE TRANSFERRED TO CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE REFUGEES, THE INMATES AT THE NAM BAK CAMP HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO OTHER CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES AND THE CAMP WAS NOW OCCUPIED BY PAVN TROOPS. THE JAIL WAS LOCATED AT HAD XAO (EITHER TH 5226 OR TH 5477) AND WAS ALSO LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. THE JAIL WAS USED TO HOUSE REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES WHO WERE NOT COOPERATIVE OR WERE CREATING PROBLEMS. ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL VICINITY WERE PHAKEO (TH 5919) CAVE AND TWO SMALLER (b)(3)(c)

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REEDUCATION CAMPS, NUMBER 196 LOCATED AT NANCNGXUNG (NCA) AND NUMBER 193 LOCATED NEAR A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM BAK RIVER NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE NAM BAK AND HOUEI NGEU RIVERS. BOTH MEN STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT OR SEEN ANY AMERICAN POWS IN THIS AREA.

3. TS [redacted] IN ADDITION, WE HAVE AGAIN REMINDED OUR STATIONS WHO FOLLOW VIETNAM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POW ISSUE. WE HAD TWO RESPONSES IMMEDIATELY FROM NEW SOURCES. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WITH GOOD ACCESS WHOSE RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, AN OFFICIAL ABROAD SAID THAT THERE ARE NO AMERICAN POWS STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAMESE PRISON CAMPS OR ELSEWHERE. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE PERHAPS FORMER U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO MIGHT HAVE REMAINED IN VIETNAM, BUT THERE ARE NO POWS BEING HELD AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF SENIOR SRV OFFICIALS.

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4. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A DEGREE OF RELIABILITY, THERE ARE NO LIVE OR CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS STILL IN VIETNAM. IN SOURCE'S OPINION, REPORTS OF CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN OLD SIGHTINGS OF DOWNED CREWS LOST IN THE JUNGLES. SOURCE BELIEVES ANYONE LOST IN THE JUNGLES WOULD CERTAINLY BE DEAD, AND EVEN IF THERE WERE ANY LIVING POWS/MIAS THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE IN LAOS OR CAMBODIA, NOT VIETNAM.

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON POW REPORTING

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1. THIS MESSAGE IS A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF 31 JULY 1986 CONTAINING FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR TWO REPORTS ON U.S. POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO OUR BANGKOK STATION. THE IS UNDERTAKING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS IN DIRECT RESPONSE. SOME UNILATERAL ASSETS WHO ARE FROM THAT AREA OR ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT, OR WHO KNOW PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH IT, ARE BEING CONTACTED AND A FEW SELECT ASSETS ARE BEING SENT INTO THE AREA.

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REFUGEES FROM THE AREA WILL BE DEBRIEFED FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THAT LOCALE. THE HAS RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE THAI MILITARY,

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WHICH HAVE PROMISED TO HELP THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS IN LAOS. THE SUBSOURCE OF ONE OF THE ORIGINAL REPORTS , HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPATCHED BACK INTO THE AREA FOR FOLLOW-UP. THE SUBSOURCE OF THE OTHER REPORT, , HAS REPORTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS BEING REPORTED IN (ADDENDUM). IN EACH INSTANCE, THE SUBSOURCE IS TRYING TO RECONTACT THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS. OTHER INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, INCLUDING SOME CAUCASIANS KNOWN TO WORK IN RURAL LAOS, MAY BE APPROACHED FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CONFIRM THAT THE SOURCES ACTUALLY WENT TO THE AREA AND BRING BACK PHOTOGRAPHIC OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF WHAT THEY SAW.

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SUBJ: POW/MIA? ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF 26 MARCH 1987, AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN REPORTEDLY NAMED

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(FNU) ((MORGAN)) WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE, SALEO CANTON, SAMOI DISTRICT (XD 9416) SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). MORGAN, WHO REPORTEDLY PARACHUTED FROM AN AIRCRAFT IN 1973, WAS BEING CARED FOR BY ETHNIC HMONG INHABITANTS OF THE AREA. ONE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON HAD ATTEMPTED TO GIVE A PIECE OF PAPER TO MORGAN WHICH CONTAINED QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AND CALLED FOR A SIGNATURE, BUT MORGAN REFUSED TO COMPLETE OR SIGN THE PAPER WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF ((THOM)) (LNU), HIS CARETAKER. THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY WANTED 150 BAHT-WEIGHT OF SILVER AND MORGAN TAKEN AWAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CARING FOR HIM DURING THE PREVIOUS DECADE. (FIELD COMMENT: ONE SILVER BAHT-WEIGHT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 200 BAHT, OR A TOTAL OF 30,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY KEPT AND RAISED ANIMALS, AND THEY SAW NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT CARE FOR A HUMAN BEING. MORGAN HAD ATTEMPTED TO WRITE A LETTER HOME, BUT THE VILLAGERS REFUSED TO ALLOW IT.

2. THE STORY OF MORGAN CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF A SAVANNAKHET TOWN VILLAGER WHO CLAIMED ACCESS TO THE AREA THROUGH HIS SPOUSE'S FAMILY CONNECTIONS. THE SPOUSES'S COUSIN WAS REPORTEDLY ACQUAINTED WITH THOM. THE SAVANNAKHET VILLAGER SENT HIS NEPHEW, [redacted] INTO THAILAND TO TELL THE STORY. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE FIRST TRAVELED TO THE SALEO VILLAGE AREA TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT MORGAN. [redacted] SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE MORGAN, BUT THAT VILLAGE CHILDREN KNEW OF HIM.

ACQ: [redacted] (7 APRIL 1987). (b)(1)

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(b)(3)(c) SUBJECT: ALLEGED FIRST HAND LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING FROM KHAMTAN NOUMALA IN CANADA

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(b)(6) 1. PER DISCUSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF ON 11 FEBRUARY 1988, WE ARE FORWARDING INFORMATION OUR HAS OBTAINED THROUGH FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF IMMIGRANT ON ALLEGED FIRST HAND LIVE SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. REQUESTS THAT ITS INFORMATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THIS AGENCY AND DIA WITHOUT PERMISSION. WE HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO (b)(3)(c) AS REQUESTED BY FOR CONFIRMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL HERE FOR VO-PW DEBRIEFINGS ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE CIRCA 15 APRIL 1988. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE ON IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. SOURCE: FORMER LAOTION, NOW (b)(6) IMMIGRANT. SOURCE REPORTED THREE SIGHTINGS OF U.S. POW/MIA PERSONNEL IN LAOS IN 1984. DEBRIEFING WAS (b)(1) BUT SOURCE MADE REFERENCE TO NOTES HE HAD PREPARED IN LAOTION. WE OBTAINED THESE NOTES AND THEY ARE ENCLOSED. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DISCERN IMPRESSIONS OF PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN NOTES ON THE PAPER, POSSIBLE WRITTEN ON 31 AUGUST 1987. THESE APPEAR TO BE IN A DIFFERENT HAND AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT.

3. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT MONTH SIGHTS OCCURRED. SOURCE WAS ON THE ROAD FOR TWELVE MONTHS AS PART OF A GROUP DELIVERING MEDICAL SUPPLIES CSOVIET QUININE AND VITAMINSJ TO SEVERAL POPULATED PLACES.

4. THE FIRST SIGHTING OCCURRED 30 KILOMTERS NORTH OF

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SEPONE. HE SPENT TWO TO THREE WEEKS HERE. SEVENTEEN U.S. PERSONNEL WERE HELD IN A MONTAGNARD ENCAMPMENT ON A SMALL RIVER. THEY APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND WERE FED TWICE A DAY, AT NOON AND 1700 HOURS. THEY WERE TREATED AS PRISONERS AND WERE NOT, AS IN THE CASE OF THE SECOND SIGHTING, INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL POPULATION.

5. THE SECOND SIGHTING WAS AT KHAM KER, NEAR NAPE IN KHAKEM PROVINCE. HERE HE MET "MOKEN DOMAHO" (DONAHUE?) WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A FORMER USAF BOMBER PILOT AND SON OF "A GENERAL" IN THE SEVENTH FLEET. DOMAHO WAS MARRIED TO A MONTAGNARD WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD TWO CHILDREN. HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND HAD COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. AT THIS SAME LOCATION WAS A BLACK AMERICAN, ALSO FREE. HE WAS UNMARRIED. OUR SOURCE SPENT FOUR WEEKS HERE.

6. THE THIRD SIGHTING WAS AT A CAMP 20 KILOMETERS OFF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL (SEE SKETCHES). TWENTY-SEVEN U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE INCARCERATED HERE WITHIN A COMPOUND SURROUNDED BY FOUR ROWS OF BAMBOO FENCING. THE PRISONERS WORKED AT CUTTING FIREWOOD. THEY WERE TAKEN OUT EACH DAY BY GUARDS WHO WERE OF THE KHA SENG ETHNIC GROUP. ABOUT 200 METERS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND WERE THREE GRAVES OF U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO HAD DIED IN THIS PRISON. IN A THREE WEEK PERIOD, SOURCE ENTERED THE COMPOUND FOUR TIMES, TAKING IN QUININE AND VITAMINS.

(b)(6) 7. AT THIS POINT HAVING GATHERED THE HIGHLIGHTS, WE PERSUADED OUR SOURCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH [redacted] [redacted] OF YOUR OFFICE. AS AGREED WITH YOUR OFFICIALS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTINUE TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE [redacted] TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH HIM, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO COORDINATE THE MEETING. THIS EXERCISE DEALT WITH A SUBJECT MATTER AND A REGION THAT WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH, SO OUR APOLOGIES FOR ANY ERRORS IN THE SPELLING OF LAOTIAN NAMES. I WOULD APPRECIATE FROM YOU AN ASSESSMENT OF THE VALUE OF THIS INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE. (b)(1)

8. [redacted]

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6500

July 9, 1992

BY HAND AND BY FACSIMILE

Steve Rademaker
Deputy Legal Adviser

Ginny Lampley
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Senior Director for Legislative Affairs
Room 375

National Security Council
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Rademaker and Ms. Lampley:

Consistent with our meeting yesterday, the Senate Select Committee requests the following items be declassified in a form that will allow the items to be disseminated to the public:

Items to be declassified on or before July 23, 1992:

(1) Live Sighting and Hearsay Reports - The live sighting and hearsay reports listed on attachment "A" to this document along with all case file data accompanying these reports should be declassified by this date.

(2) Current DIA POW/MIA Policy Files - All policy memoranda, documents, materials, reviews, and internal assessments pertaining to the POW/MIA issue created by DIA since 1980, including the Gaines Report, the Brooks Report, the Tighe Report, and any addenda or comments attached thereto should be declassified by this date.

(3) National Security Agency Product Reports - Those designated published (serialized) and raw intelligence reports and memoranda listed on Attachment "B" from wartime product reports and post-war product reports. This would include all third party reports pertaining to the POW/MIA issue in NSA's possession should be declassified by this date.

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(4) Photography and Imagery - All designated imagery [illegible]red by National Technical Means in Attachment "C" collected by National Technical Means indicating the possible presence of American POWs in Southeast Asia after 1973 should be declassified by this date. This should include all photography revealing possible distress signals or symbols. If intelligence capabilities would be compromised by such a release, line drawings would suffice.

(5) Specific Memoranda and Documents - A cable from Admiral Thomas Mooxer to CINCPAC dated March 22, 1973, a memo from Assistant Secretary Eagleburger to Then-Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson dated March 27, 1973, and a letter from Mr. Richardson to Dr. Kissinger dated March 28, 1973, should be declassified by July 23. Additionally, the Committee requests declassification of 1988 satellite imagery of the symbol near Sam Neua, the 1975 satellite imagery of the Gai prison building, written interpretations of the above imagery, and finally JSOC materials on the Nhom Marrott incursion.

(6) National Security Council Documents - All previously designated National Security Council memoranda, minutes of meetings, national security decision directives, and other documents related to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(7) WSAG Documents - All previously designated WSAG memoranda, minutes of meetings, and other documents or supporting documents relating to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(8) Kissinger Papers - The Committee must have access for six named individuals to review the unredacted files of Dr. Henry Kissinger which do, or may, pertain to POW/MIA matters as they are kept at the Library of Congress. The access should beyin on or before July 13, 1992 and continue for the life of the Committee. As documents which pertain to POW/MIA matters are identified by the designated Senate Select Committee staff, they should be declassified immediately.

(9) Nixon Papers - The Committee must have access for six named individuals to review the unredacted files of Richard Nixon which do, or may, pertain to POW/MIA matters as they are kept at the National Archives. The access should begin on or before July 13, 1992 and continue for the life of the Committee. As documents which pertain to POW/MIA matters are identified by the designated Senate Select Committee staff, they should be declassified immediately.

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Documents to be declassified by August 1, 1992:

(1) Last known alive/in captivity files - The 130 files relating to servicemen last known to be alive and in captivity should be declassified by this date.

Documents to be declassified by August 15, 1992:

(1) Casualty files - All DIA and service casualty files, pending permission being granted by the next of kin should be declassified by this date.

(2) Files of Dr. Roger Shields, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Internal Economic Affairs with Responsibility for POW/MIA Affair 1971 - 1976 - All documents from 1971 to 1976 relating to POW/MIA matters should be declassified by this date.

(3) Files of Former Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements - All documents relating to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(4) Files of Former Defense Secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci related to the POW/MIA issue - including all memoranda, background papers, talking papers, meeting minutes, personal cables, breakfast meeting papers prepared for or by either Secretary Weinberger or Carlucci pertaining to POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date. Additionally, all similar material from Assistant Secretary Richard Armitage's files should be declassified by this date.

(5) Joint Chiefs of Staff Documents - All POW/MIA related policy as well as operational documents issued by the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the war until the fall of Saigon should be declassified by this date.

(6) Central Intelligence Agency documents - All POW/MIA related documents that CIA has transferred to the Director of the National League of Families over a period of years in the 1980s and all other POW/MIA related documents held by CIA should be declassified by this date.

(7) CIA Documents sent to the Select Committee - The 120 CIA documents related to Laos and Vietnam that have been sent to the Select Committee should be declassified by this date.

(8) Four Party Joint Military Commission - All materials related to POW/MIA matters should be declassified by this date.

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The following documents should be declassified by September 15, 1992:

(1) Ford Papers - All files of former President Gerald Ford which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(2) Carter Papers - All files of former President Jimmy Carter which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(3) Reagan Papers - All files of former President Ronald Reagan which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(4) Bush Papers - All files of President George Bush which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(5) State Department Cable Traffic - All cable traffic related to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.

(6) DIA Intelligence Files - The approximately 1100 DIA intelligence files which correspond to MIAs who are not KIA/BNR status should be declassified by this date.

(7) Service Intelligence Files - All service intelligence archives relating to POW/MIA issues from 1971 to 1975 should be declassified by this date.

(8) Photography and Imagery - All imagery collected by National Technical Means indicating possible presence of American POWs in Southeast Asia after 1973 and not previously designated for declassification should be declassified by this date.

The following documents should be declassified by October 31, 1992:

(1) Live Sighting and Hearsay Reports - All remaining reports should be declassified by this date.

(2) Other reports - The nearly 12,000 reports pertaining to dog tags, bones and crash and grave site information from the war years should be declassified by this date.

(3) Casualty Files - All casualty files not heretofore designated should be declassified by this date.

(4) Kissinger Papers - All remaining papers not previously designated which relate to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.

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(5) Nixon Papers - All remaining documents not previously designated relating to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.

(6) Frank Sieverts Files - All files of former Special Assistant for POW/MIA matters to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frank Sieverts should be declassified by this date. Additionally, the Committee requests the declassification of all remaining State Department memoranda, policy documents, and diplomatic cables relating to the negotiation of the Paris Peace Accords in 1973.

(7) DIA Historical Files - The POW/MIA related archival information from 1966 to 1980 previously retired to the National Archives in 1984 should be declassified by this date.

I believe that if the NSC can meet the proposed schedule enumerated above, the Senate Select Committee will be able to avoid initiating action under S. Res. 400 in order to release documents to the public. I believe we are in agreement that your cooperation would be in the best interest of all parties.

The items which we have requested declassified by July 23, 1992, are those items which we believe will indicate that the NSC and other agencies are making a "good faith effort" to comply with the Senate's document declassification request. It would be helpful to the Senators if you respond on or before July 17 to the substance and schedule set forth in this letter.

Please contact me if there is any question about this letter or my request.

Sincerely,

J. William Codinha
Chief Counsel

JWC/kb

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ATTACHMENT "A"
FILES ON LAOS TO BE DECLASSIFIED BY JULY 23, 1992

Houaphan Province Prison System

Vieng xay

a. DIA Source [redacted]
b. DIA Source
c. DIA Source
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l. CIA Source, DIA Source Number [redacted]

m. Other DIA Source Numbers [redacted]

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Oudomsai, Phong Saly Province Prison System

Muong Khoua

a. DIA [redacted]

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b. DIA Source

c. DIA Source

d. DIA Source

Muong Sai

a. DIA Source

f. DIA Source

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Muong Ngoy/ Nam Bac

g. CIA Source, DIA Source Number

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j. Other DIA Sources

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FILES ON VIETNAM TO BE DECLASSIFIED BY JULY 23, 1992

Son La Prison Sightings

a. DIA Source
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e. DIA Source
f. DIA Source
g. DIA Source
h. DIA Source
i. DIA Source

Hanoi Area Prison Sightings

a. DIA Source
b. DIA Source
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j. DIA Source

k. DIA Source

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Other DIA Sources Used or Consulted

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ATTACHMENT "B"
ITEMS TO BE DECLASSIFIED BY JULY 23, 1992

1) [redacted]
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4) May 1973
5) JUL 1973
6) JUL 1973
7) JUL 1973
8) JAN 1975 (b)(3)(c)
9) MAR 1975
10) MAR 1975
11) MAR 1975
12) JUL 1975
13) DEC 1979
14) DEC 1979
15) 12 DEC 1979 Memorandum for [redacted] (NCR Defense) from [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6)
16) 12 DEC 1979 Memorandum for DR from [redacted]
17) 20 DEC 1979 Memorandum for DR [redacted] from RADM Jerry Tuttle
18) [redacted] DEC 1979
19) 31 JAN 1980 Memorandum for DR from RADM Jerry Tuttle [redacted] (b)(3)(c)
20) [redacted] JAN 1980
21) OPSCOMM Item NR: [redacted] FEB 1980
22) [redacted] DEC 1980

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23) [redacted] Memorandum to DIR from [redacted]

24) 30 DEC 1980 Memorandum from [redacted] (b)(6)

(b)(3)(c) 25) 31 DEC 1980 [redacted]

26) 29 JAN 1981 MFR by [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6)

27) [redacted] AUG 1984

28) AUG 1984

29) SEP 1984

30) MAY 1986

31) APR 1984

32) 2221402 JUN 1982

33) JUN 1982

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ATTACHMENT "C"
ITEMS TO BE DECLASSIFIED BY JULY 23, 1992

This would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- May 1973 photograph depicting a "TH" symbol and possible pilot authenticator number in Laos.

- December 1980 photograph depicting a possible "52" "K" in a prison camp in central Laos.

- July 1975 photograph of Hon Gai prison in Vietnam showing possible Morse symbols of a "K" on a roof.

- January 1988 photograph of rice paddy in northern Laos, near Sam Neua, depicting a "USA" and possible "K" symbol.

- January 1988 photograph of rice paddies approximately 140 km southwest of Sam Neua, depicting numerous symbols.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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27 January 1999

Honorable Robert C. Smith
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you for your letter of 25 November and the accompanying critique of the National Intelligence Estimate that assessed Vietnam's cooperation on the POW/MIA issue. I have personally reviewed the issues you raised and discussed them with various other interested parties. I also recently chaired a meeting of the Military Intelligence Board (MIB) that, at your request, reviewed this matter in some detail, and subsequently represented MIB views at a National Foreign Intelligence Board meeting that considered your requests. Since the issues you raised centered on the contents of a National Intelligence Council product, NFIB principals agreed that the appropriate venue for responding to your concerns would be the DCI, speaking on behalf of the full Intelligence Community. I understand that a formal response from the DCI will be provided to you in the near future. I fully support his response.

I want to take this opportunity to assure you of my continuing heartfelt and personal commitment to the Defense Intelligence Agency's role in assuring the fullest possible accounting of our POW/MIA personnel.

Sincerely,

PATRICK M. HUGHES
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES SENATE

25 NOVEMBER 1991

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21 November 1991
OCA 4837-91

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert W. Magner
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: POW/MIA Closed Briefing 25 November 1991

1. You will be making a brief opening statement to the Committee. This will go a long way toward convincing the Committee of the Intelligence Community's commitment to support its work. We have included reference to sources and methods in your remarks because this will be one of the key issues as the Committee presses for full declassification of all materials related to POW/MIA matters.

2. Our understanding is that the Committee is interested primarily in an informal exchange of information with only limited structure. We do not anticipate that you will be asked any particular questions. Essentially the Committee wants a brief update on what the various agencies are doing in this area and then turn to questions. DIA's prepared talking points reflect that understanding as does the short statement prepared for ADDO Price. Both are in your briefing book. We anticipate having NSA's statement shortly.

3. There are likely to be several areas the Senators will want to explore. One is the whole issue of sources and methods and why sources of considerable vintage and not of central value must be protected. We have taken the position that while we are redacting all reporting to be shown to the Committee staff we will, upon request, show unredacted information to members or cleared staff on a case by case basis. This is an even more liberal policy than is our practice with the Oversight Committees. CIA and DIA have worked out agreed guidelines in this area, a copy of which is in the background material. These guidelines have been shown to Committee staff but not accepted by them.

4. A second issue concerns Laos. The Senators are likely to focus on the large number of unresolved cases in Laos. DIA and CIA will be prepared to respond in detail. There is also keen interest in the status of civilian intelligence operatives

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missing in Laos. Again CIA and DIA will be prepared to address. [redacted]

CIA will address these activities in detail. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

5. There is also the issue of POW/MIA family members having access to classified materials. DOD is seeking to develop a policy in this area in response to Congressional pressure. DIA and CIA have some concerns but will be supportive so long as sources and methods are protected.

6. Overall we anticipate most of this meeting being an information gathering session with the Senators asking questions that they could not get answers to in the open session. Hopefully in this process two points will be made. One that there are strong reasons for keeping some of the materials relating to POW/MIA in classified form. Secondly, there is a need for the Committee to address classified issues in a closed forum. On the latter point, both Senator's Kerry and Smith pressed DIA to discuss code breaking in Laos in open session. NSA will address this issue in the closed session and other speakers will be supportive.

7. There is general agreement that there must be a positive and forthcoming attitude toward responding to the Committee's interests. Yet all agencies want to avoid carte blanche access to all information that includes data revealing sources and the methods of acquisition. Even more, they want to uphold the overall principal of such protections because of the larger equities involved.

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Robert W. Magner

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MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I AM PLEASED TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE THAT I AND THE WHOLE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ATTACH TO YOUR EFFORTS TO WORK TOWARD A FINAL RESOLUTION OF LONGSTANDING CONCERNS ABOUT POWS AND MIAS FROM THE INDOCHINA WAR. I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE ALLOWS ONLY A BRIEF APPEARANCE TODAY. I HAVE, HOWEVER, BROUGHT WITH ME SENIOR MEMBERS FROM THE CONCERNED AGENCIES--AND THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERTS--WHO ARE PREPARED TO BRIEF YOU ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR AGENCIES AND RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS. FROM THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE--IS ITS NEW DIRECTOR, GENERAL CLAPPER. FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS ITS CHIEF OF STAFF, DONALD PARSONS, AND FROM CIA IS ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS TED PRICE.

LET ME SAY EMPHATICALLY AT THE OUTSET THAT THE WORK OF YOUR NEW COMMITTEE HAS MY FULL SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE DCI. THE SUBJECT OF POW/MIAS IS A DIFFICULT AND HIGHLY EMOTIONAL ONE. I AM AWARE OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN IT, AND OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAS PLAYED AND CONTINUES TO PLAY IN DEVELOPING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON IT. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE STRONG VIEWS ABOUT

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INTELLIGENCE REPORTING AND ITS AVAILABILITY TO THOSE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF INDIVIDUALS STILL MISSING IN INDOCHINA. I HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS PROCESS THOSE CONCERNS CAN BE PUT TO REST.

THE DCI HAS THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT THE INTERAGENCY TEAM THAT HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE IN SETTING ITS GUIDELINES AND IN DEALING WITH THE COMMITTEE'S INTERESTS. ONLY WHEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE SOURCES AND METHODS WILL THERE BE ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE MATERIALS TO BE REVIEWED, AND ANY SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU.

THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY WELL BE AREAS OF DIFFICULTY OR DISAGREEMENT, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO REACH ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FULL SHARING OF INFORMATION. I ALSO CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO COLLECTING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE AND WILL DEVOTE SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES WORLDWIDE TO THAT EFFORT. WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

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LET ME NOW TURN TO THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, EACH OF WHOM HAS PREPARED REMARKS ADDRESSING THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES.

THANK YOU.

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Mr. Chairman, members of Committee, I welcome this opportunity to discuss CIA's role in resolving the status of prisoners-of-war (POW) and missing-in-action (MIA) from the war in Indochina.

-- This issue has remained an important collection requirement since the beginning of U. S. involvement in the war in Indochina.

-- CIA is committed to continue its intelligence collection program and provide whatever resources are necessary to resolve the status of Indochina War POW's and MIA's.

-- As the DCI stated earlier, we are determined to cooperate with the lead Agency, DIA, in every way possible consistent with our statutory requirement to protect sources and methods, in making available to your Committee and to other appropriate recipients, materials bearing on this issue.

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-- Let me emphasize that in almost every instance, we believe we will be able to satisfy your legitimate informational needs on this matter.

To underscore our committment, I want to assure you that the first question our officers in the field ask [redacted] whom they believe might have access to information on this subject is what do they know about American POW's or MIA's. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

-- We ask about the fate of MIA's, details on crash sites, grave locations, live sightings,

[redacted] b)(1) b)(3)(n)

-- This is an important requirement for our stations worldwide; last year, [redacted] in East Asia, Europe, and the U. S. forwarded reports on this issue. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

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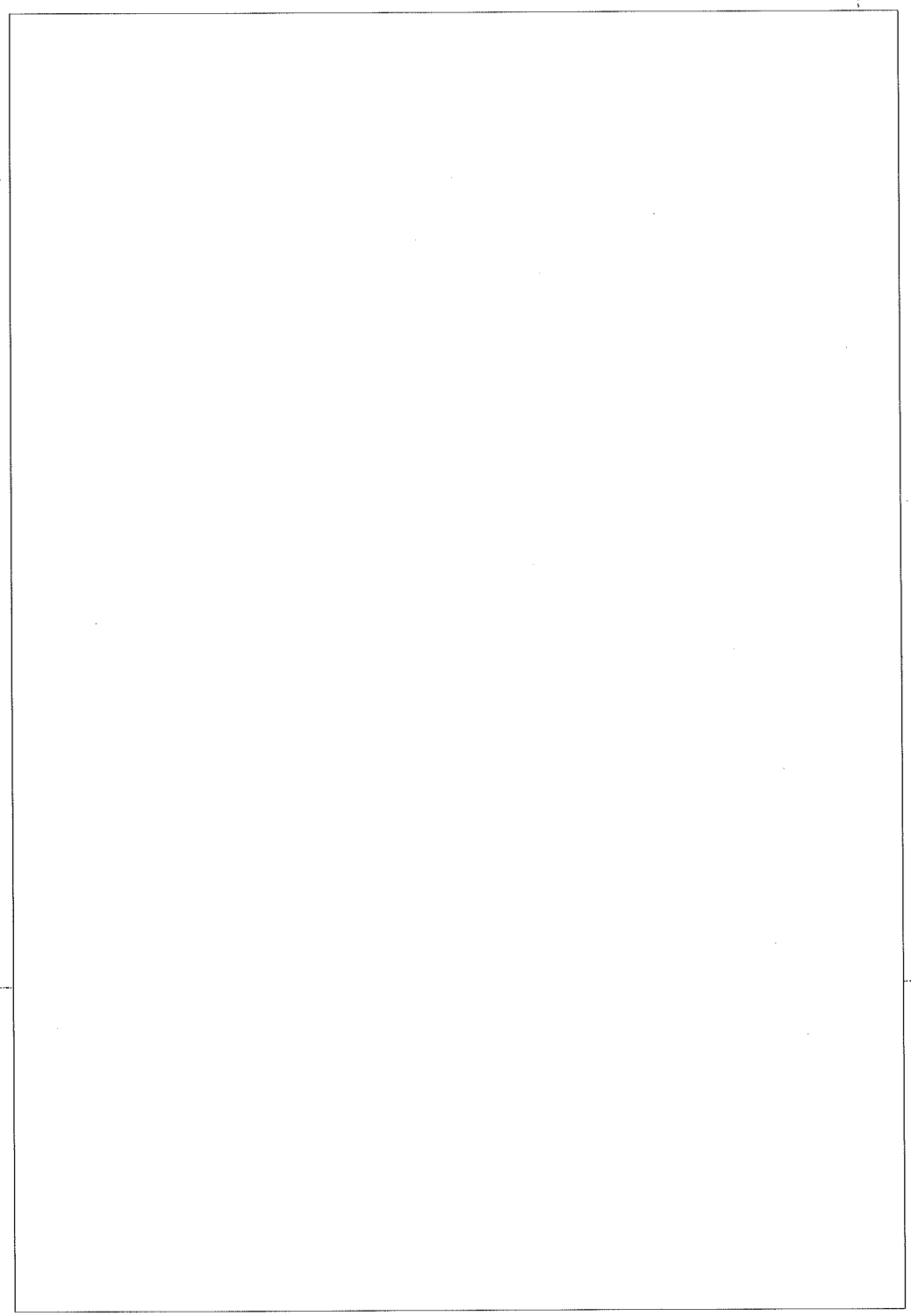

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Once collected, we disseminate intelligence expeditiously to authorized customers for action.

-- Between 1973 and the present, we have disseminated approximately [redacted] on (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) subjects such as the downing of U. S. aircraft, possible grave sites, sightings of U. S. servicemen, alleged discovery of remains and Hanoi's position on U. S. MIA's.

-- Some 6.5 linear feet of material covering reporting between 1964 and 1979 has been declassified in response to FOIA requests.

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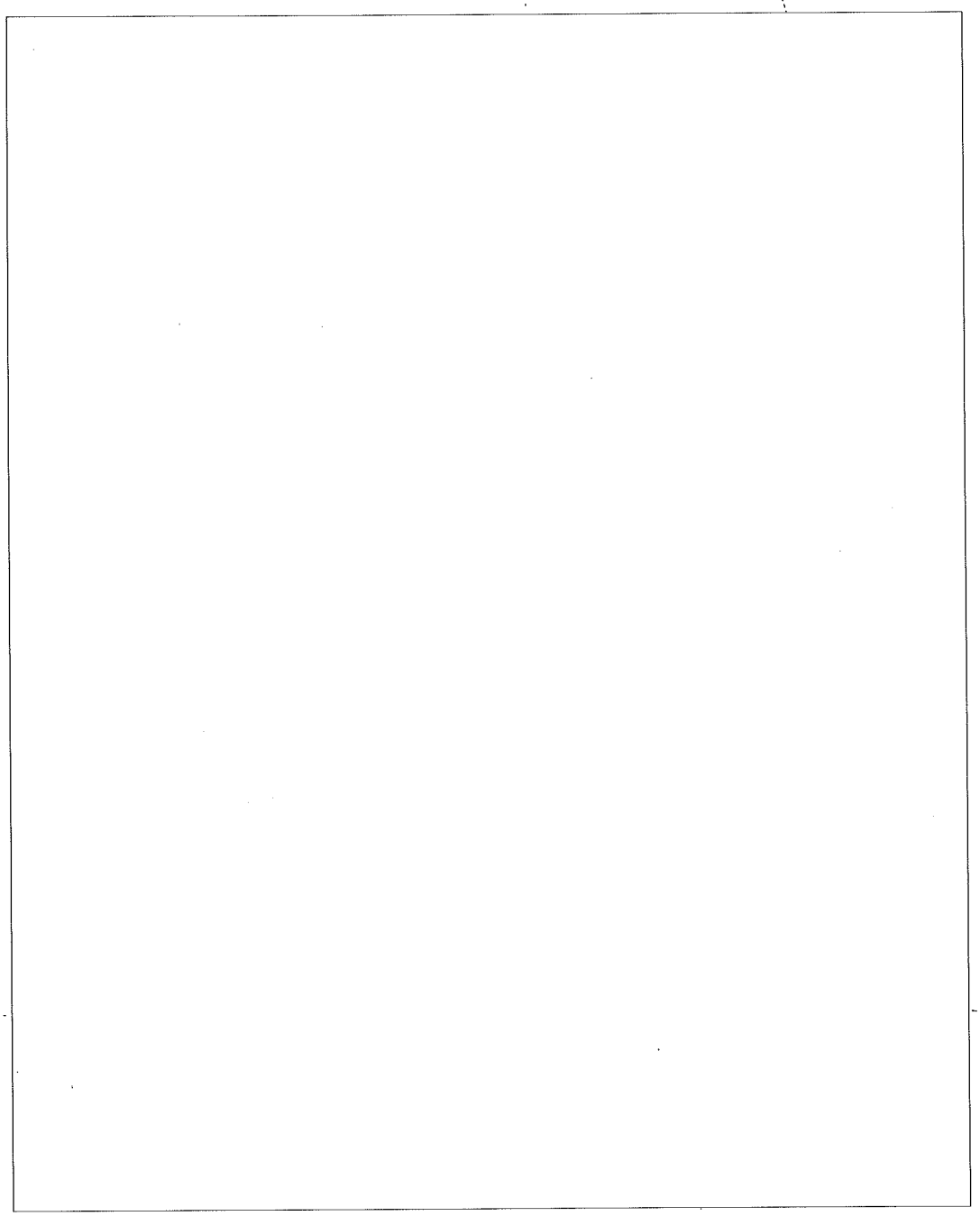

Mr. Chairman, we in CIA are committed to resolving the POW-MIA matter, and our resources are turned to this purpose.

This concludes my statement.

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TALKING POINTS FOR GEN CLAPPER

DIA'S PRIMARY MISSION IS LIVE PRISONER ISSUE -- COLLECTING (STONY BEACH), ANALYZING AND REPORTING ON ANY AMERICANS STILL HELD IN CAPTIVITY.

SECONDARY MISSIONS INVOLVE SUPPORT TO DC AREA POLICY OFFICIALS AND ANALYTIC SUPPORT TO CINCPAC/JCRC FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING EFFORTS.

BOTH MISSIONS INVOLVE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ANALYSIS THAT USUALLY MUST RELY ON SKETCHY DETAIL. THIS ANALYSIS IN AN ARTFORM REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE CUT.

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DIA POW-MIA OFFICE CONTINUOUSLY IN EXISTENCE SINCE VIETNAM WAR. REVIEW POW-MIA AND STONY BEACH RESOURCE NUMBERS ON REVERSE.

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TIMELY RESOLUTION OF PHOTO CASES AND OTHER HIGH VISIBILITY DISCREPANCY CASES HAS UNDERSCORED THE VALUE OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY OVERT FIELD INVESTIGATION. (b)(1) (b)(3)

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[redacted]

WHAT IS NOW CRITICAL IS GETTING VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIAN GOV'T APPROVAL OF A LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATION REGIME SIMILAR TO ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS HAMMERED OUT WITH THE SOVIETS -- NAMELY, NO NOTICE VISITATIONS TO SITES OF FIRST HAND SIGHTING REPORTS AND CERTAIN OTHER CAMPS AND PRISONS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE INVOLVED IN HOLDING AMERICAN PRISONERS.

DIA IS NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE JOINT STAFF AND CINCPAC TO INTEGRATE OUR ANALYTIC AND COLLECTION EFFORTS WITH CINCPAC'S PROPOSED POW-MIA JOINT TASK FORCE. [redacted]

DIA'S BOTTOM LINE:

- o ISSUE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE PRIORITY WITHIN DIA
  - -- OFFICE REPORTS TO COMMAND ELEMENT
  - -- NECESSARY BILLETS TAKEN OUT OF HIDE BEFORE ACTIVE CONG INTEREST (b)(1) (b)(3)
  - -- AGGRESSIVE, MOTIVATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
- o OTHER INTEL AGENCIES PROVIDING STRONG SUPPORT
- o [redacted]
- o DOD POLICY OFFICIALS NO LONGER RELYING ON DIA TO "CARRY THE WEIGHT"
- o DIA IS READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO FULLY SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE AND THE WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENTS "FULL COURT PRESS" OVER THE NEXT 2 OR 3 YEARS.

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QUESTION: Please explain why certain information in reports on POW-MIA's still remains protected.

ANSWER: The documents were initially classified to protect national security interests which includes the protection of the source of the information, the place and manner in which it was acquired, any foreign intelligence service involvement, references to other operational activity and administrative details [redacted] (b)(1)

Source information continues to be classified despite the passage of time because of the continuing ramifications of protecting sources. [redacted]

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QUESTION: What information has been declassified and released to the public via the FOIA?

ANSWER: Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, filed an FOIA case in May 1979 requesting all documents and intelligence reports, not previously released, which originated or were held by CIA elements operating in Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia from May 1964-present (May 79) which relate to American POWs.

Six and one-half linear feet have been released to the public and DIA in response to this request. The information is compiled chronologically and it is contained in some twenty-two volumes representing periodic releases over a ten year period ending in 1989. A complete set is on file in Information Services Division, DDA in Ames Building.

These reports are in sanitized form, having details about sources and methods deleted from them. They may be passed, as is, in a body to a centrally controlled DIA reading room for access by the public. Privacy concerns of multiple American names in many reports have not been addressed and we defer to the DIA on this issue.

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QUESTION: Is there any intelligence reporting to indicate the possible presence of POW-MIA's from the Indochina War being transferred to the Soviet Union or China?

ANSWER: We have neither substantive intelligence or fragmentary reporting which indicates that American POW's were transferred to the Soviet Union or China during the war. We are in the the process of querying the KGB on this issue. Because of the previous hostile environment in Moscow, collection on POW-MIA's was not a requirement [redacted] Considering the changes in recent months, we will reemphasize this requirement [redacted] in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

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QUESTION: Are you familiar with the case of the mortician who claimed there were over 400 sets of remains of Americans from the Indochina War being warehoused in Hanoi?

ANSWER: [redacted], a Vietnamese refugee residing in a refugee camp [redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] in November 1979. During this interview, [redacted] asserted that he personally inspected the remains of over 400 U.S. military personnel which were in secret storage in Hanoi. The [redacted] requested [redacted] in an attempt to verify [redacted] claim. The results [redacted] did not support [redacted] claims on either the 400 sets of remains or that he personally saw three alive American soldiers in Hanoi. A [redacted] in the United States with results that [redacted] was telling the truth with regard to the remains and the live Americans. At the time, [redacted] conclusion was that [redacted] were incorrect as to the dates used in the test questions. We have not seen a copy of the [redacted] report to make an analysis.

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QUESTION: What can you tell us about the possible existence of POW-MIA's in Laos?

ANSWER: Over the years there have been continuing stories about the possible existence of POW's still being held in Laos. I spoke earlier of [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) [redacted] as well as the attempts to locate POW-MIA's via imagery. There were reports of alleged POW working in gold mines or held being held in caves. A report regarding a caucasian spotted bathing in a stream in north Laos was investigated and to the best of our knowledge was a Czech geologist working in the area. Our capabilities in Laos are somewhat limited but we do attempt to followup and verify substantive reporting on POW-MIA's. We have no reporting to support the claim that there may still be POW's or MIA's being held in Laos. In fact, in spite of all our efforts over a number of years, we have received no credible evidence that there are in fact American prisoners being held in Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia.

With regard to pilots or crew members of Air America or Continental Air Service, there were nine individuals unaccounted as of mid-1973. All of these cases were turned over to the Department of Labor for resolution as the individuals were contract employees of the U.S. government.

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QUESTION: Why was source information given away to the Vietnamese and Cambodian authorities in July 91 while at the same time we continue to protect refugee sources?

BACKGROUND: In July 1991 Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ken Quinn, passed a list of names of individuals to Cambodian and Vietnamese authorities requesting access to talk with these individuals on POW-MIA matters. He did this while visiting Hanoi and Phnom Penh on POW-MIA matters.

ANSWER: The individuals in question were not sources of intelligence but were individuals thought by State or the families of POW-MIA's to have possible information. [redacted] We do not know what, if any followup there has been on this issue as we were not involved in this [redacted]

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QUESTION: Is it possible to provide the families of POW/MIA's access to a broader range of classified information?

ANSWER: We are willing to work in concert with DIA on this issue as they maintain the files on the individual POW or MIA's. Our concern is that sources and methods continue to be protected and we are hopeful that we can come up with a mutually beneficial solution. The files currently under review for this committee could possibly be made available to the families if properly controlled in a secure facility to which the families could be given access.

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QUESTION: Are your familiar with the events surrounding the fall of Lima Site 85 in March 1968?

ANSWER: Lima Site 85 [redacted] located 25 kilometers from the North Vietnamese/Laotian border atop Phou Pha Thi mountain. The site was used to direct and control attacking jet fighters and bombers to their targets and to provide them with percise bomb release points, under radar control. [redacted] On 10 March 1968, the site began to receive heavy incoming mortar and artillery fire, and in the early morning hours that followed, 20 heavily armed infiltartors launched a surprise attack on the [redacted] Of the [redacted] Americans at the site, only five technicans [redacted] were extracted. [redacted] our officers was wounded, five of the six technicans were wounded, one of them being hit by fire while in the helicopter and he died in route. The [redacted] remaining Americans were presumed dead.

An enemy buildup had been underway for several months in the area prior to the attack and intelligence reporting indicated that the safety of the site was questionable after 10 March.

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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

19 SEP 1991

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Agency has been contacted by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Duane P. Andrews concerning Senate Resolution 82 which creates a temporary Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. It is my understanding that this Committee will request access to Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) files, some of which contain CIA-generated classified information. Assistant Secretary Andrews has asked that the Agency work with the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop guidelines concerning Committee access to these files.

In response to Secretary Andrews' request for assistance, Agency officers are working with the newly-created POW/MIA Data Release Office to review DIA files. Once these officers have determined the scope and sensitivity of the CIA-originated information in the files, we will be able to develop appropriate guidelines for use with the Committee. In addition, I have designated a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel to work with DoD attorneys to negotiate with the Select Committee concerning access to classified information in the files. I want to assure you that the Agency will cooperate fully with the Committee, and I am confident that guidelines can be developed that will ensure full compliance with the spirit of Senate Resolution 82 while at the same time meeting our statutory duty to protect intelligence sources and methods.

I have designated [redacted] Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff as the Agency's point of contact on this matter.

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Sincerely,

Richard J. Kerr
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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CATEGORIES FOR REVIEW/REDACTION WITH RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED POW/MIA DOCUMENTS TO APPROPRIATELY SCI CLEARED STAFF OF TEMPORARY SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS.

REPORT ORIGINATOR	REDACT	RATIONALE
DoD HUMINT	STONY BEACH team members' names	Compromise the safety and mission of US collection personnel
	Detailed source data/biographic reports/source numbers	Jeopardize safety of sources
	Ongoing clandestine operational data	Reveal extent and involvement of US intelligence operations; cause extreme embarrassment to the Thai or other foreign governments
NSA	[redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)	When SIGINT reporting related to [redacted] is received, it will reviewed to ensure [redacted] would not be jeopardized or collection methods compromised. Content that would reveal [redacted] or other intelligence sources will be protected.
	Not applicable	Historical SIGINT can be released at the Secret SCI level

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STATE	U.S. Government policies under negotiation	Would compromise ongoing US foreign policy positions and interests
ASD/ISA	Not applicable	Classified cables can be released
OVERHEAD IMAGERY	Not applicable	Images can be released at the SECRET/NOFORN/WNINTEL level
DEBRIEFS	Not releasable	Executive Order 11652 dated 8 Mar 72; ASD/ISA memo I-86/19832, dated 3 Jan 87; release of this information would violate confidentiality agreements with returned POWS.
CIA		

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NOTES:

1. Although material has been redacted based on guidelines established above, all the documents retain their original classification.

2. Material extracted from the file will be noted on the file index (e.g., "source biographic sheet is not included").

3. Information that has been extracted or redacted from original file can be reviewed by committee members. Staff will be allowed to review the original files on a case-by-case basis.

4. All classified material requires handling and protection in accordance with Senate Resolution 400 as adopted by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

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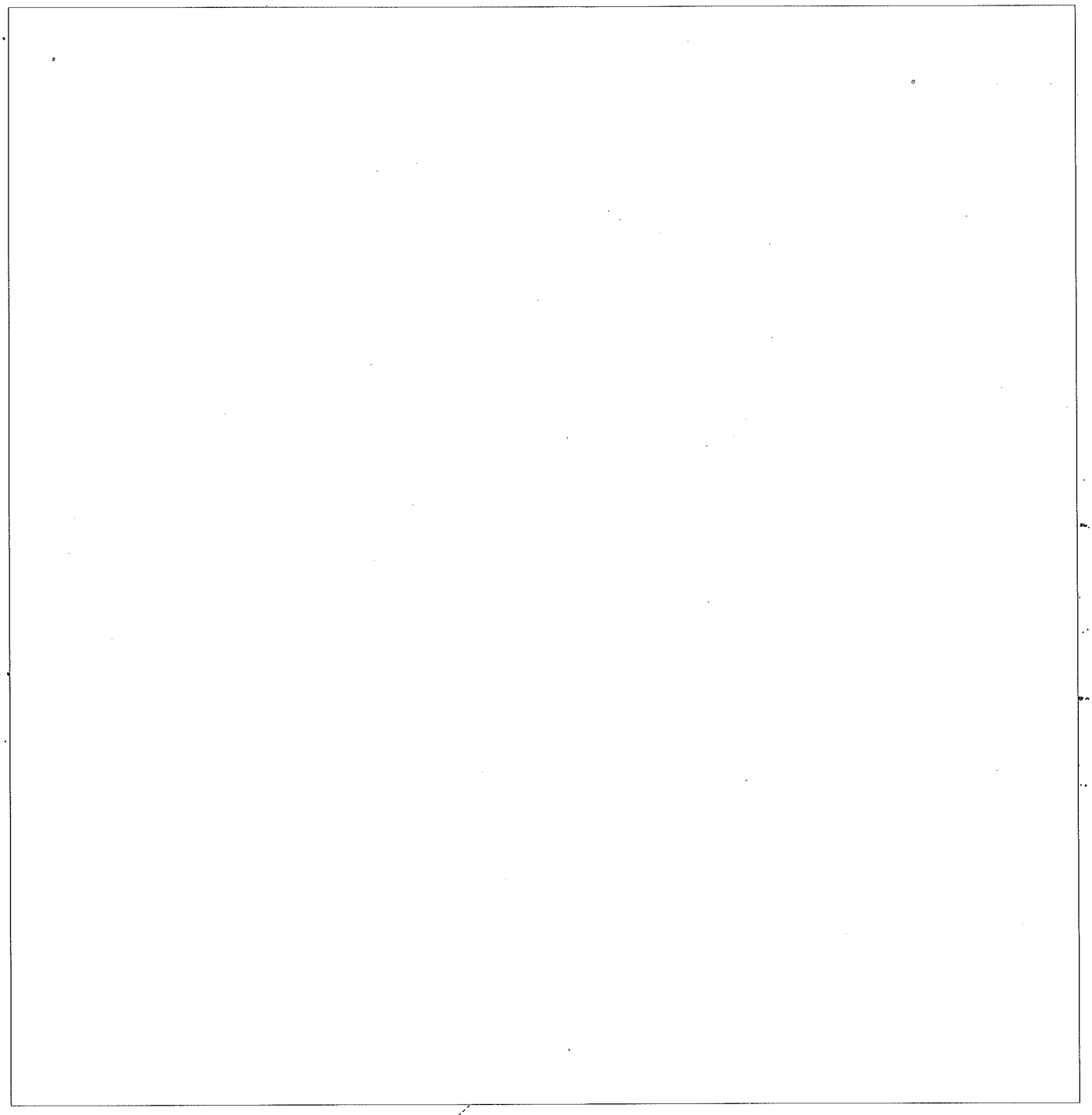

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OCA 4821-91
18 November 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: POW/MIA Committee Hearing on 15 November

1. I attended a portion of the above-mentioned open Hearing (list of members attached). This was an opportunity for the Administration in the persons of Bob Sheetz of DIA, Ken Quinn from State and Carl Ford from DOD/ISA to address some of the charges made by other witnesses before the Committee the previous week. Ford's Statement is attached.

2. During the questions period, several areas of inquiry developed which could bear on the closed briefing now scheduled for 1430 on 20 November in S407. Agency participants at that briefing should be prepared to deal with some if not all of these issues.

3. Although unrelated to the actual focus of the investigation, there was considerable interest in the possible presence of POW/MIAs in the Soviet Union given the recent press article on that possibility. The Senators asked specifically if there had been contact with the KGB to inquire about this. State noted the diplomatic efforts. The Agency rep could be asked about contact with the KGB.

4. Ken Quinn was asked repeatedly about a list of individuals in Indochina who allegedly had information about POW/MIAs which he had given to the Vietnamese and Cambodian authorities in July 1991. Senators Smith and Grassley in particular asked if, in effect, he was not passing source information. They went on to ask why the Administration would give away one type of source information while vigorously guarding the refugee reporting sources. Quinn explained the difference between people who are in fact intelligence sources and those we believe have information and with whom we wanted to be in contact. Smith and/or Grassley can be counted on to raise the same issue at the closed briefing.

5. Carl Ford raised the issue of providing POW/MIA family members access to a broader range of classified information, saying that he is wrestling with how to arrange such access.

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(In an earlier conversation Keith Hall told me that this is something that Defense is pushing and will eventually need an Agency input relative to the inclusion of CIA material in the DOD holdings.) The Agency rep should be prepared with some form of response if this issue comes up. Senator Robb was particularly interested in this aspect of the discussion.

6. Senator Kerry wanted information on those unaccounted for in the "secret war" in Laos. He wanted to know if they were in the overall 2,000 plus figure carried as POW/MIA. Ford said that it was only in the late 70's that those clandestine operatives were included in the overall count. Up to that time, there had been a secret list of such POW/MIAs. This bothered Kerry a great deal, and he can be certain to ask the Agency representative for more information.

7. Kerry asked about code breaking in Laos in 1968-1973. Witnesses declined to respond in open testimony and pointed to the absence of an NSA representative. This issue is certain to arise in the closed briefing. Senator Smith also asked specifically if there had been any operations into Laos in the period after 1973. Ford said he didn't know, and Smith was incredulous. Quinn said that he had recently learned from another witness- [redacted] None of the witness had any personal knowledge of such operations. The Agency representative should be prepared to address this issue in detail.

8. Overall there was a very heavy emphasis on the Laotian situation throughout the Q and A period reflecting an apparent belief on the part of some Committee members that there is far less accountability for POW/MIAs in Laos and more evidence of there possible presence there after Operation Homecoming in 1973. Agency representatives should be prepared to deal especially with reporting on Laos and operational activity there related to POW/MIA matters.

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Robert W. Magner [redacted] (b)(6)
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs (b)(1)
Office of Congressional Affairs (b)(3)(n)

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OCA 4821-91

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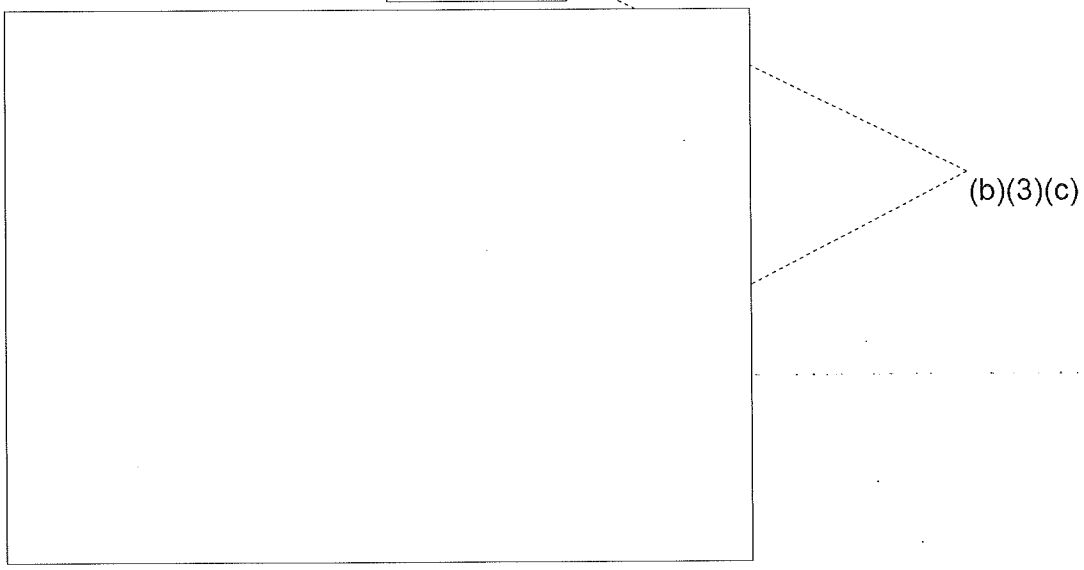
OCA/Senate/RWMagner [redacted] (18 Nov 91)



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TESTIMONY AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY

BY

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT
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CARL W. FORD, JR.

BEFORE
THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

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TESTIMONY
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BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

Carl W. Ford, Jr.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(International Security Affairs)

November 15, 1991

Mr. Chairman, Senator Smith, members of the Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to return to comment on issues that have arisen during the three days of historic hearings that you convened last week on the POW/MIA issue.

First, I would like to clarify a point that came up in last Thursday's testimony concerning the "last known alive" discrepancy cases. The definition of a discrepancy case is:

> A case about which the USG has convincing evidence that the Governments of Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia should have specific knowledge.

The term "discrepancy case" includes not only individuals who were "last known alive, but also individuals who were known dead, but for whom the Indochinese Governments should be able to provide information or remains. As you can see, the definition is broad. Within this broad definition, we have identified three subcategories of cases. We did this because over the years a great deal of confusion has developed over what

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precisely we were talking about--the terms "discrepancy case," "compelling case," "last known alive case," "Vessey case," all meant different things to different people.

The three subcategories of discrepancy cases are:

LAST KNOWN ALIVE: Those cases in which the US has information that the individual survived the loss incident and fell into enemy hands. In the case of air incidents, this includes cases in which the crew members are believed to have successfully exited their aircraft and to have been alive on the ground. In the case of ground incidents, this includes cases in which the individuals were last known alive, were not gravely wounded, and were in proximity to enemy forces who should have specific knowledge of the incident.

POW AT HOMECOMING: A specific group of individuals who, during the Vietnam War, were classified by their commanding officers and Service Secretaries as POWs but did not return during Operation Homecoming. These cases are also known to many families as "last known alive" due to their POW status. There were 97 individuals so listed. Subsequently, 42 "listed POWs" have been accounted for through unilateral SRV repatriation. The remainder are still unaccounted for.

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Circumstances of loss or subsequent information is convincing that Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia should have knowledge of the incident. In some of these cases, there is convincing evidence that the individual did not survive the incident of loss. In many cases, there is convincing evidence that Vietnam also has remains.

With this background, now I will shift to the 119 individuals who have been discussed in the testimony here, called variously "Vessey cases" and the "Vessey discrepancy cases." The first point to make is that, from the beginning, the list was not meant to be all-encompassing. In 1988, DIA, JCRC, General Vessey and the Office of the Secretary of Defense worked together to develop a list of most compelling last known alive cases, as well as other discrepancy cases, i.e., cases of individuals for whom the Vietnamese should have knowledge of the fate of the individual and remains if the individual is dead. *The list was not exhaustive, merely illustrative.* The primary purpose was to shed light on the live prisoner issue by asking the Vietnamese to help us solve cases in which there was either hard evidence or a strong possibility that the individual survived the incident of loss, but did not return at Operation Homecoming, and for whom, as of 1987, there had been no accounting. So far, despite our investigative efforts, we have not returned any live Americans or uncovered proof that unaccounted for Americans are alive in Vietnam.

There are additional cases, beyond the 119 individuals, which fit into the discrepancy case definition. Again, not all of the "Vessey" discrepancy

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cases involve individuals who were last known alive. Some of them involve individuals who are known dead–but the Vietnamese should be able to provide information or remains.

In addition to the 119 individuals whose cases were presented to the Vietnamese by General Vessey, we determined that there are 64 other individuals who meet the "last known alive" definition as well as 13 individuals who were classified by their respective Service Secretary as a POW at Operation Homecoming in 1973, and who are not included in the "Vessey" cases who are otherwise not accounted for. This group of cases will be the focus of the full time efforts of the Hanoi Office under the USCINCPAC Joint Task Force earlier described to this committee by General Christmas. They will <u>all</u> be investigated within Phase I of the USCINCPAC plan.

DIA as Family Outreach Organization

Next, I would like to address an issue that has been implicit in the testimony you have heard from many family members regarding DIA. The issue of family members and DIA analysts meeting directly to discuss individual cases has proved problematic. DIA is an intelligence collection and analysis agency. Their personnel are not trained for family outreach and the function of family outreach is not an appropriate one for that agency. The families' primary point of contact for discussion of their cases is the designated Service Casualty Affairs Office. Those offices are staffed with personnel trained to perform the family outreach role. In the case where a

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family is dissatisfied with the service received from the Service Casualty Affairs Office, the proper place to redress that problem is with my office.

The problems experienced within DIA that resulted in the changes made by the Secretary's Management Inquiry related to functions assumed by the PW-MIA Office that were not within their mission. Those functions have been removed and placed within my office.

Allegations by [redacted]

We certainly understand the grief felt by [redacted] over her family's loss. We have reviewed the [redacted] case file and we believe that [redacted] family has been properly served by our casualty affairs process. The [redacted] case is one in which we believe that the family has been promptly and accurately notified about investigative activity and information relating to the case.

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[redacted] sweeping allegations of Government nonfeasance, malfeasance and misfeasance are without factual basis. For example, [redacted] states that her family was advised from the time that her father became missing that he was dead. That statement is quite simply wrong. From immediately after his incident of loss, the Air Force believed there was a good possibility he survived. He was seen to eject from his aircraft. He was seen with a good parachute, and his chute was seen on the ground, but he was not in it. All indications were that he survived his ejection.

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[redacted] was carried in a missing in action status until 1977 when his status was reviewed, at the express request of his wife, and his status changed to deceased and a Presumptive Finding of Death was entered in his case.

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A second, most serious allegation was made by [redacted] which requires discussion. She alleged in her testimony that "identifications were made with teeth and teeth fragments but when independent forensic anthropologists were consulted, there were no dental records to be compared to. Again, this is absolutely false. There has never been a dental identification rendered by the U. S. Army Central Identification Laboratory without benefit of dental records. In every case, either a ante-mortem dental X-ray or a dental chart was available to provide the factual predicate for the dental identification. No other forensic laboratory in the world has as many independent procedural safeguards as has the Central Identification Laboratory. Should you have any further questions on this point, I have the Commander, U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory available to respond.

I have a detailed written response to the other allegations made by [redacted] in her testimony that I would like to submit for the record.

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[redacted] [redacted] Response

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As dissatisfied with the Department's performance as the families clearly are, the Department of Defense has vigorously pursued the

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investigation of the photo. I have personally made myself available to the families to answer their questions and respond to their concerns, as has my staff and the Director of the DIA Special Office for POW/MIA Affairs. We have been unable to either confirm or disprove the identifications of the subjects of the photo made by the family members. We are continuing to investigate the photograph. Any intimation by the families that there has been less than an honest effort to investigate and locate the source of the photo is disingenuous. The facts establish otherwise. We have requested assistance from the Vietnamese at the highest levels of Government. We have sent three separate investigative teams to Cambodia to follow-up information and attempt to locate the source of the photograph. We have requested all of our [redacted] world-wide to search for the photo in Eastern-bloc magazines. We have tasked national technical means to obtain information on reports associated with the photographs and have established all-source collection requirements to obtain additional information about the photo, the individuals or the associated reporting. We are continuing to investigate vigorously, however, without some new leads, we may not be able to solve the mystery of this photo. (b)(3)

Finally, and this is an important point, [redacted] case is not closed. It is still under active investigation and any preliminary judgements made have been set aside pending further investigative activity and information. (b)(6) (b)(3)

I would like to submit a brief written response to the specific allegations contained within the testimony of the families for the record.

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[redacted] **Allegations** (b)(6)

[redacted] stated in previous testimony that he has information about his brother, [redacted] lost in Laos on 13 December 1968, and relates the fact that the presence in intelligence reporting of his father's zip code is proof that his brother is still alive in Laos, because only his brother could know the postal zip code of his father. In fact, the postal zip code of [redacted] father was contained within a widely circulated flyer that the family prepared and distributed throughout Southeast Asia. It is not unsusual that information contained in such flyers later shows up in intelligence reports about American POWs.

Lost Records

There have been allegations made that fingerprint and other records have "mysteriously" disappeared from DoD files. There is no conspiracy to purge records. The Department of Defense does not maintain fingerprint records. The FBI is the sole agency with that responsibility. I request that this letter, from FBI Director Sessions to Congressman Solarz explaining "lost" or purged fingerprint records be entered in the record.

To prevent a recurrence of this problem in the future, I have tasked the Service Secretaries to examine possible alternatives to establish a redundant, independent source for military fingerprints separate from the FBI records. I will report to the Committee and to the families when we have implemented a solution to this problem.

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee Minority Staff Report

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Tracy Usry of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Minority staff came before this Committee to defend the minority staff report, An Examination of U. S. Policy Toward POW/MIAs, authored in large measure by himself. That report is replete with factual errors. I would like to take just a moment to discuss a few of the most glaring examples of poor research and error.

On page 5-8 of the Report, the staff states:

> "In fact, only 591 U.S. POWs were repatriated by the North Vietnamese during Operation HOMECOMING, which is 12% of the figure of 5,000 U.S. POWs held by the North Vietnamese reported by the *New York Times*.

The original New York Times article, the primary source material, appeared on the front page of the 6 March 1973 issue. The number "5,000" appeared only once in the entire article--quoting an American source who stated at a meeting of the Joint Military Commission the previous day, North Vietnam had demanded the release of 5,000 Communist prisoners held by Saigon.

This 5,000 number cited incorrectly in the report has been oft-quoted by POW activists and is used within the report to lend

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credence to the allegation that 85 % of American prisoners of war were withheld by Hanoi after Operation Homecoming.

A second glaring inaccuracy is found in the Prologue to Part II, page *i*. The report states:

> "In spite of 1,400 unresolved reports of first hand live-sightings, the Department of Defense, remarkably, still believes it has "no credible evidence." How does it dismiss these reports?

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In fact, there are numerous inaccuracies in just that simple statement. First, while there have been cumulatively over 1,400 first-hand live sighting reports, only approximately 100 are unresolved. Second, live-sighting reports have not been dismissed. In over 75 percent of the first-hand live sightings received, DIA [redacted] have been able to establish that the report is true. These reports involve POWs who returned at Operation Homecoming, or have been correlated to other Americans or Westerners, such as missionaries or individuals stranded in South Vietnam when the Communists took control. Almost three hundred relate to Private Garwood, who returned from Vietnam in 1979.

There are numerous other factual inaccuracies throughout the report. To catalogue the inaccuracies would require a document of equal length and would be beyond the scope of my testimony here today. Further, to do so would require diverting manpower from

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more important tasks related to the function of investigating POW/MIA cases.

A more important issue that this Committee should address of Mr. Usry is why he and other staff members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff have withheld from the Department of Defense information relevant to the investigation of the [redacted] case and the [redacted] case. Not only has Mr. Usry withheld (b)(6) information that would have assisted the Department of Defense in more expeditiously investigating these cases, but he has stood by while Senate staff members directed sources not to provide their information to members of my staff, the DIA, or others within the Department of Defense investigating these cases.

I am personally outraged by the obstruction that Mr. Usry has presented to the DoD investigations of these cases. That any American would withhold relevant information or otherwise not cooperate with an on-going DoD POW/MIA investigation is shocking and should not be tolerated by you--his employers--the Members of the United States Senate. The families of the two individuals deserve better treatment than that.

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Mr. Chairman, I hope that you will question Mr. Usry about how long he had the [redacted] information before July 1991. When the Department of Defense finally received the information, we resolved the case in less than 2 months.

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Response to [redacted] Allegations (b)(6)

The [redacted] families have been the losers as a result of the allegations made by a number of individuals before this Committee. Family confidence in their Government has been further eroded by the unsubstantiated and specious claims of Government conspiracy. Mr. Sheetz will later discuss the [redacted] case in detail, however, I would like to spend a moment on the [redacted] case and the allegations made by Judge [redacted] before this Committee.

Judge [redacted] allegation that the Department of Defense would knowingly provide to the family, the Congress and the American people altered photographs of the meeting between our investigator, [redacted] and the individual is ludicrous. Even more disturbing is the fact that Judge Gayden, an officer of a court, would allege that he had obtained a photo analysis of the photos of the meeting and then assert that the DoD photos are frauds. This Committee can not stand by and let these gross distortions of fact go unnoticed. If Judge [redacted] photo experts believe the DoD photos are a fraud, he should produce their reports, or their testimony, or an affidavit or other suitable evidence. (b)(6)

Our investigators, with the help of the Lao, found the individual photographed in Laos and identified as [redacted] **The individual is not** [redacted] family has been convinced by Judge [redacted] bailiff, Khambang Sibounheuang, that the individual is [redacted] and Khambang has accompanied the two [redacted] sons to Laos. Khambang's blood relative in Laos passed the roll of film containing (b)(6)

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the [redacted] photos to Khambang in the United States. Khambang has a long history of providing POW related materials, from as early as 1985; and none-- not one-- of his leads has ever proven valid.

I have a fact sheet on Khambang that I would request be entered into the record. The [redacted]/Khambang connection needs to be thoroughly investigated. I hope that this Committee will undertake that task.

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[redacted] Cooperation

Finally, I would like to clarify a point raised by [redacted] in his testimony. [redacted] suggested that the Secretary of Defense may have misspoken in his testimony before this Committee. [redacted] suggested that the Secretary was mistaken in his recitation of what [redacted] agreed to provide to the Department of Defense in Thailand and that he was further mistaken in attributing to [redacted] a comment that the [redacted] photograph "may have been" taken in Thailand or Burma. **I would like to make clear for the record that the Secretary of Defense did not misspeak nor was he mistaken in any of the testimony he provided to this committee relative to** [redacted]

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[redacted] promises of cooperation were made to the Secretary of Defense in the presence of myself, and Congressmen McCloskey and Visclosky in the Secretary's office. The Secretary's testimony correctly reflected who and

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what [redacted] stated he would make available to our investigators. It also correctly reflected what [redacted] told our investigators in Bangkok about where the photograph may have been taken. We have a chronology of our conversations with [redacted] which I would like to make a part of the record. I have with me the individuals who were involved in the [redacted] investigation with [redacted] and who will provide you the facts about their investigation. Mr. Bob Sheetz, the Chief of the Special Office for POW/MIA Affairs will address the specifics of the conduct of the [redacted] investigation of which [redacted] was a part.

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Thank you Mr. Chairman and Senator Smith. I am prepared now to respond to your questions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Interagency Committee on Vietnam MIA's/POW's

1. I hereby establish an Interagency Committee on Vietnam MIA's/POW's under the chairmanship of Brigadier General James Shufelt (DIA). The purpose of the Committee is to exhaust all intelligence within the Community regarding the location and identification of Americans who might be held or interned in Southeast Asia.

2. I request that the appropriate NFIB agencies nominate representatives to serve on the Committee under Brigadier General Shufelt's chairmanship. Representatives will also be responsible for ensuring that any intelligence information presently held within the Intelligence Community is proferred to the Committee.

3. I am asking Lieutenant General Leonard Perroots, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, to oversee this activity on my behalf.

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA)

and the

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SERVICE INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES

on

PARTICIPATION AT INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INDOCHINA PW/MIAs MEETINGS

A. PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each organization during participation in Interagency Committee on Indochina PW/MIAs meetings on the collection, oversight and coordination of intelligence relating to American servicemen and civilians who remain unaccounted for as a result of the war in Indochina (1961-1975).

B. BACKGROUND

Resolution of the PW/MIA issue is a matter of personal interest to the President of the United States, who has pledged that it is a matter of the highest national priority within his Administration. In implementation of this priority the purpose of the committee will be to formulate, coordinate, and manage new collection initiatives to ensure that all intelligence disciplines are sensitized to the issue. It will provide a clearing house for the exchange of PW intelligence and a forum for the discussion and resolution of related collection problems and requirements. The committee will make aggressive use of appropriate resources of specialized components of the intelligence community to identify, augment or supplement, confirm, or otherwise qualify intelligence information relating to U.S. PW/MIAs.

C. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

1. DIA shall provide the chairmanship and staff and administrative support for the committee.

2. The committee shall be comprised of one principal general-flag officer or equivalent civilian level representative of the following U.S. Government components: Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Central

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Intelligence Agency (CIA), National Security Agency (NSA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and Service Intelligence representatives. The DIA representative at the committee meetings will also be the principal Joint Chiefs of Staff representative. All members and other attendees shall have **TOP SECRET** and **SI/TK** clearances.

3. Responsibilities of member representatives pertaining to the collection of PW/MIA related intelligence shall be consistent with the charter of the parent Department, Agency or Bureau.

4. The committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman but not less than quarterly.

D. IMPLEMENTATION AND TERMINATION

This memorandum of understanding shall become binding and enter into force upon signature by all parties. It shall remain in effect until revised or terminated and will be reviewed annually.

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1. Senator Kerry, Senator Smith, it is a priviledge for me to appear here today. We all recognize the importance of your endeavor and I am here to emphasize the commitment of NSA to supportg your efforts. For years, NSA has been actively involved on this issue primarily with the Defense Intelligence Agency, but also with individual Congressman and Congressional Committees. As we have done with these organizations in the past, we will make available to you all the data that can assist you in your investigation.

2. To ensure we would be prepared to be responsive to the committee we have again conducted a comprehensive review of SIGINT holdings for the period 1965 to the present. This review included:

a. manually scanning all SIGINT material which might contain any reference to POW/MIAs during or after the war.

b. interviewing selected analysts and managers who served at NSA Headquarters or in the field,

c. reconstructing and evaluating the SIGINT process used during the war.

Additionally, we attempted to uncover any material which might be related to recent allegations and to review any new information that has come to light since our last complete review in 1987.

3. I would like to take a few minutes and explain how NSA has conducted its business in regard to the POW/MIA task. During the Vietnam War, our ability to access the communications of Southeast Asian

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Communist Forces was very good. Over seventy (70) ground-based collection sites, no fewer than twelve (12) types of airborne collection platforms, and numerous shipborne collectors worked 24-hours a day against the full range of target communications. Thousands of people, primarily uniformed military personnel, were involved in this massive signals intelligence effort. The SIGINT system had an excellent capability to collect information on aircraft shootdowns and on downed fliers. We intercepted information that some crew members did not survive the shootdown. In other cases, we were able to detect initial capture and subsequent movement of prisoners by the capturing unit to either a holding location or to a place designated as a camp. We were aware of the existence of more permanent prison camps from non-SIGINT sources, but in spite of our vast collection resources, we never heard any communications emanating from these camps.

4. The enormous amount of data collection during the war had to be processed manually. Because of this we did not always process everything, but we did process everything related to downed fliers or captured Americans. This was our highest priority mission. Intercept operators were trained to recognize critical information, and were instructed to notify supervisors immediately when information on downed fliers or captured servicemen was intercepted. This information was processed immediately and reported in the most expeditious manner to tactical units to aid in search and rescue operations.

5. Our information can be divided into two categories. We have a total of 1530 "incident" reports which are based on military

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communications and relate to specific losses. We have approximately 500 "non-incident" reports which are associated with the general topic of POW/MIAs. We reported both tactical and strategic information. Tactical reporting included information on such subjects as shootdowns of aircraft and locations of enemy forces. A special reporting series, called SONGBIRD Reports, was established for information pertaining to prisoners, prisoner locations, movement of prisoners, shootdown of aircraft, or any other information relating to the fate of U.S. servicemen. Strategic reporting included such activities as North Vietnamese infiltration and resupply. This information came from communications serving the network of roads, transportation units, and rest stops known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail and from communications serving military elements in Northern Vietnam.

6. We understand that the committee is especially concerned about the fate of American MIAs captured in Laos. Laotian codes were broken during the war and the communications of Pathet Lao Headquarters were intercepted. Regretably, while we had voluminous intercept of Laotian communications, they do not provide any new information on the fate of our men lost in Laos.

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7. Also, no SIGINT evidence is available to either confirm or deny allegations of [redacted] involvement with American POWs. NSA has completed a review of pertinent [redacted] material. As with our study of Vietnamese communications, there is no evidence to indicate that [redacted] involved POWs. Our search of [redacted] communications that may be related to the POW/MIA issue continues, but

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as with our efforts in researching Vietnamese communications, we have yet to find any SIGINT evidence of [redacted].

8. NSA currently holds approximately 2000 SIGINT reports, dating from 1965 to the present, relating to the loss, capture, and status of U.S. personnel in Southeast Asia. To illustrate the challenge of following individual POWs, of all the POW/MIA related incidents reported in SIGINT during the war, less than 100 names of captured Americans are contained in our reporting. The majority of these people were subsequently accounted for. All of this information was reported in our normal system and made available during previous investigations. Let me emphasize however, that none of our data contains evidence that American service personnel remain in Vietnam today or were left behind after Operation HOMECOMING.

9. We spent many years after the war searching for communications that could reveal evidence that U.S. personnel were held in Vietnam but were not successful. The only collection, reflecting POW/MIA matters we [redacted] general

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POW/MIA issues.

On the question of releasing intelligence data, there are good reasons why even after 20-25 years, some intelligence information relating to POW/MIAs is, and should remain, classified. For example, similar sources and methods are used today by NSA against other targets, particularly [redacted] Moreover, some of these sources and methods are associated directly with [redacted]

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We recognize the concerns of POW/MIA families, and we want to explore methods for them to gain access to data associated with their kin while at the same time protecting our sources and methods. I would like to caution everyone, however, that what we hold as described above only applies to a very few families and even that involves not more than one or two SIGINT reports per family.

On the other hand, for you and/or your cleared staff, we stand ready to show our entire SIGINT POW/MIA-related reports and to help interpret them as necessary for you and respond to any of your questions.

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QUESTION: Please explain why it is necessary to protect the sources of information on POW's and MIA's.

ANSWER: In the intelligence collection process, whether it be on POW's and MIA's or other requirements, we have a statutory responsibility under the National Security Act of 1947 and E.O. 12356 to protect the source of the information, the place and manner in which it was acquired, any foreign intelligence service involvement, references to other operational activity and administrative details such as cryptonyms, field report numbers, source and field comments.

If we were unable to guarantee this protection, it would impact on our ability to collect intelligence. Other sources would be wary of cooperating with us if information were released which pinpoints its origin without consideration of the effect this information might have on the source, and his heirs, survivors or colleagues. It is important to understand that in many cases, especially with regard to information

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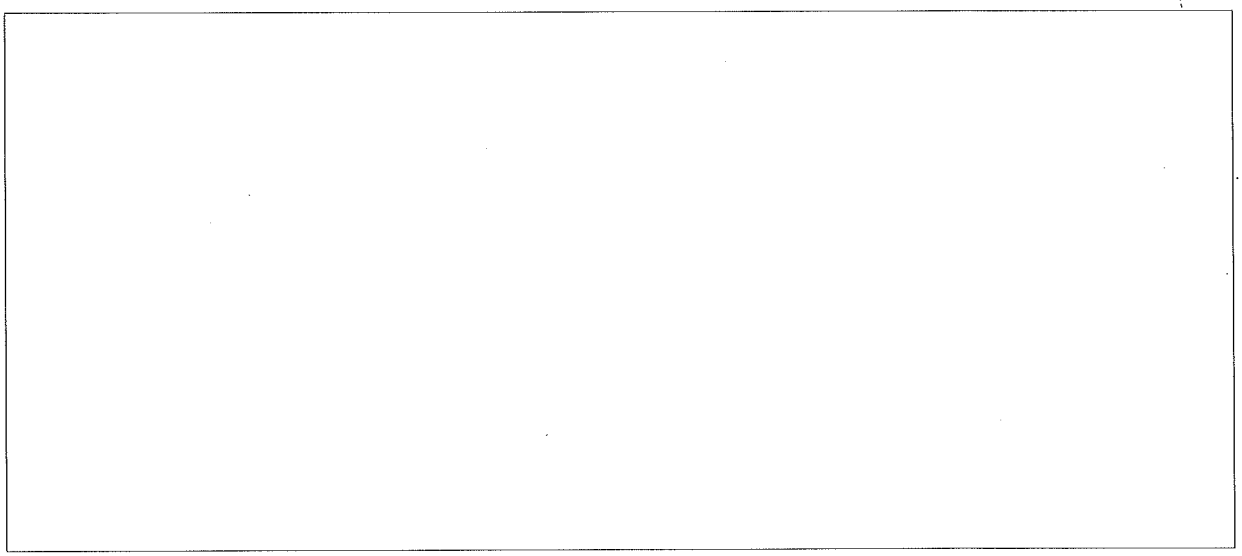

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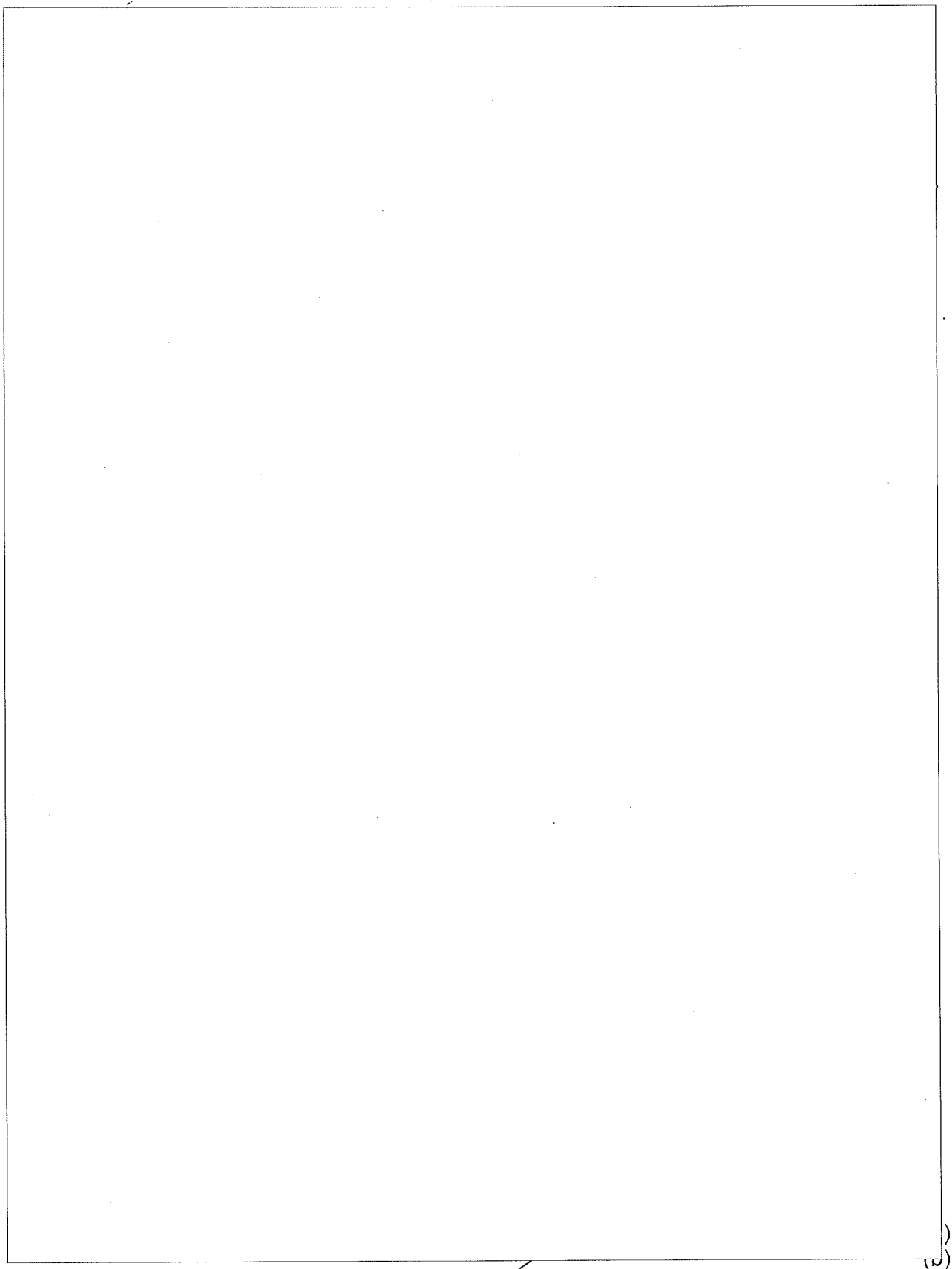

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UPDATE ON PW-MIA ACTIVITIES

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1. FILES AT DIA: A total of 496 "live-sighting" files in the Prisoner of War-Missing in Action (PW-MIA) Task Force for Intelligence Data Release have been reviewed and sanitized at the Pentagon. [redacted] The files reviewed were from the 1,500 live-sighting files of which only 496 contained Agency reporting. The agreed-upon Inter-Agency guidelines were used in deleting identification of sources, names of Agency personnel, place acquired, liaison involvement, and methods of acquisition. DIA PW-MIA appreciated our Agency's cooperation and [redacted] effort is particularly noteworthy.

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2. Response to the Committee's letter: During ADDO'S 4 December one-on-one with DCEA, the wording of the response letter to the Committee was raised. You should be receiving the draft of this letter [redacted] in-part reads "It has been agency practice to provide all information on PW-MIA's to DIA and this information should be available in their files. In response to your request, we are undertaking a review of all files held by the Agency which bear on this issue to ensure that all pertinent data has been passed to DIA."

3. [redacted] PW-MIA: This component is being formed with [redacted] the Chief to review our files on PW-MIA's and ensure that all the reporting on this issue has been forwarded to DIA. All archived files on the subject are being retrieved and will be reviewed. We will also look at substantive issues such as programs in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia associated with our operational and collection activities on PW-MIA's. [redacted] will be [redacted] We have discussed with [redacted] the need for additional funding for [redacted] to assist with this project. [redacted] the [redacted] provide administrative assistance as required and [redacted] are working on locating office space for the group. We are receiving excellent cooperation from all concerned and [redacted] has been particularly helpful with several aspects of the program.

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4. The KGB Connection: [redacted] met with former KGB General Oleg Kalugin on 29 November to discuss PW-MIA issues. Kalugin made it clear he was not intimately familiar with the subject and those statements he did make were not supported by facts. See the attached cable for further details. Also attached is a 1982 CIA report [redacted] heard from KGB General Grigoriyev that 2,000 POW's from the Vietnam war had been incarcerated in the Soviet Union for "ideological retraining." [redacted] comment was included in this report which in part said that CIA records contain no information that Grigoriyev held a leading position in the KGB and that the report merits little if any credence from analysts.

5. Call to Security Duty Officer on Alleged POW's: The PW-MIA Office at the Pentagon is investigating the call made to our Security Duty Officer on 2 December by an alleged Navy Seal reporting a sighting of MIA's in Cambodia. [redacted] talked with anyone on this subject as claimed in the report and DIA PW-MIA has not been able to identify the individual who claimed to be [redacted] They are going to follow this up with the Seal Team in Coronado, California, and will advise when further details are obtained.

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SUBJECT: POW-MIA ISSUES (U)

1. (C) ON FRIDAY EVENING 29 NOVEMBER 1991 MET WITH FORMER (b)(1) TO DISCUSS ONGOING POW/MIA ISSUES. FROM THE VERY START MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS, HE WAS NOT INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND COULD NOT PROVIDE ANYTHING MORE THAN AN OVERVIEW OF EVENTS AS HE REMEMBERS THEM.

2. (S) INVOLVEMENT IN POW INTERROGATION WAS MINIMAL. UNTIL AN AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS SIGNED BY THE KGB AND ITS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART--ABOUT 1977 OR 1978--HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE EXACT YEAR--CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS IN PLACE, THE VIETNAMESE REQUESTED KGB ASSISTANCE IN "DISMANTLING" THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON, WHICH THE KGB WAS HAPPY TO DO. AFTER THIS EVENT, THE KGB IN A LOW KEY MANNER, REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO A FEW U.S. POWS THAT MAY STILL HAVE BEEN HELD IN VIETNAM. (NOTE: KALUGIN STATED THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AMERICAN POWS IN 1977-1978 WERE KEPT BY THE VIETNAMESE, BUT DID NOT KNOW FOR WHAT PURPOSE.) REASON FOR THE REQUEST WAS TO ASSESS SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AND IN TURN, FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH U.S. DOCTRINE. A THREE (OR POSSIBLY) FOUR MAN TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO VIETNAM--LOCATION UNKNOWN--AND A LIST OF U.S POWS WAS PROVIDED TO THE SOVIET SIDE--NUMBER OF NAMES UNKNOWN--FROM WHICH THE KGB TEAM PICKED THREE INDIVIDUALS: ONE WAS A "SENIOR" NAVAL OFFICER--RANK UNKNOWN--AN AIR FORCE PILOT, AND A SUSPECTED CIA-RELATED PERSON. AN EFFORT TO TURN THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS MADE AT THAT TIME. KALUGIN DID MENTION, HOWEVER, THAT AN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE THREE AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES A FEW YEARS LATER WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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3. (S) IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT GENERAL KALUGIN IS NOT IN THE MAINSTREAM OF POW ISSUES, NOR DOES HE BELIEVE, FROM A KGB PERSPECTIVE, THAT THE ISSUE IS BONA FIDE AND NOT A FABRICATION. FIRST HE FEELS THAT DURING THE 1970'S BREZHNEV (AND BY ASSOCIATION, ANDROPOV) WAS VERY CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, HE NOTES THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY PRO-AMERICAN ALL ALONG, NOT JUST AFTER PERESTROIKA: IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HIDE A U.S POW, UNLESS IN VERY CONFINED AREAS, BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE? THIRDLY, TRUTH IS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER, NO ONE CAN KEEP A SECRET AND THERE ARE MANY THAT WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO DISCREDIT THE FORMER REGIME BY GOING PUBLIC IF IN FACT AMERICAN POW WERE IN THE USSR.

4. (S) DID GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO STATE THAT AMERICANS COULD BE RESIDING IN THE USSR, BUT ADDED THAT THIS HAS TO BE LOOKED AT ON A CASE-TO-CASE BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE: AN AMERICAN POW COULD HAVE MET AND MARRIED A RUSSIAN WOMAN AND RETURNED WITH HER TO THE SOVIET UNION. HERE HE CITED THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE OF SOMEONE LIKE THE AMERICAN SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN SARYSHAGAN, QUICKLY ADDING THAT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT BELIEVE THE STORY. AT THIS POINT SURPRISED ALUSNA BY STATING (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

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THAT ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, ESPECIALLY IN AN ELECTION YEAR, HE COULD NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THE SUDDEN AND ALMOST INTENSE INTEREST THAT THE U.S. WAS SHOWING ON THE POW ISSUE, STATING THAT WE HAD MANY MORE POW/MIAS DURING THE KOREAN WAR WITHOUT TODAY'S FERVOR. RO SUMMARILY EXPLAINED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE IN FACT, NOT SIMILAR.

5. (C) IS AN INTERESTING CASE STUDY. HE IS VERY WESTERN IN HIS DRESS AND MANNERISMS--LIVED IN THE U.S. FOR FIVE YEARS, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH (AMERICAN)--STUDIED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1958, IS URBANE, POLISHED AND VERY CONGENIAL. HE IS A FORMER USSR PEOPLES' DEPUTY; HE CONTINUES TO BE ENGAGED IN GOVERNMENT BUT AS A CONSULTANT. HE APPEARS TO BE, HOWEVER, ON THE MARGINS CONCERNING THE POW/MIA QUESTION AND HAS PROBABLY EXHAUSTED HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

6.(C) BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIALLY DAMAGING INFORMATION ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, EMBASSY IS TREATING THIS AS A SPECAT/EXDIS MATTER.

7.(C) EMBASSY INTER-AGENCY GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE ANALYSIS AND ANY FEEDBACK ON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH TWO, BUT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE GRU CONNECTION AND HOW THIS COULD BE FURTHER PURSUED.

8.(C) NEXT STEP: AWAIT KALUGIN'S CALL TO SEE IF FORMER SUBORDINATE AND SOVIET TEAM CHIEF WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK TO US.
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REPORT NO.

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COUNTRY USSR

DATE DISTR. 12 March 1982

SUBJECT Alleged Soviet Incarceration of U.S. Vietnam Prisoners of War (DOI: 1970)

REFERENCES

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SUMMARY: According to KGB Lieutenant General Petr Ivanovich Grigoriyev, specially selected U.S. prisoners of war were being received into the Soviet Union circa 1970 for long term or lifetime incarceration and "ideological retraining." He implied the number involved to be about 2,000. The goal of the program was indefinite, but involved intensive psychological investigation of the prisoners and retraining to make them available as required to serve the needs of the Soviet Union. Grigoriyev made the comment

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the USSR, much less that 2,000 such individuals are leading "reasonably normal lives" in the same region where numerous Soviet political prisoners have resided in exile.

from analysts. However, in light of continuing high interest in the question of U.S. personnel still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia, this report is being disseminated with appropriate caveats to concerned members of the U.S. Intelligence Community.)

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2. which was held circa 1970, KGB Lieutenant General Petr Ivanovich ((Grigoriyev)) stated that many specially selected U.S. prisoners of war were being received from North Vietnam for long term or lifetime custody and "ideological re-training" in the Soviet Union. Grigoriyev did not state specifically the number of prisoners involved. The term he used was "v poryadke neskol'kikh tysyach v nas tozhe yest'" which translates as "on the order of several thousand," implying the number to be about 2,000). The prisoners were destined for confinement at a facility near Perm. Grigoriyev, who learned of the program from an unnamed high level KGB colleague, understood that Soviets rather than North Vietnamese were involved in the initial selection process and that participants were to be continually assessed for suitability. He implied that individuals determined to be unsuitable would be eliminated and replaced with other Grigoriyev made his comment while serving as a political ideologist and personnel officer at the All-Union Scientific-Technical Information Center of the State Committee for Science and Technology in Moscow. He had previously served as Chief of the KGB's Personnel Directorate and in that capacity would have very likely made contacts among KGB officials subsequently responsible for organizing any such prisoner program.)

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3. According to Grigoriyev, the goals of the U.S. prisoner program were indefinite but involved intensive psychological studies of the individuals and utilization of them as required to serve the needs of the Soviet Union. Grigoriyev understood that the detention facility was not a standard prison, but rather one in which inmates could lead reasonably normal lives. Grigoriyev recalled that precedents existed for such a program in the Soviet Union and cited similar previous efforts with Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese nationals. He stated that in past programs, participants were encouraged to marry Soviet women.

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5. Grigoriyev volunteered the information regarding the Vietnam prisoners during the late 1960's and early 1970's. His duties were not particularly demanding after his years as an administrator in the KGB. He was often finished with his work in the early afternoon and, rather than go home or engaged in outside interests, held informal discussions in his office.

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6. Grigoriyev was trained as a professional military officer and served in the tank troops during World War II. After the war he was assigned to the Party Central Committee as an army representative. In the period 1953-1954 he became KGB Deputy Chief for Personnel. He subsequently became critical of the recruitment policies of KGB head Vladimir Yefimovich ((Semichastnyy)) and was transferred from his position to that of KGB Security Chief for Soviet Bloc nations. Soon thereafter he developed a heart ailment and retired. In the late 1960's he accepted the position at the Information Center.

7. General Skrynnik joined the Russian cavalry in 1917 and subsequently entered the Odessa artillery school. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Zhitomir military district. In 1931 he entered the Frunze Military Academy. He advanced rapidly and in the 1933-1934 period was sent to China as Deputy Military Attache. He joined Mao's long march and began to establish intelligence agent networks for the Soviet Union. He remained in China until 1942 except for a brief return in 1939 to establish an intelligence school in Moscow for China operations. In the spring of 1942 he was recalled from China to become chief of intelligence on the northwestern front, where he remained for the duration of the war. After the war he was assigned as Soviet representative to the Berlin Joint Commission for Repatriation. After serving in Berlin from 1945 to 1949 he returned to Moscow as either chief or deputy chief for intelligence at the Frunze Academy. He then served as Deputy Intelligence Chief of the Far Eastern Military District. He retired from the military in 1953. Skrynnik was subsequently recalled to duty to re-establish agent networks in China after the China-USSR split but refused to leave [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : [redacted]
Acting Chief, East Asia Division

SUBJECT : Representative Dornan's Request for DDCI Testimony Concerning POW/MIA's in Southeast Asia

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Attached are East Asia Division comments on Congressman Dornan's request for DDCI testimony concerning CIA efforts on the POW/MIA problem in Southeast Asia. Our comments are keyed to the questions asked in Congressman Dornan's letter of November 6, 1981.

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EAST ASIA DIVISION COMMENTS

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I. What is the priority of the POW/MIA issue at CIA?

No CIA Station is tasked in its OD with action on the MIA/POW issue. [redacted] this issue receives as much and sometimes even more attention than other priority objectives [redacted] When any believable information on POW/MIA's is obtained in the field, the highest priority is assigned to its verification.

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II. What are the resources being assigned to this problem within CIA?

At CIA Headquarters there is no DDO officer who has been specifically assigned to the POW/MIA problem. [redacted] handle POW/MIA activities as required and in addition to their regular duties. [redacted] devotes the most time to POW/MIA activities. [redacted] the highest priority to obtaining information on POW/MIA's. As mentioned above, officers at all Stations are alert for any information on POW/MIA's.

III. What are the roadblocks to resolving this issue? How can these barriers be eliminated?

The primary roadblock to resolving this issue continues to be the uncooperative attitude of the governments of Vietnam and Laos. They claim they have no POW's and are searching for MIA's.

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Repeated requests over the years by the U.S. Government for more information or entry into these countries of investigative teams have been stalled. Continued diplomatic efforts combined with intelligence community efforts to obtain positive information appear to be the best available course of action at this time.

Unfortunately, another and serious roadblock to obtaining positive information on the subject is the publicity given to leaks of confidential activities, and publicity given to the wild and inaccurate stories of various adventurers. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) As a result of publicity, many Lao and Vietnamese believe that claiming to possess information on POW/MIA's is a way to ensure entry to the Unted States, various Indochinese resistance groups view it as a method of obtaining covert U.S. Government financial and military support, and professional fabricators see it as a way of obtaining funds. The continued visits to Thailand of various soldiers of fortune working on their own or on behalf of private groups serves to additionally confuse the issue. Considerable intelligence community time and effort is wasted on the stories of fabricators and soldiers of fortune. Also, the actions of adventurers and inaccurate publicity has undoubtedly caused the Vietnamese and Lao to tighten security and to become more intransigent in their attitude towards our diplomatic efforts.

IV. Has the United States intelligence community achieved smooth cooperation among its members on this issue?

We believe there is good cooperation among the members of the intelligence community both at the Headquarters level and in the field. DIA is recognized as the focal point for all POW/MIA information and CIA passes all information obtained on the subject to DIA. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) [redacted] We believe DIA is doing an excellent job in this difficult activity and will continue to cooperate fully.

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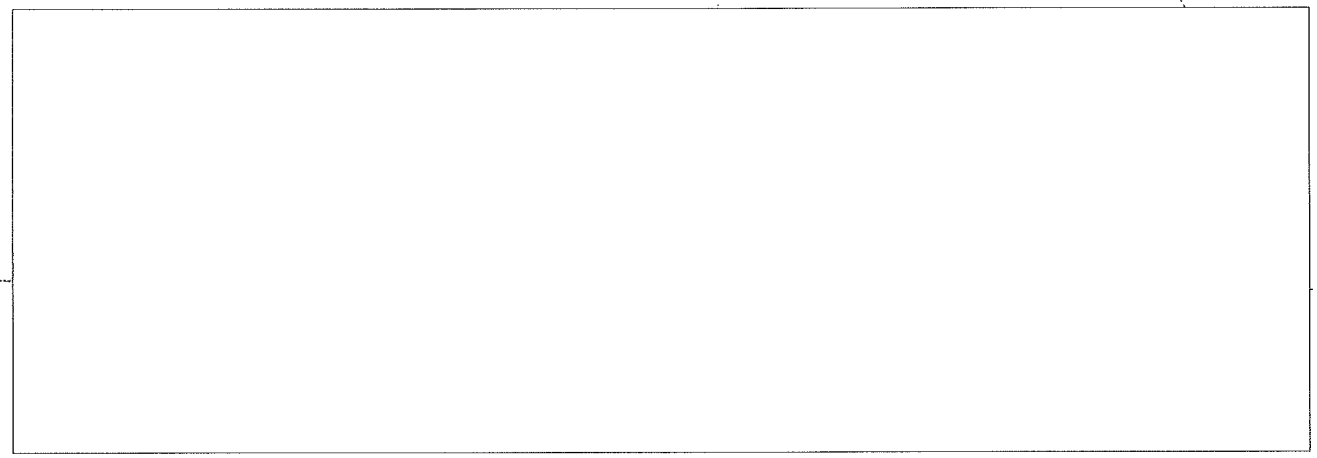

VI. What more can the United States Government do to assist the intelligence community on this issue?

Sufficient support and cooperation is being provided at this time. We know that if additional resources are necessary that the administration will be responsive to any requests. The problem is not one of resources or even intelligence, especially in the case of alleged POW's. It has not been demonstrated, at least on the basis of the considerable available information, that additional collection resources would lead to a definitive resolution of this issue. Sufficient assets are in place and a large volume of information is continually being screened and checked. To date, information indicating locations of POW's and MIA's in Laos or Vietnam has not proved credible. We and DIA have gone to considerable lengths to check out the more promising leads.

VII. What more can the United States intelligence community do on this issue?

The intelligence community continues to be alert and receptive to any information concerning POW/MIA's. We will actively and aggressively continue to search for, and follow up on new sources of information.

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SUBJECT: Missing in Action Case - Processing Statistics

Documents Processed or in Process

CIA	23,047
Army (Referral)	866
Air Force (Referral)	1,295
Navy (Referral)	664
Defence Intelligence Agency (Referral)	1,658
State Department	2,873
POW Letters	10,379
Total	40,782
No Pertinent Documents Reviewed	25,600
Total	66,382

Estimated Manhours/Cost to Date

Overtime	15,600 hours @ $11.25	$175,500
Regular Time	1,000 hours @ $ 9.37	9,370
Copy Cost	406,000 sheets @ 5.00	20,300
Computer Cost		81,564
	TOTAL	$286,734

Estimated Manhours/Cost to Completion

Overtime	6,000 hours @ $15.99	$ 95,940
Regular Time	6,500 hours @ $25.00*	$ 162,500
	TOTAL	$258,440
Copy Cost	300,000 copies @ .05	15,000
Computer Cost		5,000
	TOTAL	$278,440

Total Estimated Cost to Completion $565,174

Please note that these are estimated figures in many instances. When all factors are considered, such as assistance from other offices in servicing document requests and overhead, these figures represent our minimun cost.

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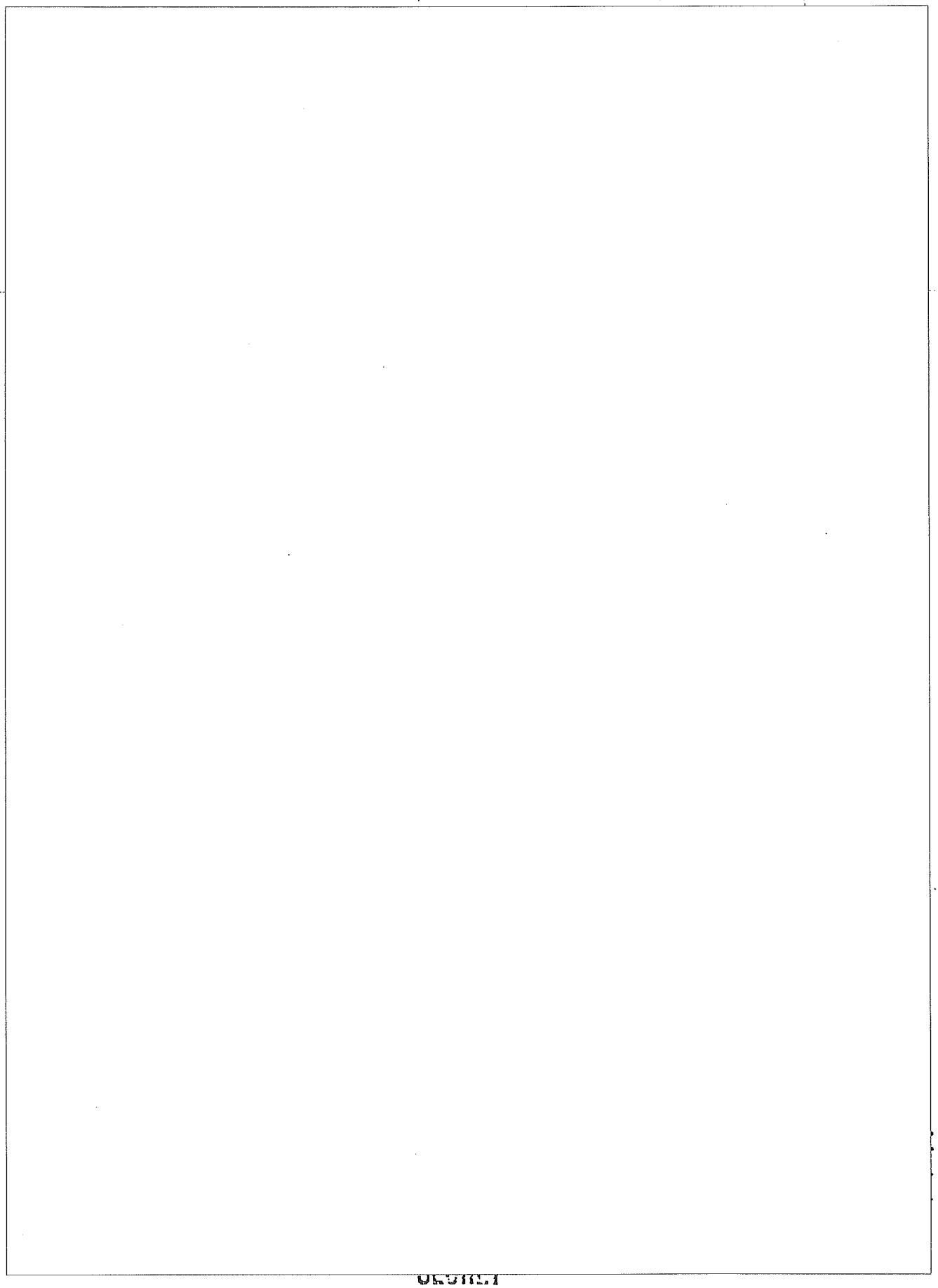

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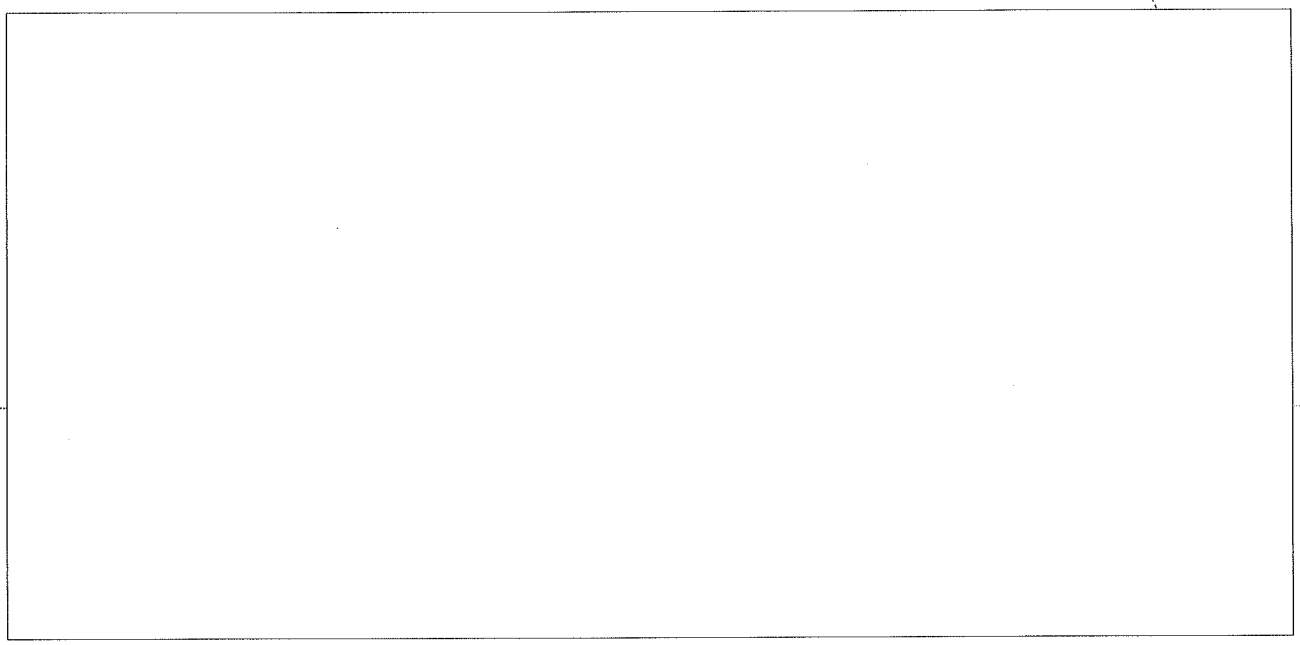

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Congressional Testimony Concerning POW/MIA's

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Acting Chief, East Asia Division	1438	DATE 3 December 1981

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1.	3/12	3/12		Attached are East Asia Division's comments on the POW/MIA questions raised by Representative Dornan.
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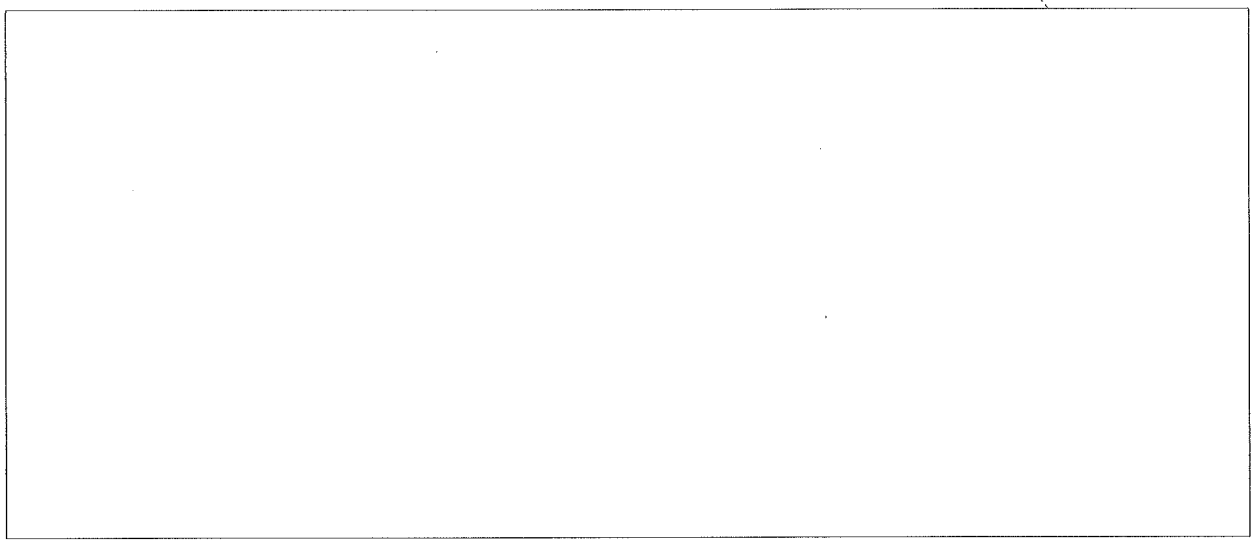

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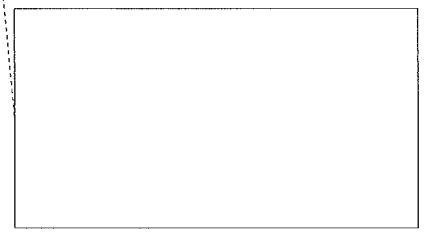

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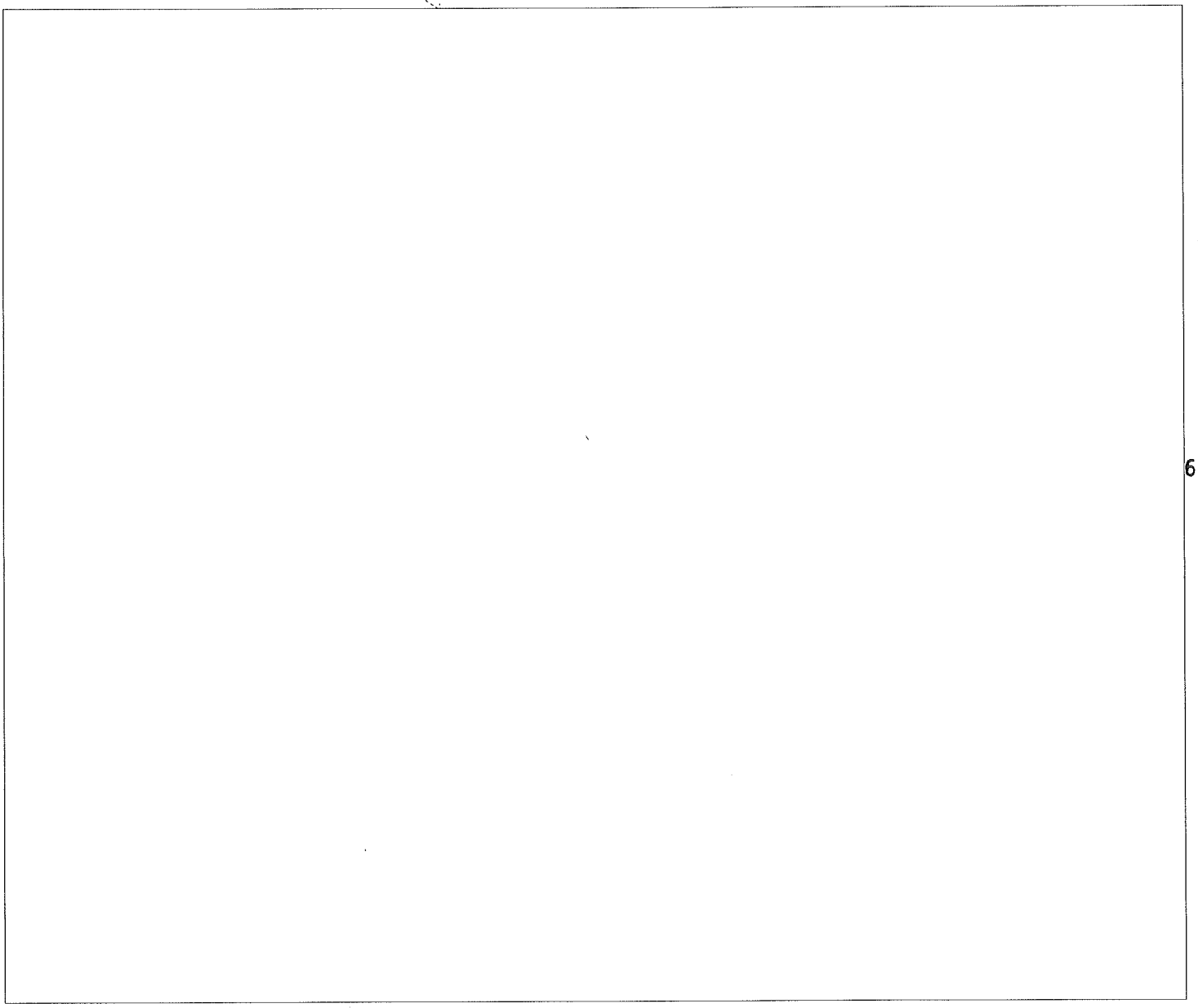

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Director, Office of Imagery Collection & Exploitation

FROM: [redacted] (b)(3)
Director, Office of SIGINT Collection (b)(6)

SUBJECT: POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

REFERENCE: DD/ICS Note, Same Subject dated 27 Nov 1981

1. In response to the above reference the following information is provided.

a. SIGINT collection requirements levied against the POW/MIA problem.

Currently there are three active requirements in the National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL) which request information on POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. [redacted] (b)(3)

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b. Evaluation of SIGINT Efforts.

The following evaluation of the results of NSA's SIGINT efforts to date was provided by [redacted], Chief, B5 NSA. B5 is the focal point in NSA for all actions connected with the Southeast Asia POW/MIA issue. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(1) To date there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of unaccounted for U.S. POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. NSA, however, continues to task available collection resources against NSRL requirements concerning POW/MIA information.

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2. The DDCI in his previous capacity as DIRNSA was aware of all NSA initiatives with regard to U.S. POW/MIAs. NSA B5 is not optimistic that SIGINT will be able to contribute information on this issue. (SCCO)

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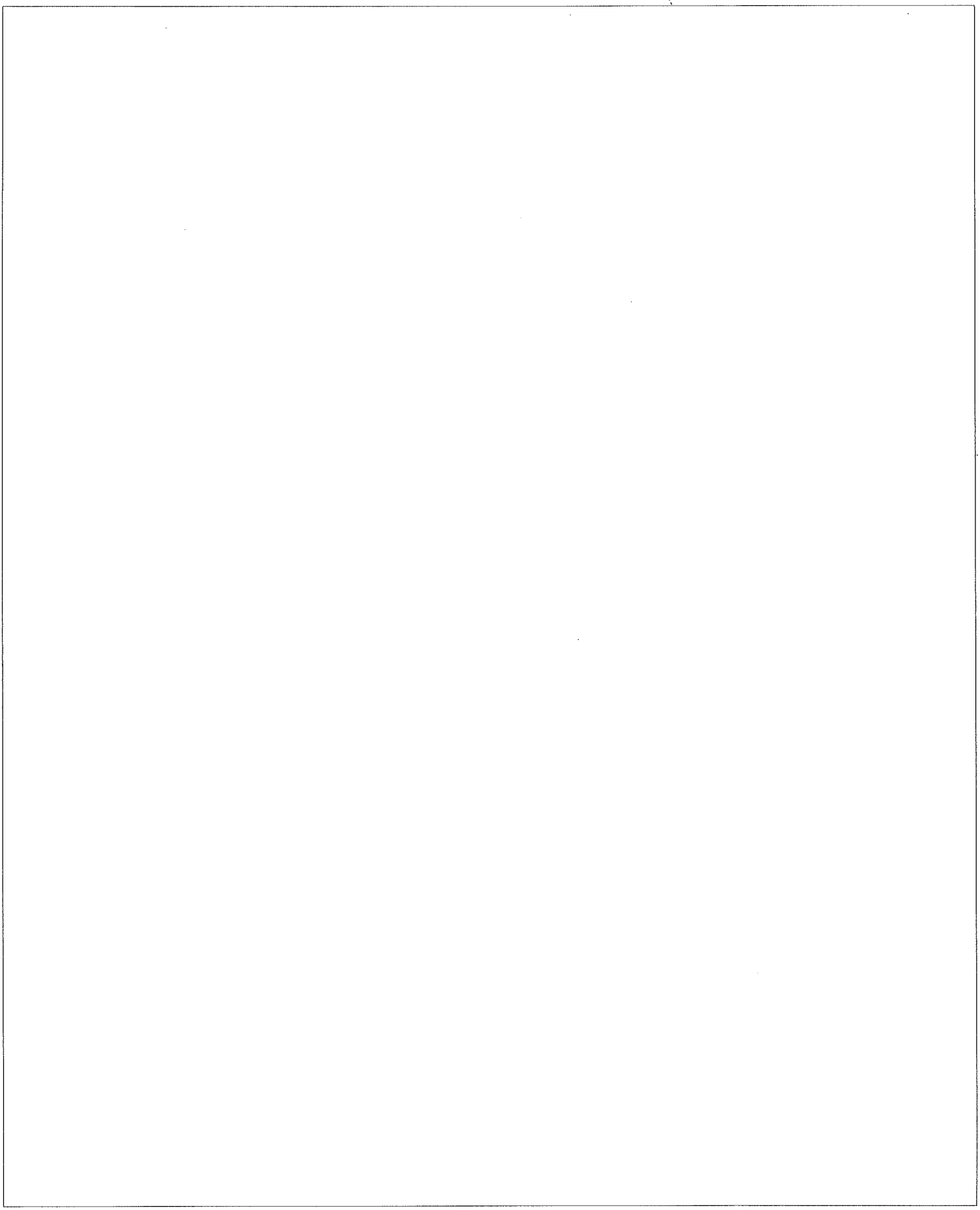

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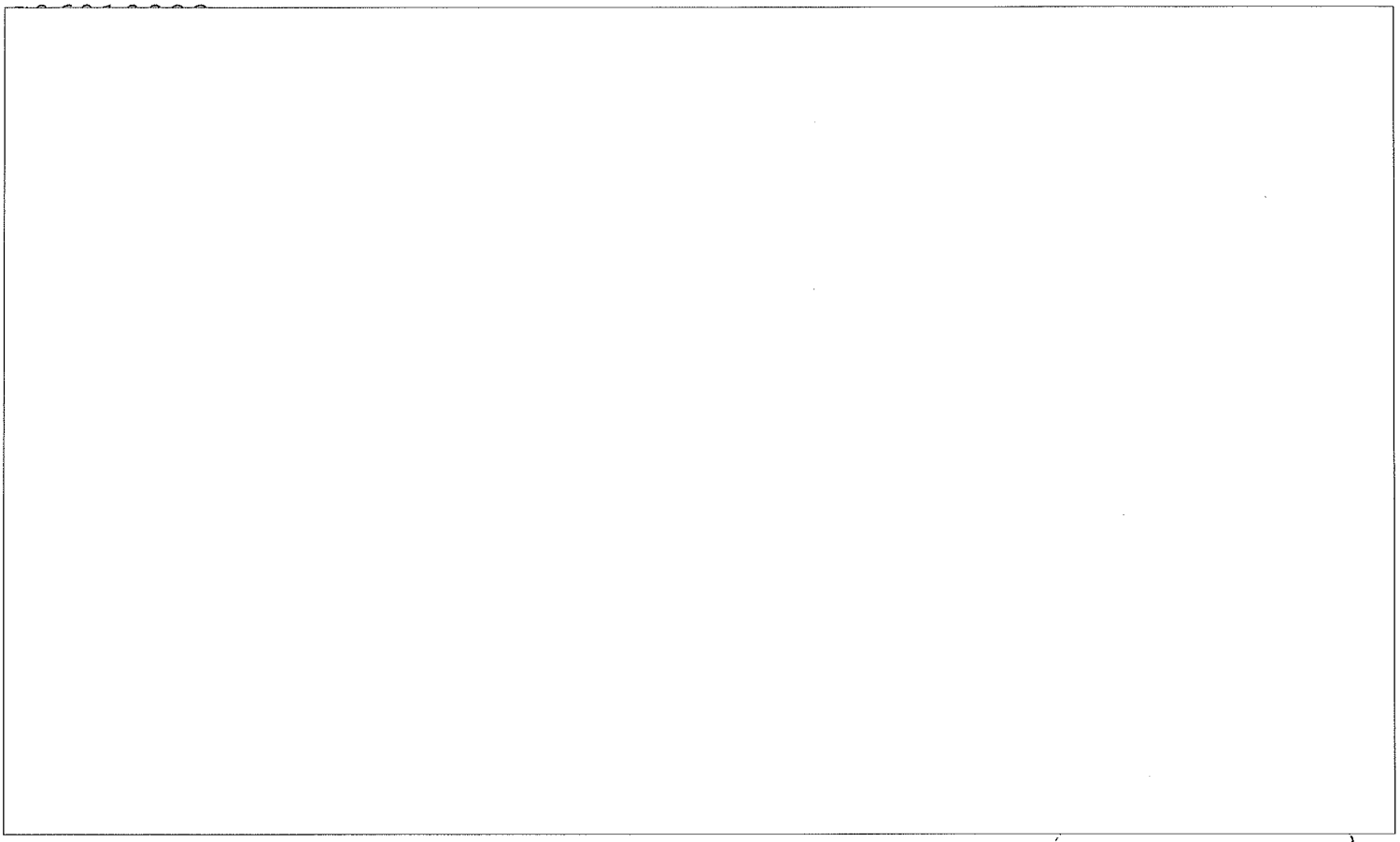

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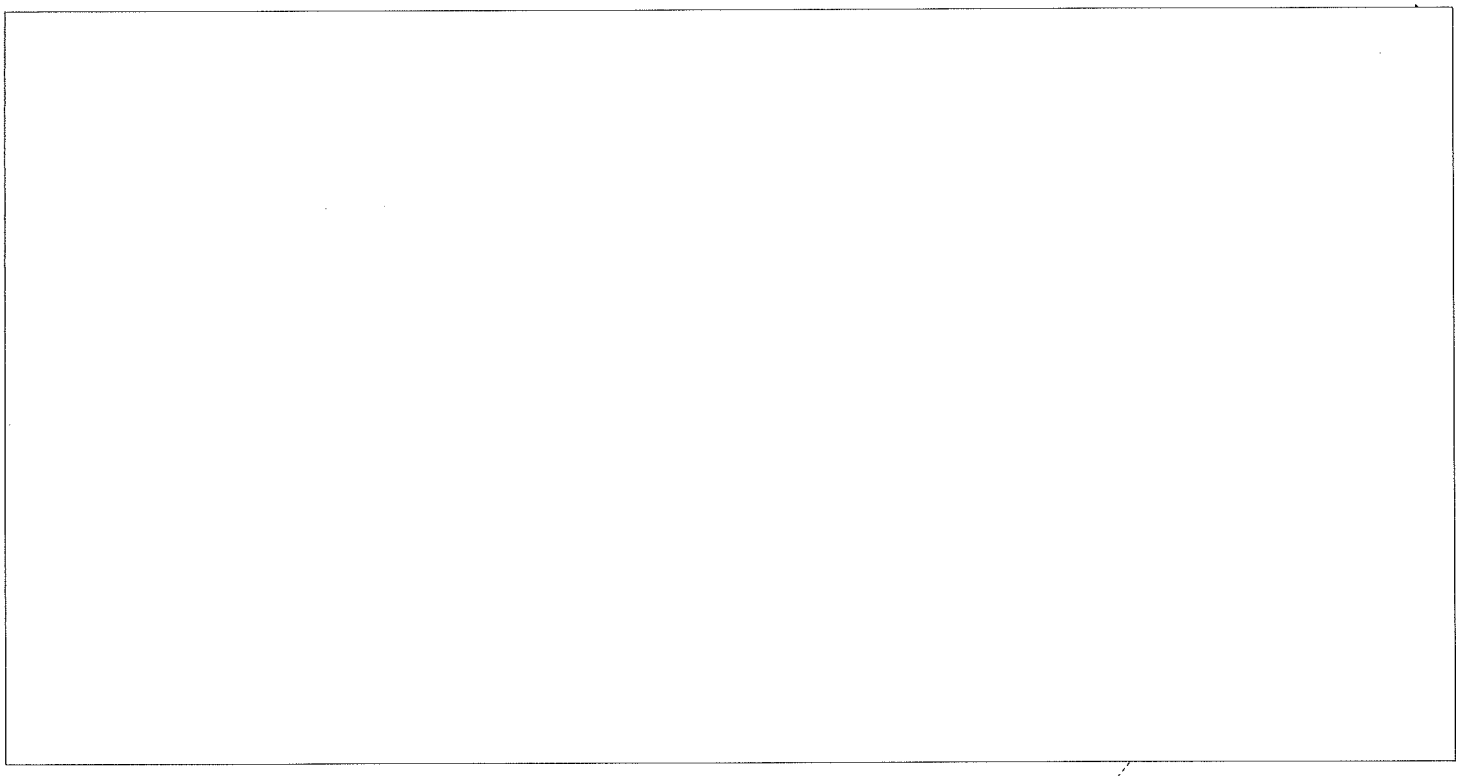

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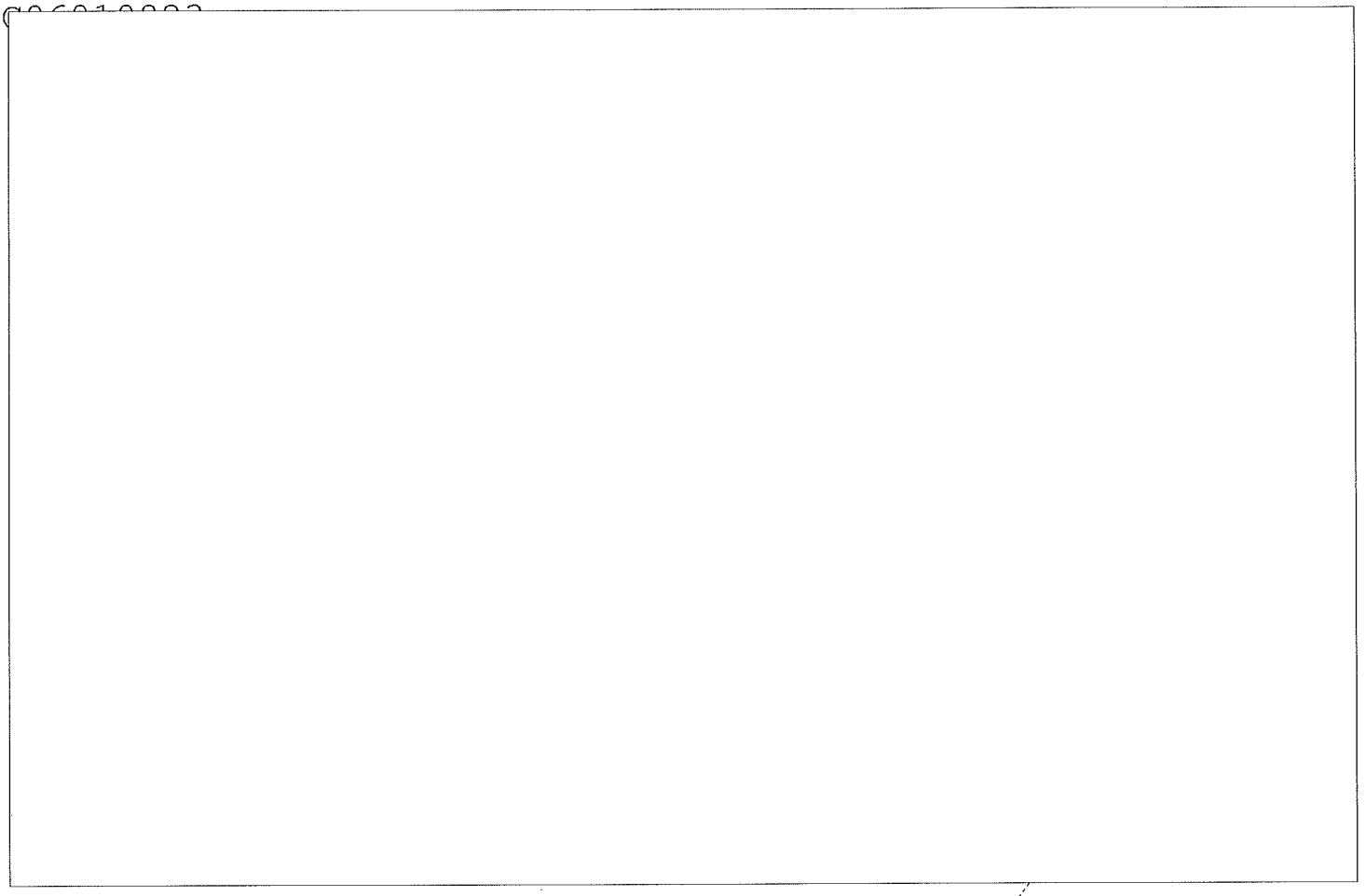

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MEMORANDUM TO: [redacted] (b)(3)(c)
Director, Office of Imagery, Collection and Exploitation

FROM: [redacted]
Director, Office of HUMINT Collection

SUBJECT: HUMINT Collection on the POW/MIA Problem in Southeast Asia

1. National concerns and priorities regarding POW/MIAs are reflected in the National HUMINT Collection Plan #34 on Indochina, issued in March 1981. HUMINT collection responsibilities for objectives on the subject as it relates to Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos are assigned to State (advisory), the CIA's clandestine service and DIA, with supporting responsibilities for the military services, DCD and FBIS. ~~(S)~~

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3. [redacted] although queried, have no knowledge of this subject. As a result, the reporting on POW/MIAs from debriefings is meager. In the case of DoD, the debriefing and reporting is done by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, whose entre to refugee camps is on humanitarian grounds. FBIS gives the subject a very high priority; however, reporting has been limited to material from the Vietnamese media, almost all of which is general and reactive to U.S. commentary. ~~(S)~~

4. In sum, HUMINT collection managers and field entities are fully aware of the importance of the POW/MIA issue and are attempting to improve collection. Collection opportunities, however, have been scarce. ~~(C)~~

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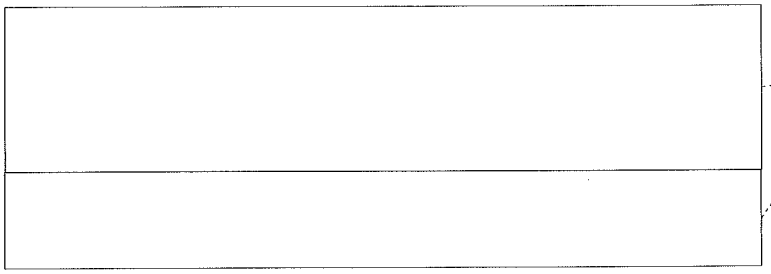

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EAST ASIA DIVISION COMMENTS

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I. What is the priority of the POW/MIA issue at CIA?

No CIA Station is tasked in its OD with action on the MIA/POW issue. [redacted] this issue receives as much and sometimes even more attention than other priority objectives [redacted]

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When any believable information on POW/MIA's is obtained in the field, the highest priority is assigned to its verification.

II. What are the resources being assigned to this problem within CIA?

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At CIA Headquarters there is no DDO officer who has been specifically assigned to the POW/MIA problem. [redacted] handle POW/MIA activities as required and in addition to their regular duties. [redacted] devotes the most time to POW/MIA activities.

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[redacted] the highest priority to obtaining information on POW/MIA's. As mentioned above, officers at all Stations are alert for any information on POW/MIA's.

III. What are the roadblocks to resolving this issue? How can these barriers be eliminated?

The primary roadblock to resolving this issue continues to be the uncooperative attitude of the governments of Vietnam and Laos. They claim they have no POW's and are searching for MIA's.

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Repeated requests over the years by the U.S. Government for more information or entry into these countries of investigative teams have been stalled. Continued diplomatic efforts combined with intelligence community efforts to obtain positive information appear to be the best available course of action at this time.

Unfortunately, another and serious roadblock to obtaining positive information on the subject is the publicity given to leaks of confidential activities, and publicity given to the wild and inaccurate stories of various adventurers.

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As a result of publicity, many Lao and Vietnamese believe that claiming to possess information on POW/MIA's is a way to ensure entry to the United States, various Indochinese resistance groups view it as a method of obtaining covert U.S. Government financial and military support, and professional fabricators see it as a way of obtaining funds. The continued visits to Thailand of various soldiers of fortune working on their own or on behalf of private groups serves to additionally confuse the issue. Considerable intelligence community time and effort is wasted on the stories of fabricators and soldiers of fortune. Also, the actions of adventurers and inaccurate publicity has undoubtedly caused the Vietnamese and Lao to tighten security and to become more intransigent in their attitude towards our diplomatic efforts.

IV. Has the United States intelligence community achieved smooth cooperation among its members on this issue?

We believe there is good cooperation among the members of the intelligence community both at the Headquarters level and in the field. DIA is recognized as the focal point for all POW/MIA information and CIA passes all information obtained on the subject to DIA.

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We believe DIA is doing an excellent job in this difficult activity and will continue to cooperate fully.

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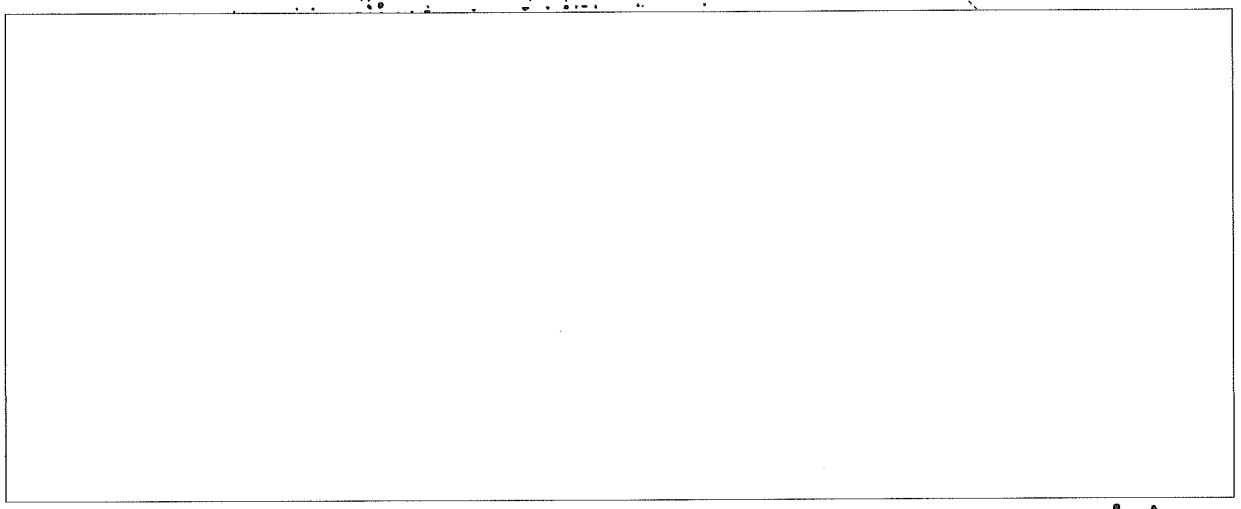
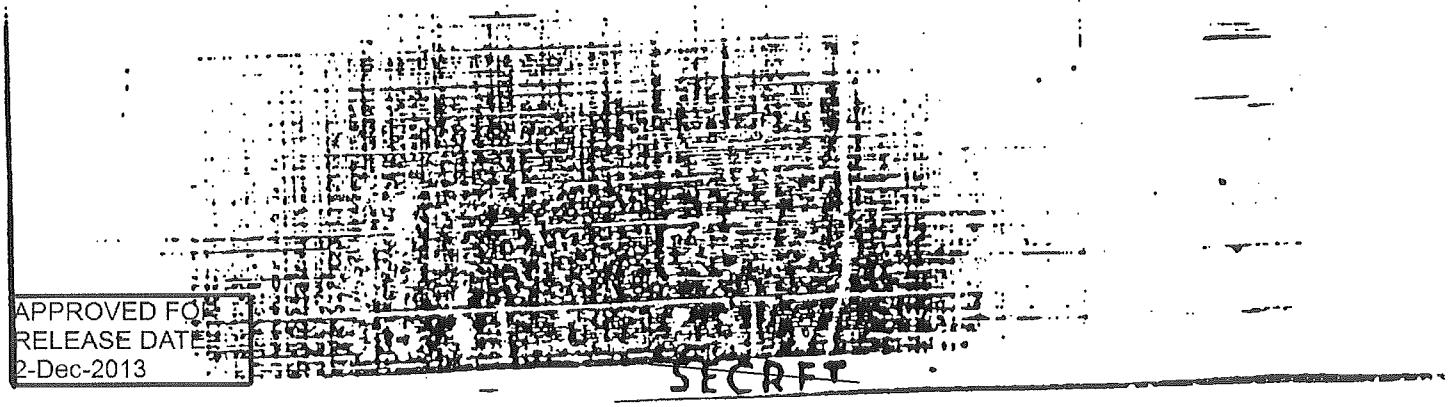


VI. What more can the United States Government do to assist the intelligence community on this issue?

Sufficient support and cooperation is being provided at this time. We know that if additional resources are necessary that the administration will be responsive to any requests. The problem is not one of resources or even intelligence, especially in the case of alleged POW's. It has not been demonstrated, at least on the basis of the considerable available information, that additional collection resources would lead to a definitive resolution of this issue. Sufficient assets are in place and a large volume of information is continually being screened and checked. To date, information indicating locations of POW's and MIA's in Laos or Vietnam has not proved credible. We and DIA have gone to considerable lengths to check out the more promising leads.

VII. What more can the United States intelligence community do on this issue?

The intelligence community continues to be alert and receptive to any information concerning POW/MIA's. We will actively and aggressively continue to search for, and follow up on new sources of information.



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Statement of

RADM E.A. Burkhalter, Jr., USN

Deputy Director

Defense Intelligence Agency

on

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Before the

Task Force on American Prisoners

and Missing in Southeast Asia

House Subcommittee

on

Asian and Pacific Affairs

December 8, 1981

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.. CHAIRMAN AND HOUSE MEMBERS:

DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN HIM OUT OF TOWN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, LIFUTENANT GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS, HAS ASKED ME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TASK FORCE TODAY AND REPRESENT THE AGENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF DIA'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO YOUR INVITATION AND COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE TASK FORCE'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD DETERMINING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONER OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION AND WHO STILL REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IS WELL RECOGNIZED BY DIA. I ALSO KNOW THAT THE TASK FORCE IS WELL AWARE OF DIA'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN THAT REGARD, I DO WANT TO REAFFIRM DIA'S FULL COOPERATION WITH YOU IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE RIGHT FROM THE START THAT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR CONTINUED INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS IS RECOGNIZED AND I ASSURE YOU THAT DIA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AS LONG AS AMERICANS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. RADM JERRY PAULSON, WITH WHOM YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IS THE ASSISTANT VICE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION MANAGEMENT AND HEADS OUR PW/MIA STAFF.

LIKE MOST MILITARY MEN, MY PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH MEN WHO ARE NOW AMONG THE MISSING HAS KEPT ME CLOSE TO THE ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS. AS PART OF DIA'S COMMAND ELEMENT I FOLLOW THIS AGENCY'S EVERY DAY EFFORTS ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH A DAILY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR. I CAN SAY WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT DIA REMAINS DEDICATED IN ITS PURSUIT AND RESEARCH OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENT FATE OF THESE MISSING AMERICANS. ASSUREDLY, THE PW/MIA FUNCTION HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STRONG COMMAND ATTENTION WITHIN DIA.

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ADD, AND REGRETTABLY SO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE DIA'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF SIX MONTHS AGO.

THERE ARE STILL 2,496 AMERICANS WHO WERE DETERMINED TO BE EITHER A PRISONER, MISSING OR KILLED (BODY NOT RECOVERED) THAT REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR. WE HAVE STRESSED IN THE PAST THAT DIA MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TERMS OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATUS. OUR GOAL IS TO RECOVER ANY AMERICAN - WHETHER LIVE OR DEAD. OUR COLLECTION AND RESEARCH EFFORTS RELATIVE TO REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REFLECT OUR DEDICATION TO THAT END.

UNDERSTANDABLY, THE REFUGEE REPORTING FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUES TO BE OUR MAJOR SOURCE OF INFORMATION. SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1975 WE HAVE ACQUIRED A TOTAL OF 1,303 REPORTS BEARING ON THE PW/MIA PROBLEM. OF THE TOTAL REPORTING, 386 FIRST HAND ARE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 33 PERCENT OF THESE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN EQUATED TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT USING A SLIGHTLY MORE LIBERAL APPROACH, THAT AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF THE SIGHTING REPORTS WOULD EQUATE TO ACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. SOME OF THE REMAINING SIGHTING REPORTS ARE FABRICATIONS AND OTHERS ARE REPORTS FROM PERHAPS WELL INTENDED BUT MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE OTHER SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH WE HAVE EXTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND OTHERS FOR WHICH OUR FOLLOW UP EFFORTS CONTINUE. DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND OUR PERSISTENT EFFORTS, WE STILL CAN NOT PROVE THAT THERE ARE ANY AMERICANS BEING DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

AS A CASE IN POINT, WE HAD HIGH HOPES FOR ONE OF OUR RECENT LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 165 MANDAYS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN HOPEFUL PURSUIT OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE SOURCE'S INFORMATION. THE INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIONS, POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYTICAL RESEARCH COVERED A PERIOD BACK TO 1954,

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INVOLVED A NUMBER OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN [illegible]

AFTER THIS THOROUGH EXAMINATION ARE WE NOW SATISFIED THAT THIS SOURCE HAS BEEN DECEPTIVE AND UNTRUTHFUL.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS DIA HAS TAKEN EVER INCREASING STEPS TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS AND CAPABILITIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. DIA'S PW/MIA STAFF IS CURRENTLY AT A MANNING LEVEL OF 15 PERSONNEL. THE STAFF HAS ADDED PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES IN VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE, AND WITH EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE BACKGROUNDS. THE EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF THE STAFF RELATIVE TO ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN BACKGROUND INCLUDING INCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE IS EXCEPTIONAL. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE REGULARLY ASSISTED IN OUR EFFORTS THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM, PHOTO INTERPRETERS, LINGUISTS, INVESTIGATORY PERSONNEL, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS ON A WORLD WIDE BASIS. NO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE IMPOSED ON RESEARCH, INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOW-UP ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S PURSUIT OF PW/MIA INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS REMAIN AUSTERE FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THIS SAME POLICY OF NO CONSTRAINTS APPLIES TO TRAVEL FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S QUICK REACTION TEAM WHICH TRAVELS WITHIN CONUS AND OVERSEAS TO INTERVIEW SOURCES OF POTENTIAL PW/MIA INFORMATION DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO OUR EFFORTS. OUR WORKING RELATION AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY IS THE COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER PERSONNEL TO OUR TASKING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO REFUGEE INTERVIEWS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING EXISTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS, DIA RECENTLY BROUGHT THE JCRC BANGKOK LIAISON OFFICER TO WASHINGTON FOR EXTENSIVE WORKING DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH DIA INITIATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR JCRC PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT PW/MIA INTERVIEWS WITH

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VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG [illegible]. THE DEBRIEFINGS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEIR PROFESSIONALISM GREATLY FACILITATES OUR ANALYTICAL EFFORTS.

DIA PROVIDES THE INTELLIGENCE UPON WHICH DECISIONMAKERS DEVELOP U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE MEMBERS OF THIS TASK FORCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON OUR CURRENT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS THROUGH INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION BRIEFINGS. WHEN OUR RESEARCH HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION TO A POINT THAT FURTHER PURSUIT WARRANTS ACTION BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OR CHARTER OF DIA THEN AT THAT POINT ACTION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THIS MANNER WOULD BE PROVIDED TO DIA FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION. I THINK IT WORTHWHILE AT THIS POINT TO NOTE AGAIN THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE, SOME OF THE INFORMATION MUST BE CLASSIFIED AND REMAIN SO IF OUR EFFORTS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ALSO TO PRECLUDE HARM TO ANY AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE HELD IN CAPTIVITY. SINCE PFC ROBERT GARWOOD, USMC, RETURNED FROM VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1979, DIA HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MARINE CORPS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING HIS CASE. ALTHOUGH RESTRAINED FROM DEBRIEFING GARWOOD DUE TO HIS COURT MARTIAL, DIA DID HAVE ACCESS TO POW/MIA INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE CORPS, AND BY THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND A PRESENT MEMBER OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE DURING 1979. THE MARINE CORPS RECENTLY ADVISED DIA THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF GARWOOD'S COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE SUCH THAT THEY HAD NO FURTHER RESERVATIONS IN REGARD TO AN INTERVIEW WITH GARWOOD. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT FROM DIA TO GARWOOD'S COUNSEL REQUESTING HIS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A GARWOOD INTERVIEW DEDICATED TO THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE OF RESOLVING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO BE [illegible] PW/MIA ISSUE. DURING PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, DIA REPORTED THAT IT HAD JUDGED AS VALID A FORMER VIETNAMESE [illegible] INFORMATION THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS IN ITS POSSESSION THE REMAINS OF SOME 400 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LOST AS A RESULT OF HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA. THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CONFRONTED THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HANOI. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE REMAINS. IN OUR TESTIMONY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE REMAINS OF THREE ADDITIONAL MISSING AMERICANS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE RETURN OF THESE REMAINS WERE WELCOMED, AND IN A LARGER SENSE, IT WAS A CYNICAL REFLECTION ON THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE. THESE REMAINS HAVE SINCE BEEN RETURNED AND IDENTIFIED AS BEING THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDER EFFORTS. IN PARTICULAR, THESE CASES WERE THREE OF FOUR INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WITH THE VIETNAMESE JUST PRIOR TO AND AT THE TIME OF THE VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE EVENT OF A SIMULTANEOUS RETURN OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR LOSS, VARIED YEARS OF LOSS, AND CONFIRMED KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING THEIR LOSS, CLEARLY SIGNALS THAT THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT JUST RECOVER THESE INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDERS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL SMALL GAINS, THE OVERALL ISSUE OF AN ACCOUNTING REMAINS VIRTUALLY UNACCOMPLISHED. RECENT PROPOSALS TO THE VIETNAMESE FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE PW/MIA MEETINGS IN HANOI THIS PAST FALL AND A RECIPROCAL PW/MIA VISIT TO HAWAII, WERE DEFERRED BY THE VIETNAMESE. A VERY RECENT PROPOSAL FOR A STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PW/MIA MISSION TO VISIT VIENTIANE WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN BY THE LAOTIANS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE

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HANOI. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS IS TYPICAL OF THEIR ATTITUDE OVER THE YEARS. THEREIN LIES THE ROADBLOCK TO ACHIEVING AN ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING.

THE EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR DIA'S EFFORTS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY THE TASK FORCE AND THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN MOST ASSURING AND THAT SUPPORT WILL BE CALLED UPON SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE. AT PRESENT IT IS FELT THAT ACTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE, COUPLED WITH THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING OF OUR MISSING MEN. FURTHER RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE RESTS WITH THE INFORMATION HELD BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND NOT IN THE INFORMATION HELD BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN SPITE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS DIA'S INTENT AND DUTY TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

DIA HAS PLACED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON INFORMATION RELATING TO AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL EFFORT TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW DIA'S RESOLVE IS UNWAVERING. LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAMS, MYSELF, RADM PAULSON AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR TASK FORCE.

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-- SIGINT - Currently, three active requirements in National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL). (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

-- To date, there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of POWs/MIAs in Southeast Asia.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, Interdepartmental Affairs Staff, OPP

SUBJECT: House Task Force Hearing on American POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia (U)

1. Attached is the material that has been provided by IC Staff and DDO for your Tuesday appearance before the House Task Force on American POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. You are scheduled to appear at 1030 in closed session. Admiral Burkhalter will speak for DIA and will be accompanied by Admiral Paulson. ~~(C)~~

2. Per your request, I asked John Koehler to provide a rundown of IC collection levied against the problem as well as an evaluation of our efforts. The bottom line appears to be that we have adequate tasking, but little success in collecting hard data. Leaks and insufficient cooperation from Vietnam and Laos are also obstacles. ~~(S)~~

3. DDO provided additional data on HUMINT efforts as well as an accounting of resources devoted to FOIA requests on the subject. You may find the latter of particular interest. ~~(S)~~

4. Please note that we do not have the latest version of Admiral Burkhalter's presentation. Koehler's people do not believe that it will change significantly, however. ~~(C)~~

5. Please let me know if there is anything else we can provide you. (U)

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4 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John E. Koehler
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT : American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia (U)

Per your request the attached data relative to the above subject in support of your testimony before the House Task Force on American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia on 8 December 1981 is provided for your information. The package consists of individual inputs from the Imagery, SIGINT and HUMINT Offices plus a compilation of talking points for your use. Also provided is a working draft of the DIA prepared testimony statement which will be presented by RADM Burkhalter. Please let me know if we can be of any further assistance in this matter. ~~(S)~~

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John E. Koehler

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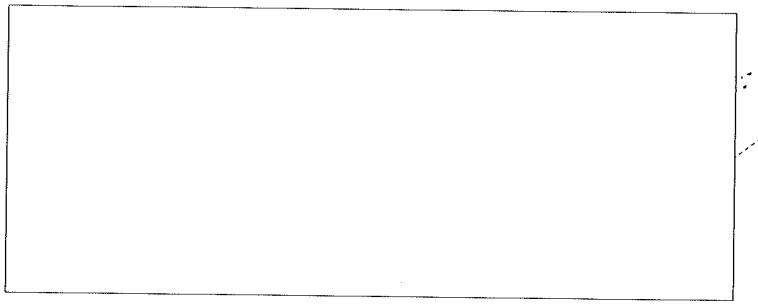

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Clinton H. Winne, Jr., USAF
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM : [redacted] (b)(3)
Director, Office of Imagery Collection and Exploitation

SUBJECT : American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

1. The following is provided in support of Admiral Inman's appearance before the House Task Force on American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia on 8 December.

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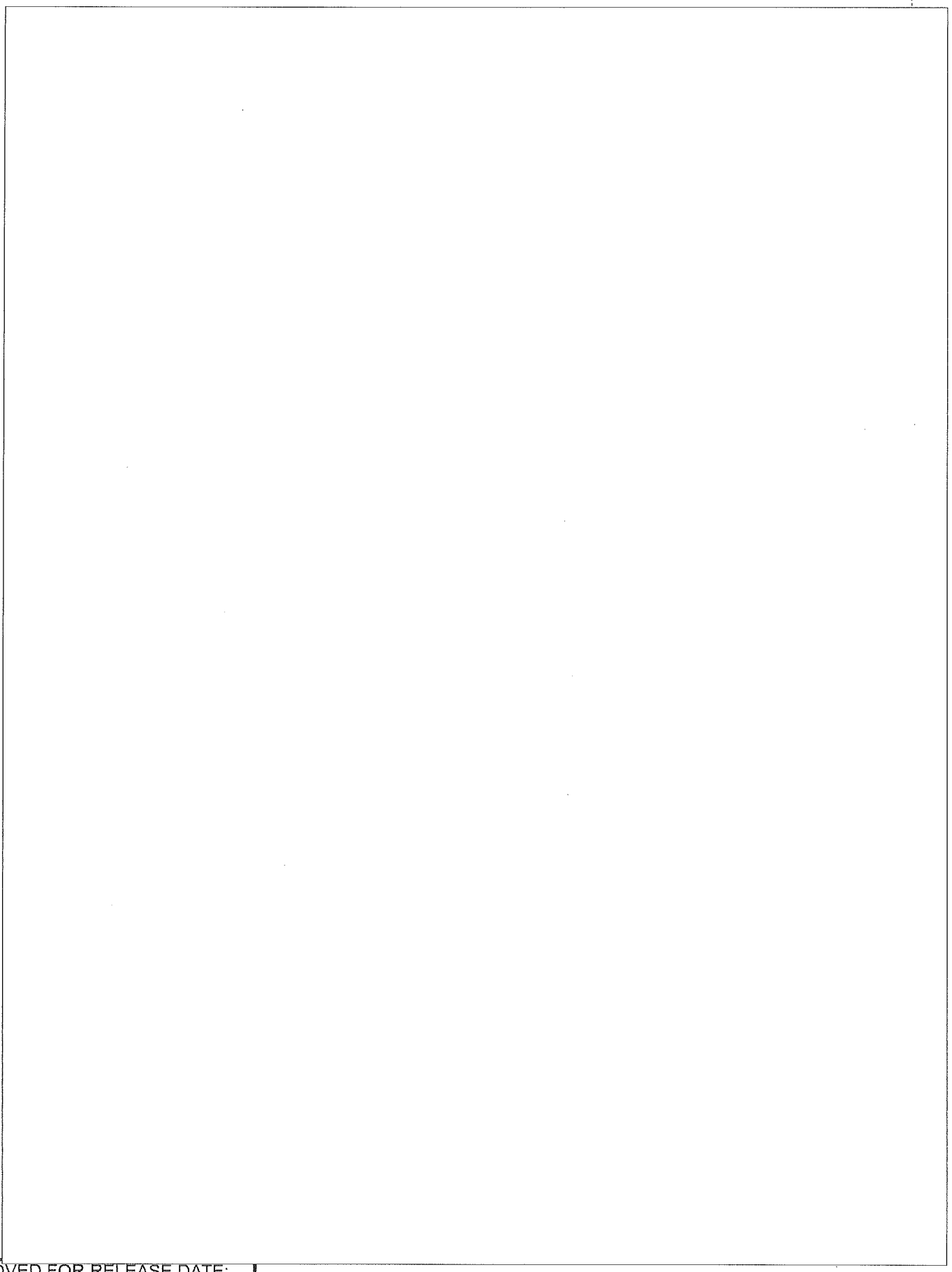

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John E. Koehler
~~Director, Intelligence Community Staff~~

SUBJECT : American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia (U)

Per your request the attached data relative to the above subject in support of your testimony before the House Task Force on American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia on 8 December 1981 is provided for your information. The package consists of individual inputs from the Imagery, SIGINT and HUMINT Offices plus a compilation of talking points for your use. Also provided is a working draft of the DIA prepared testimony statement which will be presented by RADM Burkhalter. Please let me know if we can be of any further assistance in this matter. ~~(S)~~

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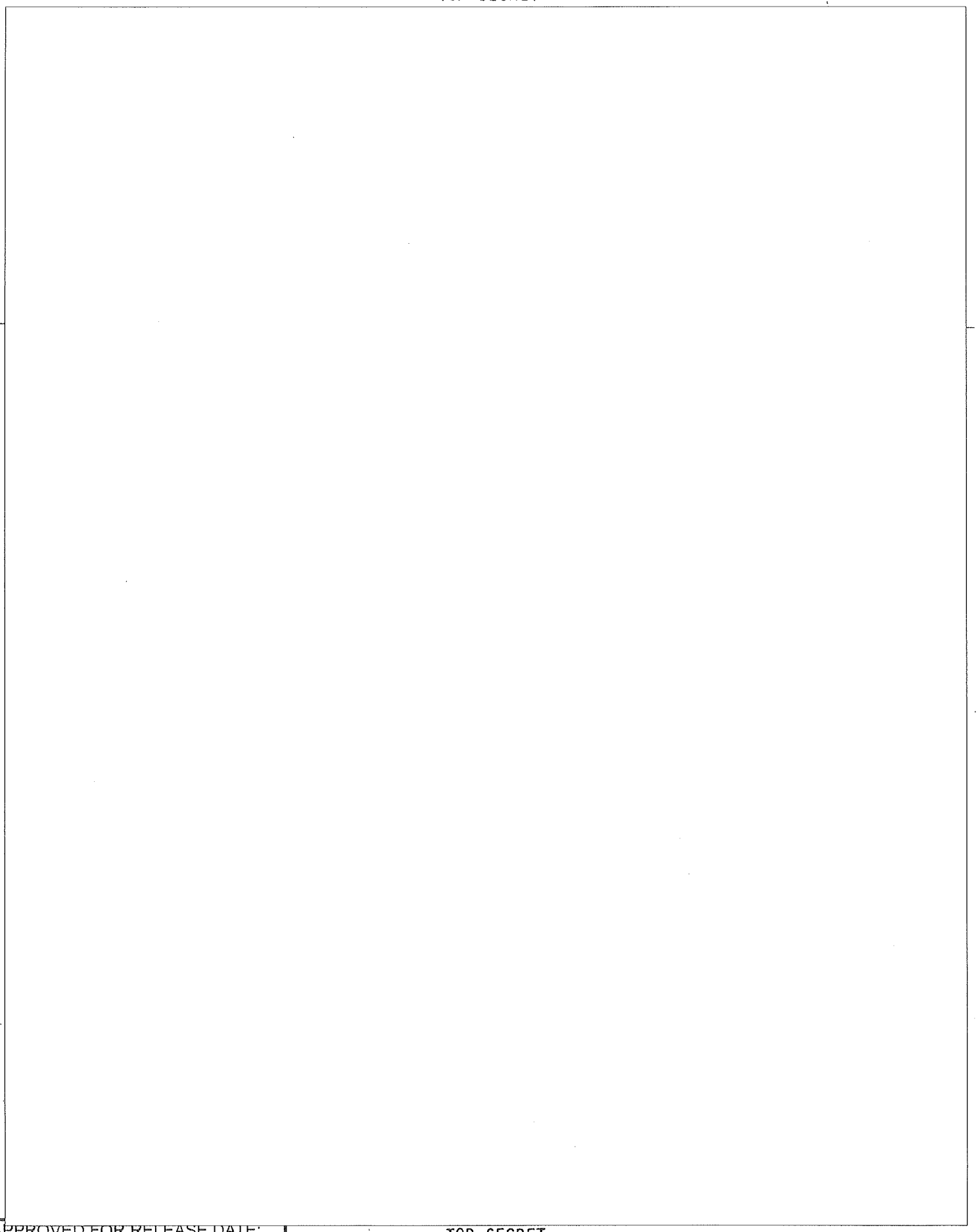

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Clinton H. Winne, Jr., USAF
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM : [redacted] (b)(3)(c)
Director, Office of Imagery Collection and Exploitation

SUBJECT : American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

1. The following is provided in support of Admiral Inman's appearance before the House Task Force on American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia on 8 December.

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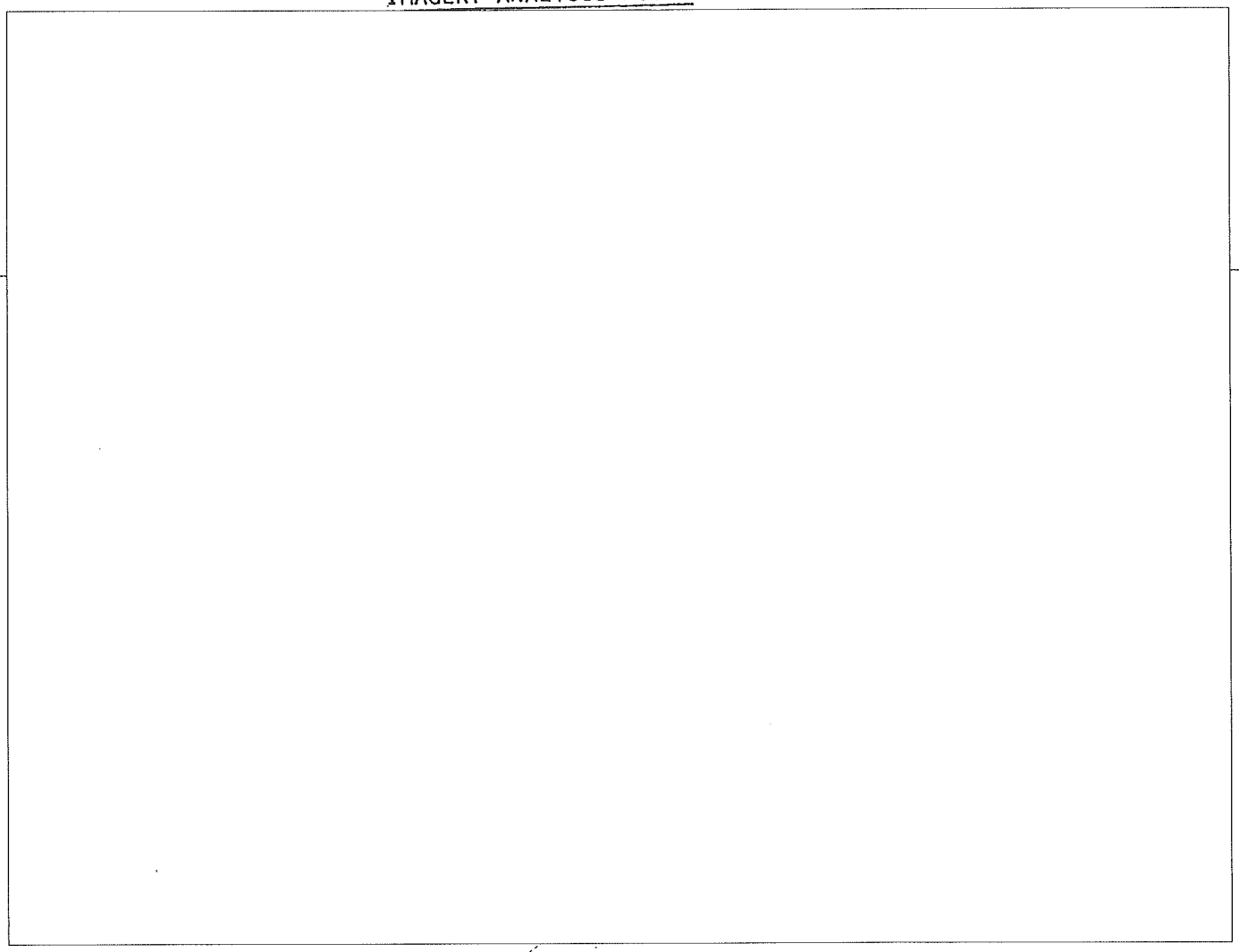

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Director, Office of Imagery Collection & Exploitation

FROM: [redacted] (b)(3)
Director, Office of SIGINT Collection

SUBJECT: POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

REFERENCE: DD/ICS Note, Same Subject dated 27 Nov 1981

1. In response to the above reference the following information is provided.

a. SIGINT collection requirements levied against the POW/MIA problem.

Currently there are three active requirements in the National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL) which request information on POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

b. Evaluation of SIGINT Efforts. (b)(3)

The following evaluation of the results of NSA's SIGINT efforts to date was provided by [redacted] Chief, B5 NSA. B5 is the focal point in NSA for all actions connected with the Southeast Asia POW/MIA issue.

(1) To date there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of unaccounted for U.S. POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. NSA, however, continues to task available collection resources against NSRL requirements concerning POW/MIA information.

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2. The DDCI in his previous capacity as DIRNSA was aware of all NSA initiatives with regard to U.S. POW/MIAs. NSA B5 is not optimistic that SIGINT will be able to contribute information on this issue. (SCCO)

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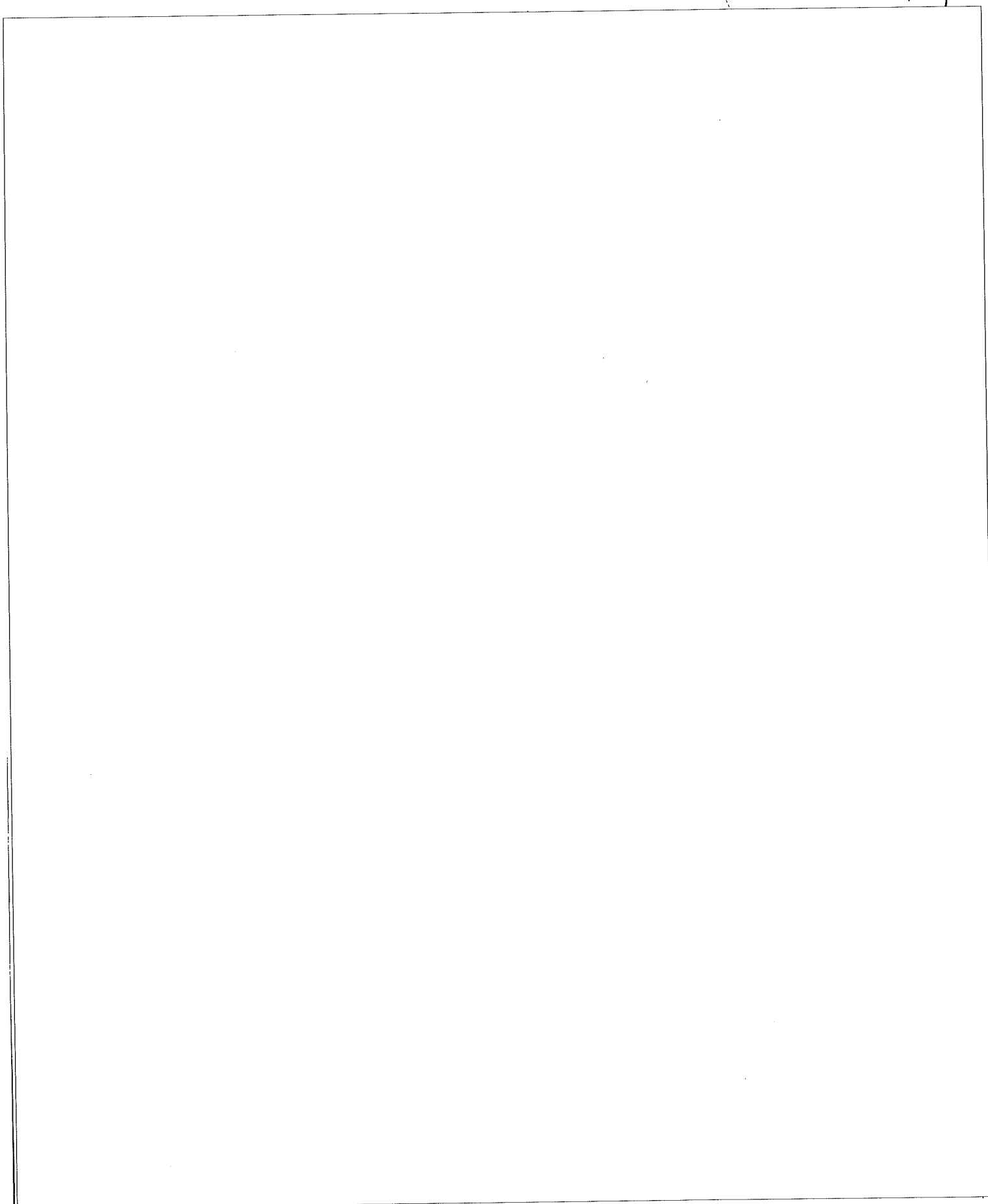

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MEMORANDUM TO: [redacted]
Director, Office of Imagery, Collection and Exploitation (b)(3)

FROM: [redacted]
Director, Office of HUMINT Collection

SUBJECT: HUMINT Collection on the POW/MIA Problem in Southeast Asia

1. National concerns and priorities regarding POW/MIAs are reflected in the National HUMINT Collection Plan #34 on Indochina, issued in March 1981. HUMINT collection responsibilities for objectives on the subject as it relates to Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos are assigned to State (advisory), the CIA's clandestine service and DIA, with supporting responsibilities for the military services, DCD and FBIS. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(3)

2. HUMINT collection which has been productive on POW/MIAs has been primarily from [redacted] from Vietnam [redacted] information in the Vietnamese media. ~~(S)~~

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3. [redacted] although queried, have no knowledge of this subject. As a result, the reporting on POW/MIAs from debriefings is meager. In the case of DoD, the debriefing and reporting is done by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, whose entre to refugee camps is on humanitarian grounds. FBIS gives the subject a very high priority; however, reporting has been limited to material from the Vietnamese media, almost all of which is general and reactive to U.S. commentary. ~~(S)~~

4. In sum, HUMINT collection managers and field entities are fully aware of the importance of the POW/MIA issue and are attempting to improve collection. Collection opportunities, however, have been scarce. ~~(C)~~

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Statement of

RADM E.A. Burkhalter, Jr., USN

Deputy Director

Defense Intelligence Agency

on

Prisoners of War and Missing in Action

Before the

Task Force on American Prisoners

and Missing in Southeast Asia

House Subcommittee

on

Asian and Pacific Affairs

December 8, 1981

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[illegible] AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES:

DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN HIM OUT OF TOWN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS, HAS ASKED ME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TASK FORCE TODAY AND REPRESENT THE AGENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF DIA'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO YOUR INVITATION AND COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE TASK FORCE'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD DETERMINING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONER OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION AND WHO STILL REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IS WELL RECOGNIZED BY DIA. I ALSO KNOW THAT THE TASK FORCE IS WELL AWARE OF DIA'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN THAT REGARD, I DO WANT TO REAFFIRM DIA'S FULL COOPERATION WITH YOU IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE RIGHT FROM THE START THAT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR CONTINUED INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS IS RECOGNIZED AND I ASSURE YOU THAT DIA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AS LONG AS AMERICANS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. RADM JERRY PAULSON, WITH WHOM YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IS THE ASSISTANT VICE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION MANAGEMENT AND HEADS OUR PW/MIA STAFF.

LIKE MOST MILITARY MEN, MY PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH MEN WHO ARE NOW AMONG THE MISSING HAS KEPT ME CLOSE TO THE ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS. AS PART OF DIA'S COMMAND ELEMENT I FOLLOW THIS AGENCY'S EVERY DAY EFFORTS ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH A DAILY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR. I CAN SAY WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT DIA REMAINS DEDICATED IN ITS PURSUIT AND RESEARCH OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENT FATE OF THESE MISSING AMERICANS. ASSUREDLY, THE PW/MIA FUNCTION HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STRONG COMMAND ATTENTION WITHIN DIA.

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ADD, AND REGRETTABLY SO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE DIA'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF SIX MONTHS AGO.

THERE ARE STILL 2,496 AMERICANS WHO WERE DETERMINED TO BE EITHER A PRISONER, MISSING OR KILLED (BODY NOT RECOVERED) THAT REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR. WE HAVE STRESSED IN THE PAST THAT DIA MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TERMS OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATUS. OUR GOAL IS TO RECOVER ANY AMERICAN - WHETHER LIVE OR DEAD. OUR COLLECTION AND RESEARCH EFFORTS RELATIVE TO REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REFLECT OUR DEDICATION TO THAT END.

UNDERSTANDABLY, THE REFUGEE REPORTING FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUES TO BE OUR MAJOR SOURCE OF INFORMATION. SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1975 WE HAVE ACQUIRED A TOTAL OF 1,303 FIRST HAND REPORTS BEARING ON THE PW/MIA PROBLEM. OF THE TOTAL REPORTING, 386 ARE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 33 PERCENT OF THESE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN EQUATED TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT USING A SLIGHTLY MORE LIBERAL APPROACH, THAT AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF THE SIGHTING REPORTS WOULD EQUATE TO ACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. SOME OF THE REMAINING SIGHTING REPORTS ARE FABRICATIONS AND OTHERS ARE REPORTS FROM PERHAPS WELL INTENDED BUT MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE OTHER SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH WE HAVE EXTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND OTHERS FOR WHICH OUR FOLLOW UP EFFORTS CONTINUE. DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND OUR PERSISTENT EFFORTS, WE STILL CAN NOT PROVE THAT THERE ARE ANY AMERICANS BEING DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

AS A CASE IN POINT, WE HAD HIGH HOPES FOR ONE OF OUR RECENT LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 165 MANDAYS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN HOPEFUL PURSUIT OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE SOURCE"S INFORMATION. THE INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIONS, POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYTICAL RESEARCH COVERED A PERIOD BACK TO 1954,

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AFTER THIS THOROUGH EXAMINATION ARE WE NOW SATISFIED THAT THIS SOURCE HAS BEEN DECEPTIVE AND UNTRUTHFUL.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS DIA HAS TAKEN EVER INCREASING STEPS TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS AND CAPABILITIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. DIA'S PW/MIA STAFF IS CURRENTLY AT A MANNING LEVEL OF 15 PERSONNEL. THE STAFF HAS ADDED PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES IN VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE, AND WITH EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE BACKGROUNDS. THE EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF THE STAFF RELATIVE TO ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN BACKGROUND INCLUDING INCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE IS EXCEPTIONAL. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE REGULARLY ASSISTED IN OUR EFFORTS THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM, PHOTO INTERPRETERS, LINGUISTS, INVESTIGATORY PERSONNEL, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS ON A WORLD WIDE BASIS. NO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE IMPOSED ON RESEARCH, INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOW-UP ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S PURSUIT OF PW/MIA INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS REMAIN AUSTERE FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THIS SAME POLICY OF NO CONSTRAINTS APPLIES TO TRAVEL FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S QUICK REACTION TEAM WHICH TRAVELS WITHIN CONUS AND OVERSEAS TO INTERVIEW SOURCES OF POTENTIAL PW/MIA INFORMATION DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO OUR EFFORTS. OUR WORKING RELATION AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY IS THE COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER PERSONNEL TO OUR TASKING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO REFUGEE INTERVIEWS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING EXISTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS, DIA RECENTLY BROUGHT THE JCRC BANGKOK LIAISON OFFICER TO WASHINGTON FOR EXTENSIVE WORKING DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH DIA INITIATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR JCRC PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT PW/MIA INTERVIEWS WITH

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[illegible] DEBRIEFINGS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEIR PROFESSIONALISM GREATLY FACILITATES OUR ANALYTICAL EFFORTS.

[illegible] THE INTELLIGENCE UPON WHICH DECISIONMAKERS DEVELOP U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE MEMBERS OF THIS TASK FORCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON OUR CURRENT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS THROUGH INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION BRIEFINGS. WHEN OUR RESEARCH HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION TO A POINT THAT FURTHER PURSUIT WARRANTS ACTION BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OR CHARTER OF DIA THEN AT THAT POINT ACTION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THIS MANNER WOULD BE PROVIDED TO DIA FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION. I THINK IT WORTHWHILE AT THIS POINT TO NOTE AGAIN THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE, SOME OF THE INFORMATION MUST BE CLASSIFIED AND REMAIN SO IF OUR EFFORTS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ALSO TO PRECLUDE HARM TO ANY AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE HELD IN CAPTIVITY.

SINCE PFC ROBERT GARWOOD, USMC, RETURNED FROM VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1979, DIA HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MARINE CORPS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING HIS CASE. ALTHOUGH RESTRAINED FROM DEBRIEFING GARWOOD DUE TO HIS COURT MARTIAL, DIA DID HAVE ACCESS TO PW/MIA INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE CORPS, AND BY THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND A PRESENT MEMBER OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE DURING 1979. THE MARINE CORPS RECENTLY ADVISED DIA THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF GARWOOD'S COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE SUCH THAT THEY HAD NO FURTHER RESERVATIONS IN REGARD TO AN INTERVIEW WITH GARWOOD. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT FROM DIA TO GARWOOD'S COUNSEL REQUESTING HIS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A GARWOOD INTERVIEW DEDICATED TO THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE OF RESOLVING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN [illegible] TO THE PW/MIA ISSUE. DURING PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, DIA REPORTED THAT IT HAD JUDGED AS VALID A FORMER VIETNAMESE [illegible]'S INFORMATION THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS IN ITS POSSESSION THE REMAINS SOME 400 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LOST AS A RESULT OF HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA. THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CONFRONTED THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HANOI. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE REMAINS. IN OUR TESTIMONY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE REMAINS OF THREE ADDITIONAL MISSING AMERICANS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE RETURN OF THESE REMAINS WERE WELCOMED, AND IN A LARGER SENSE, IT WAS A CYNICAL REFLECTION ON THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE. THESE REMAINS HAVE SINCE BEEN RETURNED AND IDENTIFIED AS BEING THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDER EFFORTS. IN PARTICULAR, THESE CASES WERE THREE OF FOUR INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WITH THE VIETNAMESE JUST PRIOR TO AND AT THE TIME OF THE VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE EVENT OF A SIMULTANEOUS RETURN OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR LOSS, VARIED YEARS OF LOSS, AND CONFIRMED KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING THEIR LOSS, CLEARLY SIGNALS THAT THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT JUST RECOVER THESE INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDERS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL SMALL GAINS, THE OVERALL ISSUE OF AN ACCOUNTING REMAINS VIRTUALLY UNACCOMPLISHED. RECENT PROPOSALS TO THE VIETNAMESE FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE PW/MIA MEETINGS IN HANOI THIS PAST FALL AND A RECIPROCAL PW/MIA VISIT TO HAWAII, WERE DEFERRED BY THE VIETNAMESE. A VERY RECENT PROPOSAL FOR A STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PW/MIA MISSION TO VISIT VIENTIANE WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN BY THE LAOTIANS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE

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...OL. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS IS TYPICAL OF THEIR ...OL OVER THE YEARS. THEREIN LIES THE ROADBLOCK TO ACHIEVING AN ...OUNTING FOR OUR MISSING.

... EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR DIA'S EFFORTS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY THE TA... FORCE AND THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN MOST ASSURING AND THAT SUPPORT WILL BE CALLED UPON SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE. AT PRESENT IT IS FELT THAT ACTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE, COUPLED WITH THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING OF OUR MISSING MEN. FURTHER RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE RESTS WITH THE INFORMATION HELD BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND NOT IN THE INFORMATION HELD BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN SPITE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS DIA'S INTENT AND DUTY TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

DIA HAS PLACED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON INFORMATION RELATING TO AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL EFFORT TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW DIA'S RESOLVE IS UNWAVERING. LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAMS, MYSELF, RADM PAULSON AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR TASK FORCE.

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-- Intelligence Community very sensitive to the importance of POW/MIA problem.

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-- SIGINT - Currently, three active requirements in National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL).

-- To date, there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of POWs/MIAs in Southeast Asia.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [redacted] (b)(3)
Deputy General Counsel

SUBJECT: MIAs

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, External Affairs

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Task Force on POW/MIAs, 8 December 1981

1. Chairman Robert K. Dornan's (R., CA) staff called the close of business yesterday to ask whether Ann Mills Griffith, leader of the POW families' organization could sit in on your briefing today. We reminded them that you had agreed to appear on the condition that it would be a closed briefing. This would mean that only Members and cleared staff would be present. The staffer said she would inform Mrs. Griffith. The question about her sitting in could come up again. DIA has no objection to her presence.

2. The following Members of the Task Force have indicated they will attend this morning's briefing: Chairman Dornan and Representatives Stephen Solarz (D., NY); Daniel Mica (D., FL); Tom Lantos (D., CA); Benjamin Gilman (R., NY); Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA); and John LeBoutillier (R., NY). Representatives Henson Moore (R., LA); C. W. Bill Young (R., FL); William Hendon (R., NC); and Bob Stump (D., AZ) have been invited and will be present also.

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24 July 1992
OCA 2461-92/1

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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An original of this letter is also being sent to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,

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Director of Congressional Affairs

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EXPLANATION OF GRAPHICS OF POSSIBLE POW/MIA SYMBOLS OR MARKINGS

The attached graphics are based on analysis of terrain and cultural features at two rice paddies and one detention camp in Laos and one prison camp in Vietnam. The black and white drawings provide a view of the paddies and facilities in question, along with the drafters' portrayal of the possible symbols or markings present at that location. The insert is a computer enhancement using color application to show variations in the appearance of possible symbols or markings. Although the 'USA' marking in the rice paddy in Laos represents a clear attempt to send a message, the originator and the intent of that message remain unknown. Other possible markings in the garden of a detention facility in Laos or the arrangement of objects on the roof of a prison camp building in Vietnam cannot be confirmed as intentional efforts to produce a symbol revealing an American POW/MIA presence.

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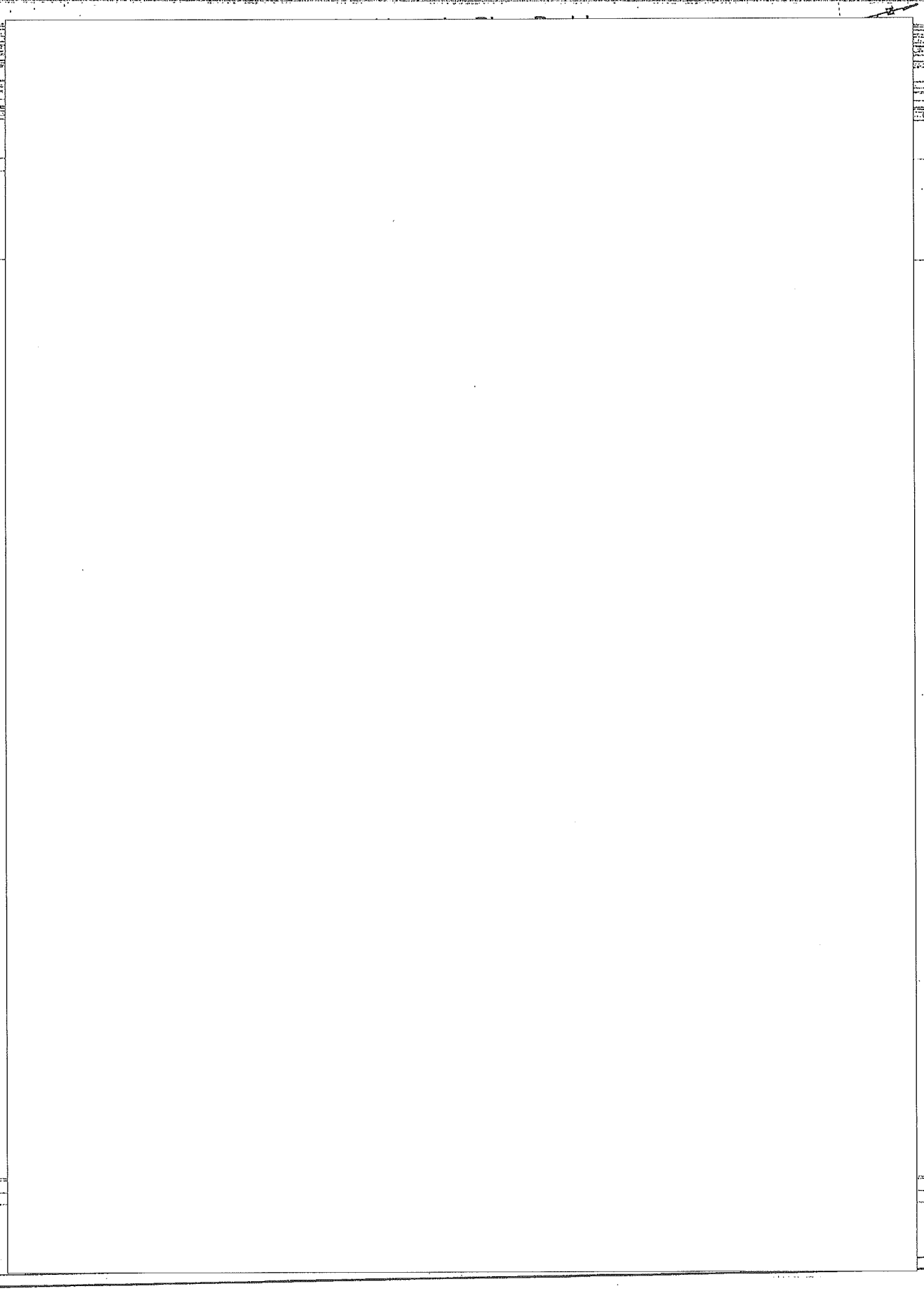

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Prison Camp
Dong Mang, Vietnam
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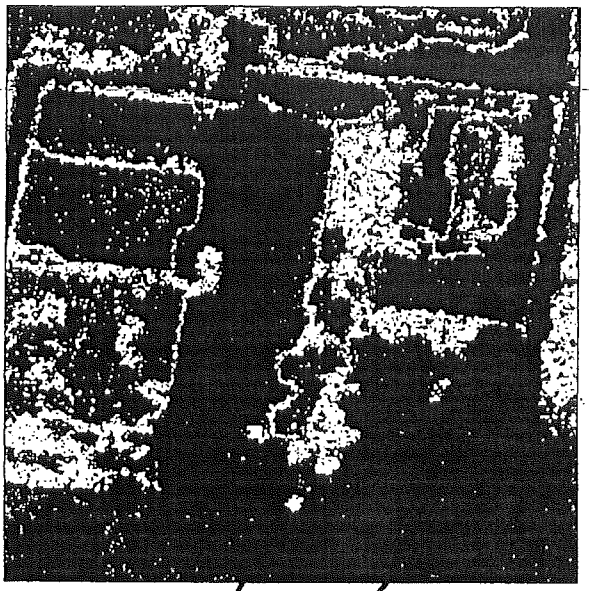

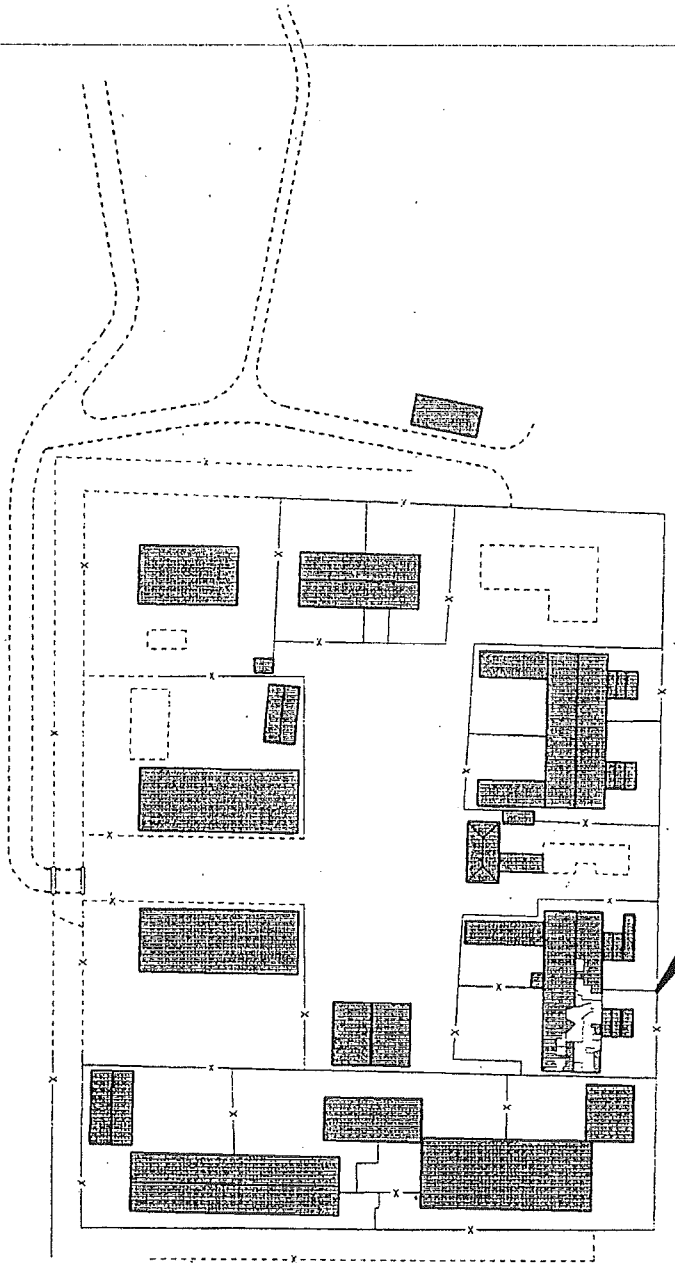

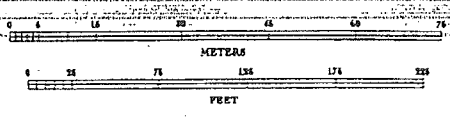

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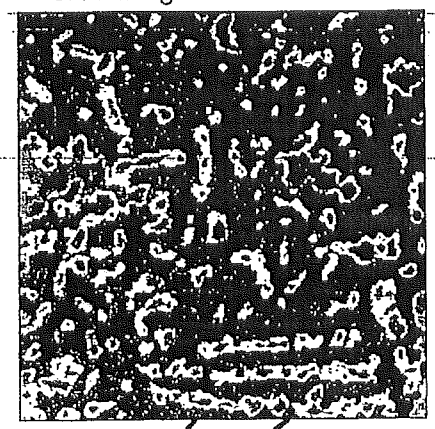

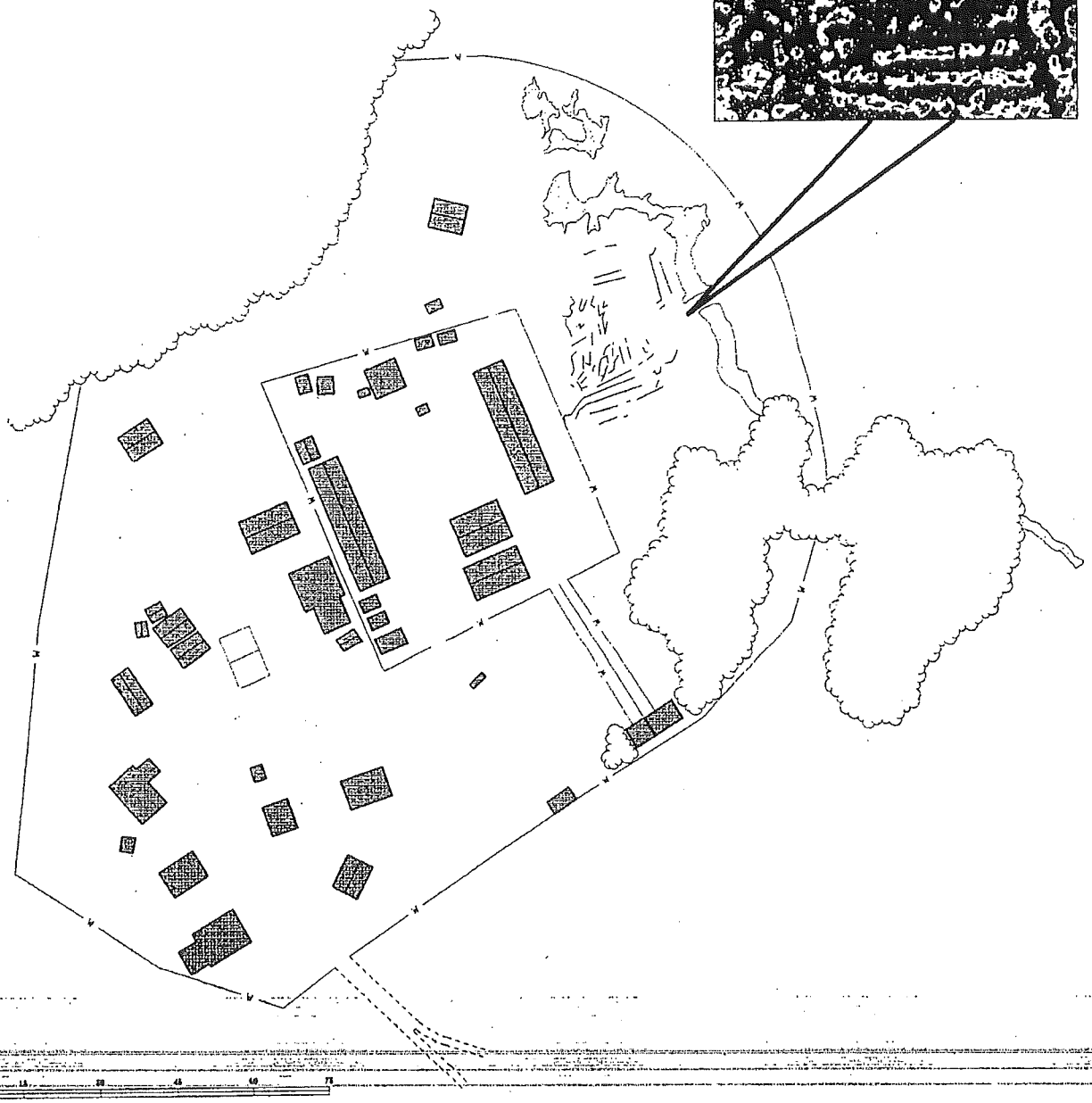

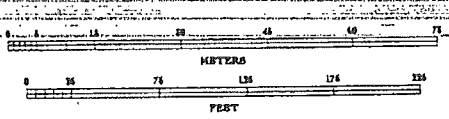

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OCA 2000-1420
2 October 2000

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Select Committee on Intelligence
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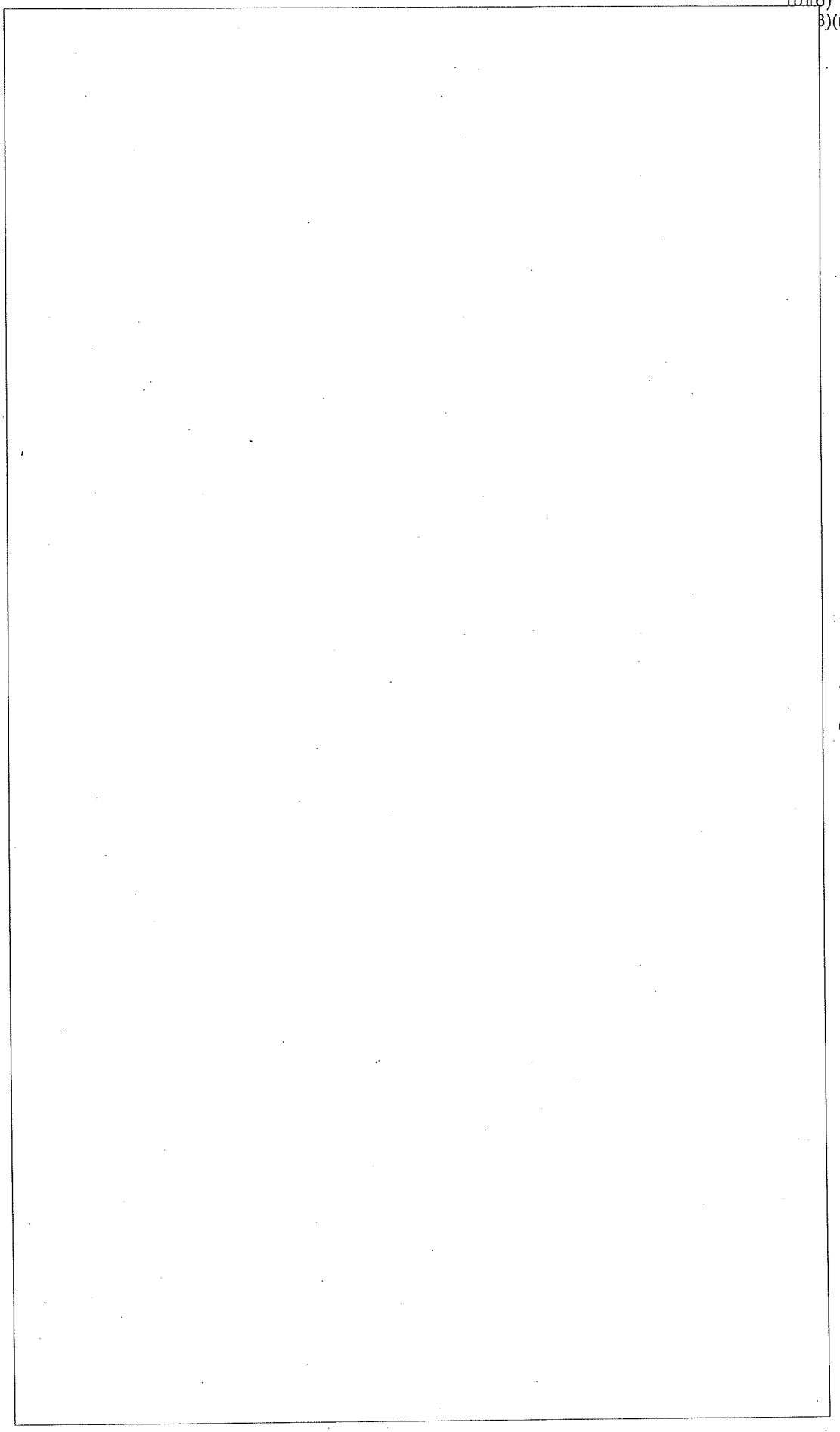

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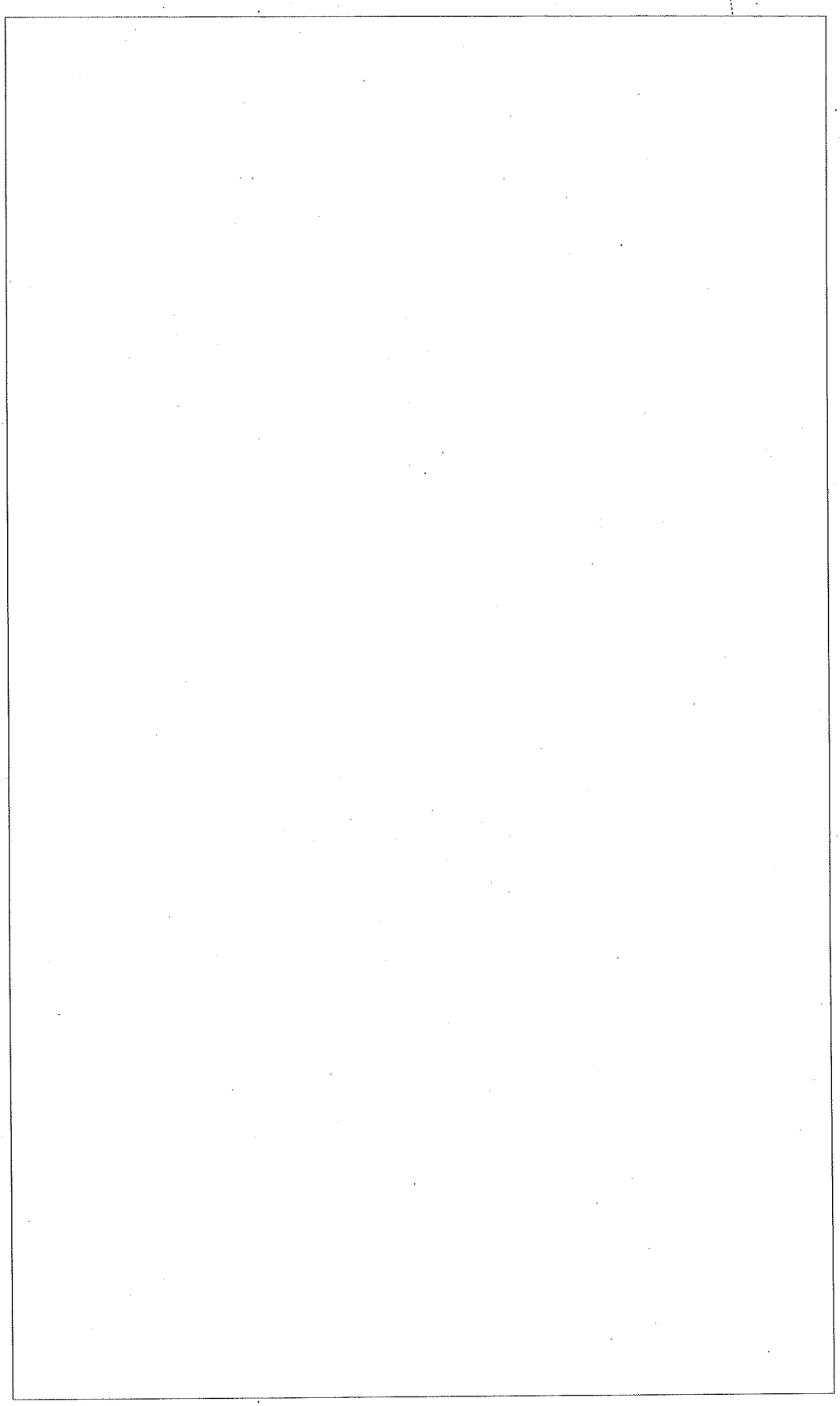

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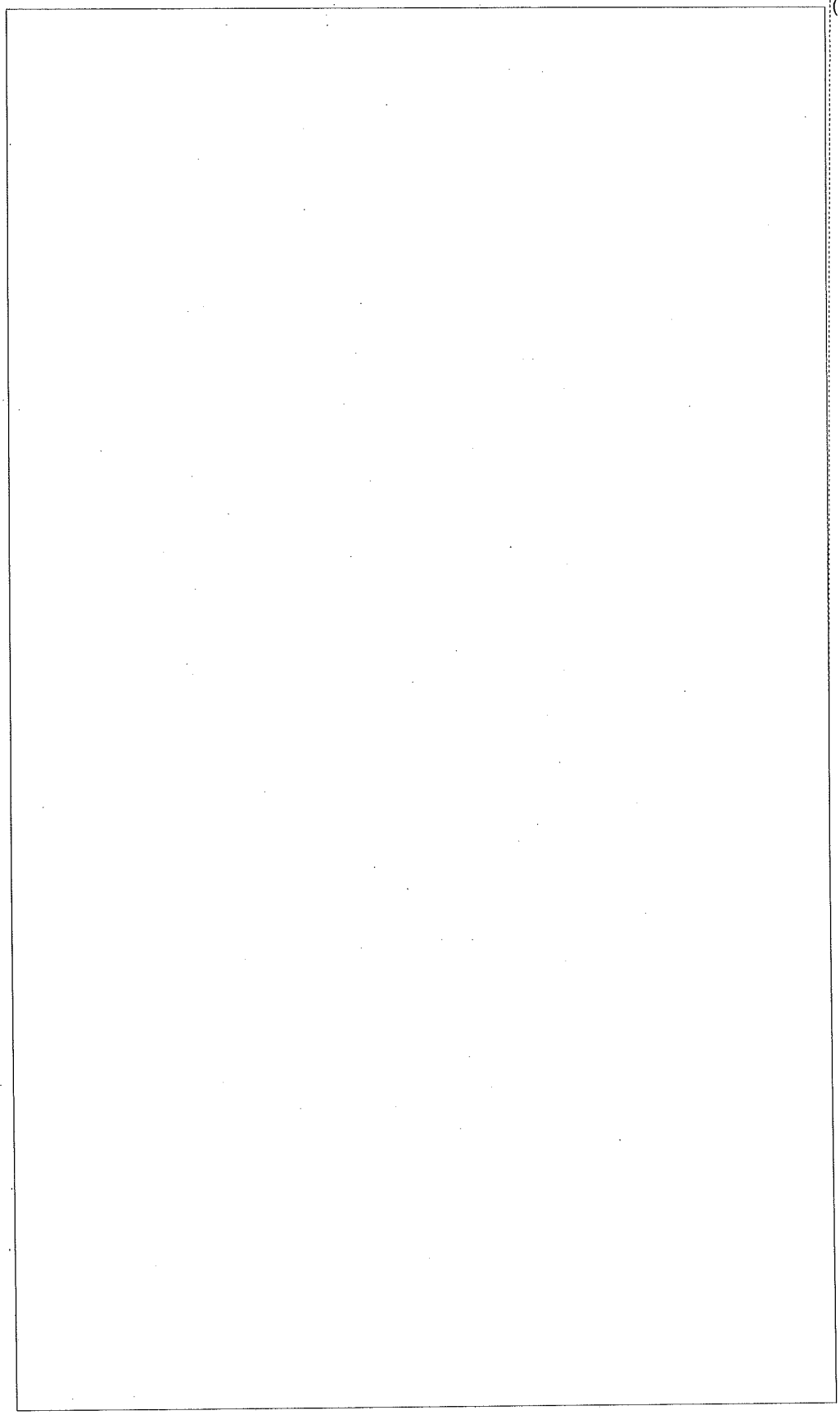

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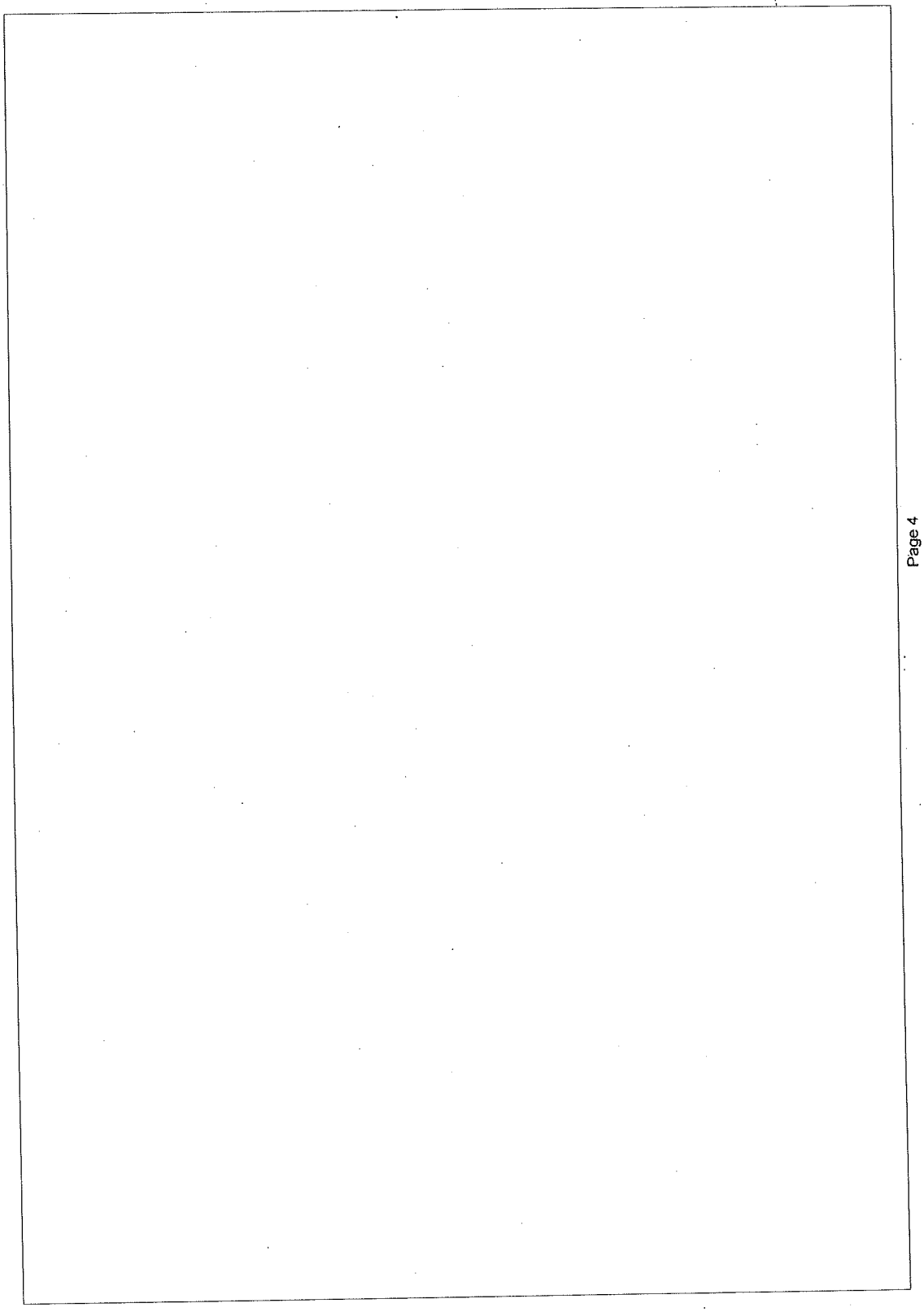

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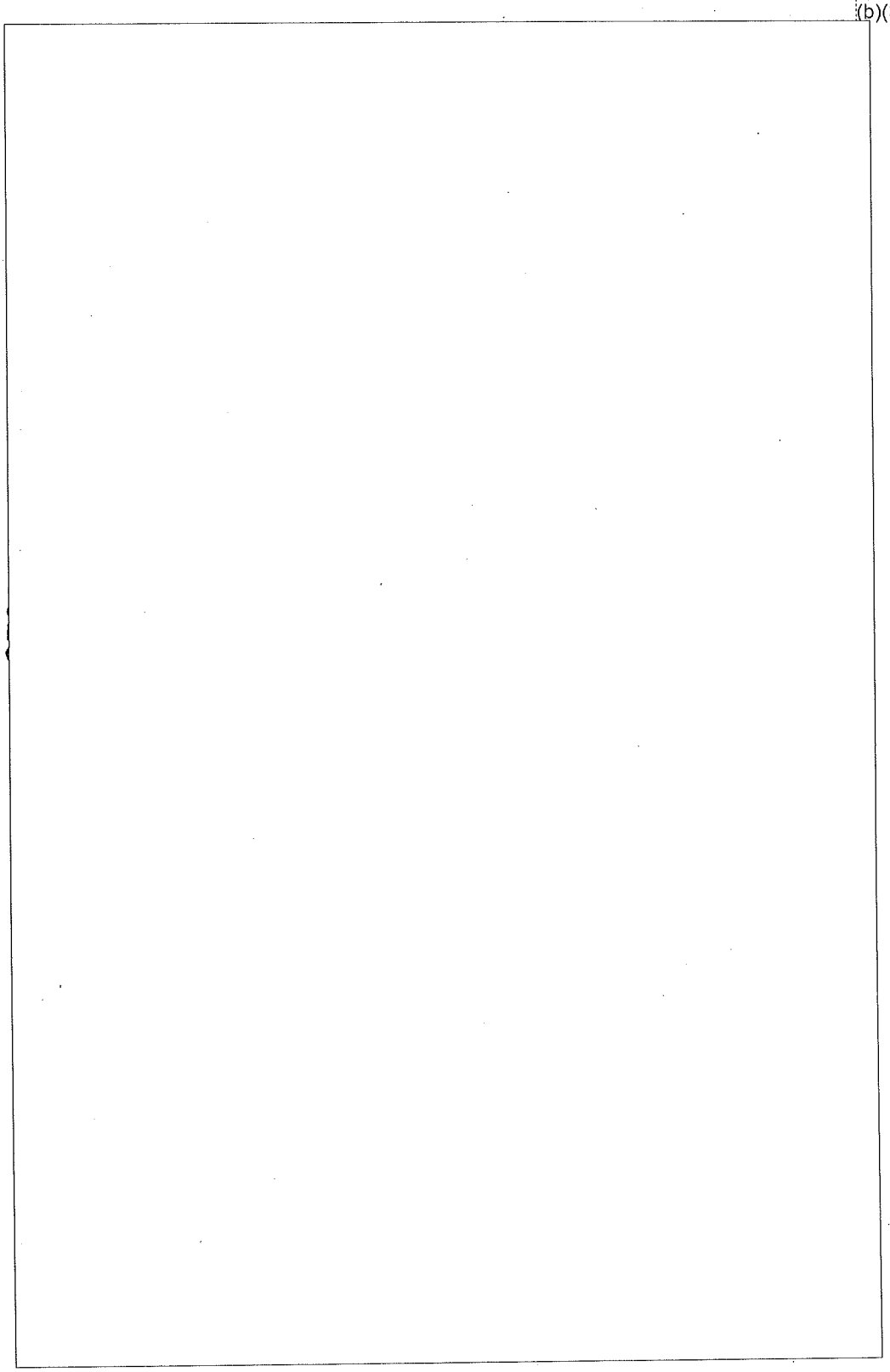

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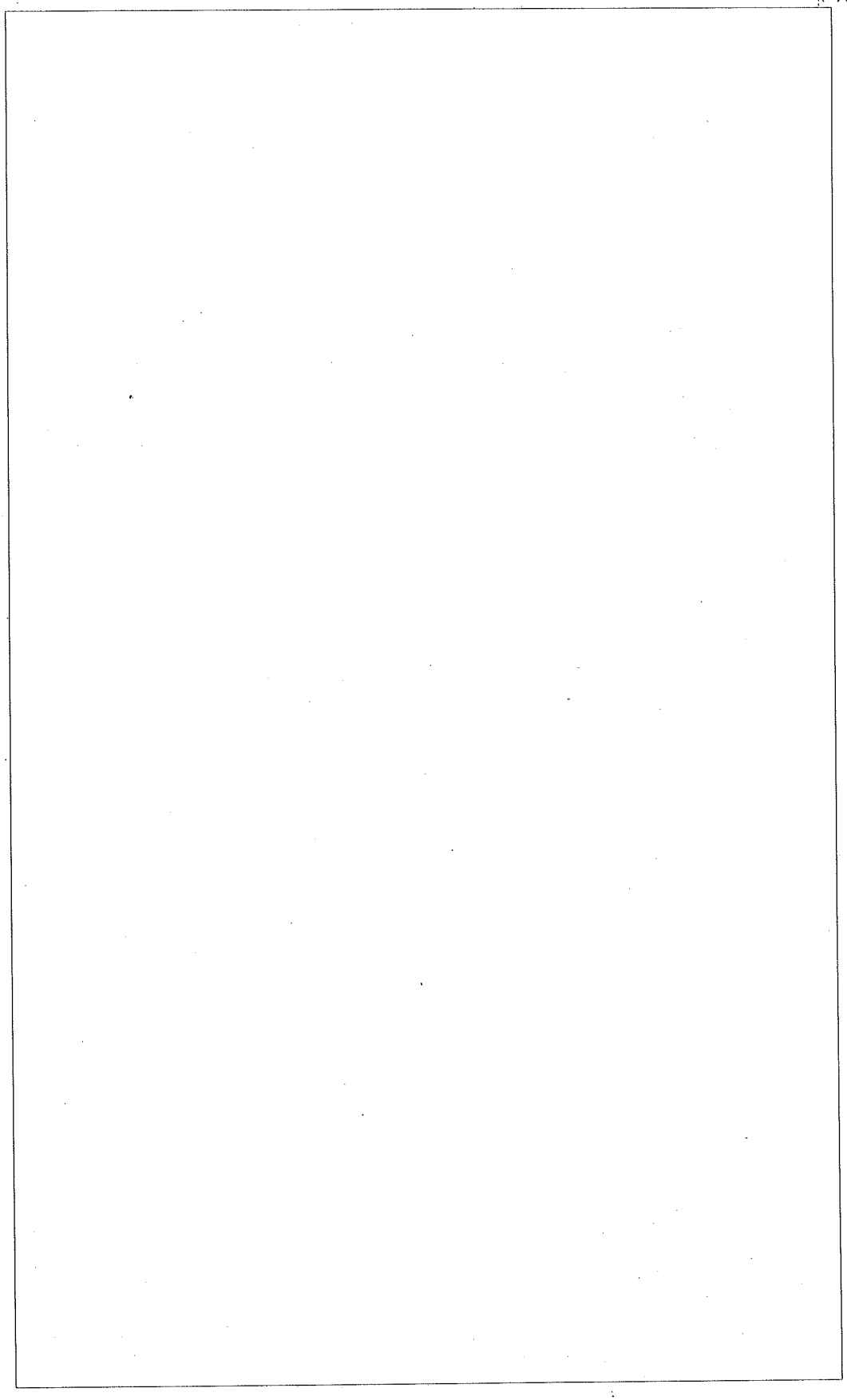

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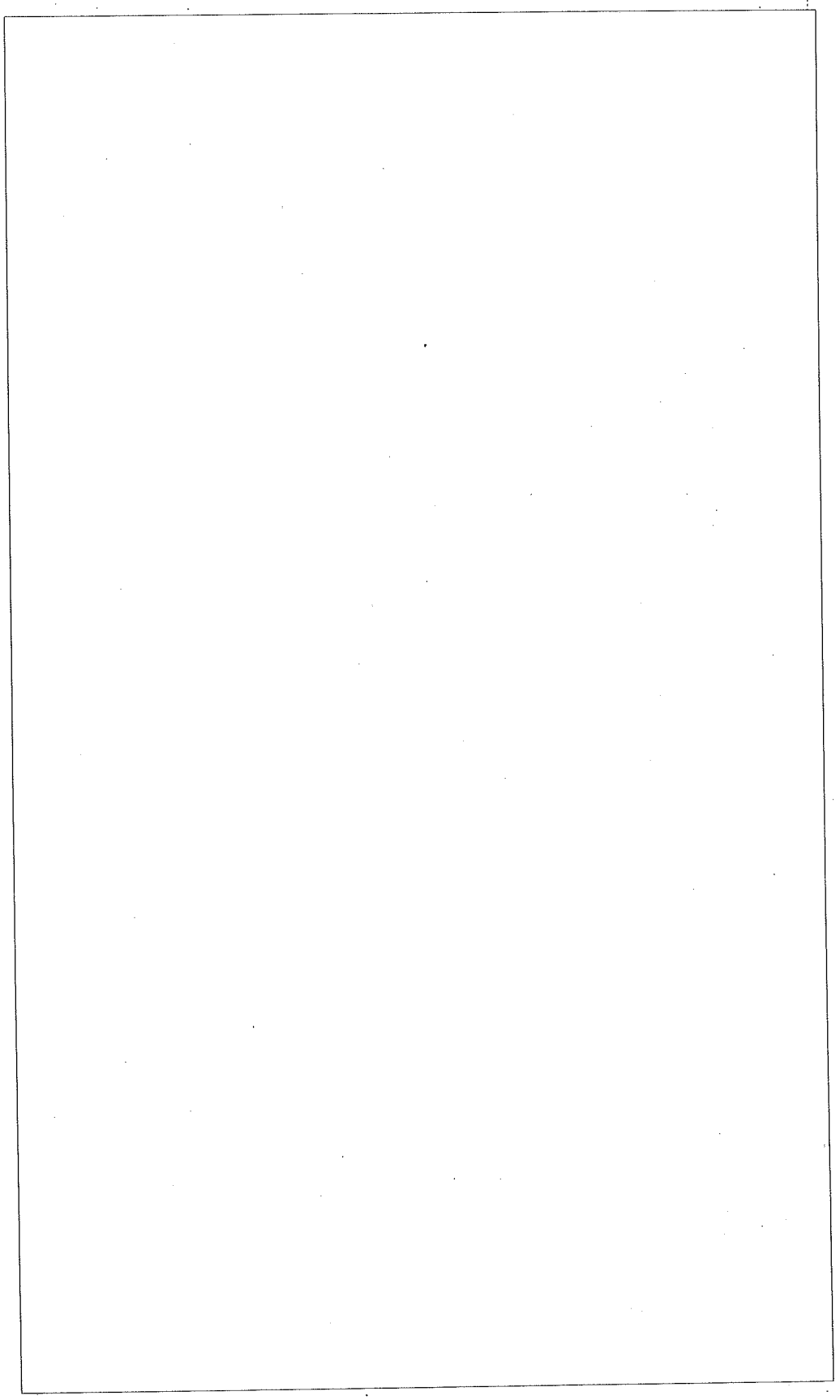

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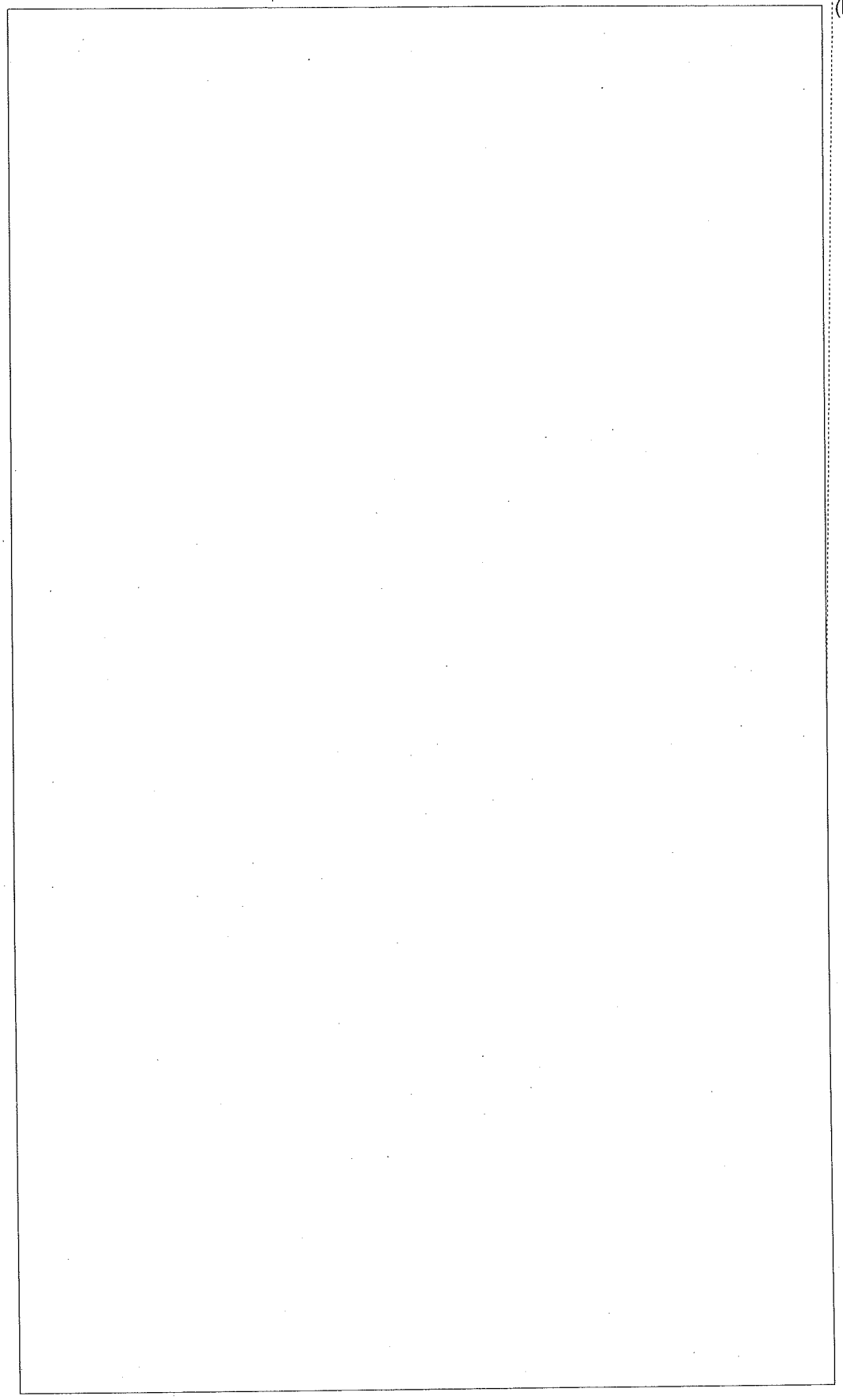

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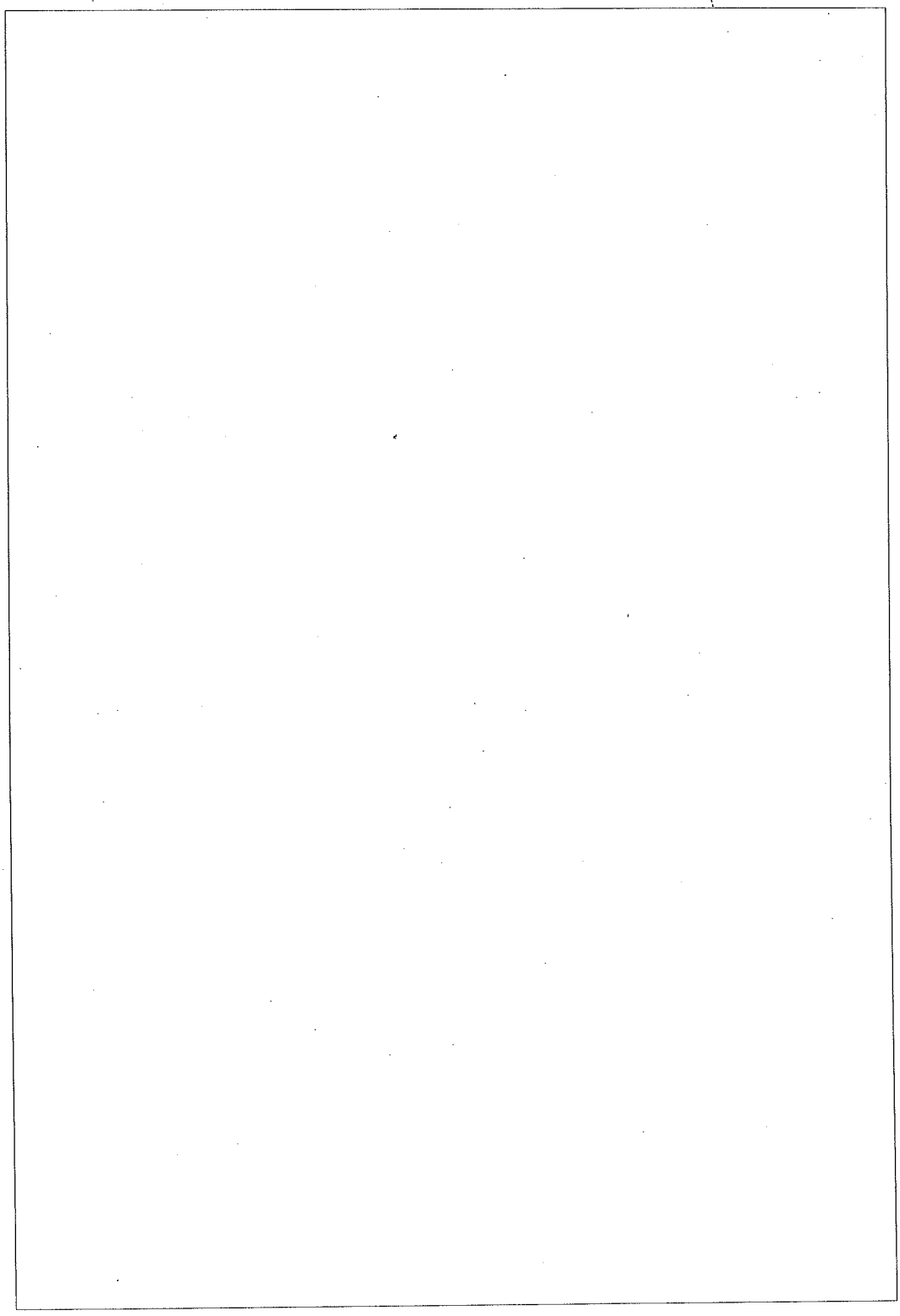

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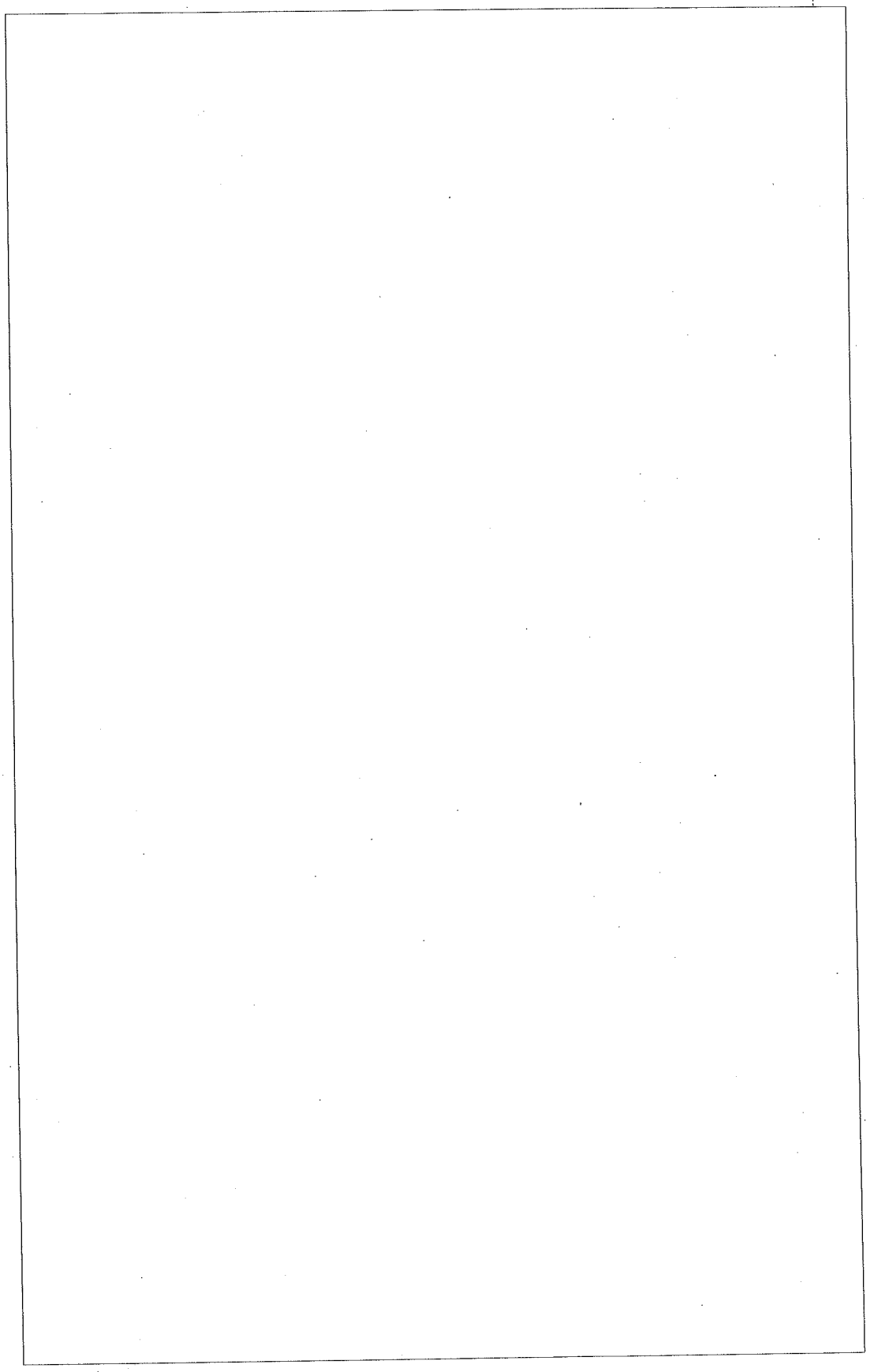

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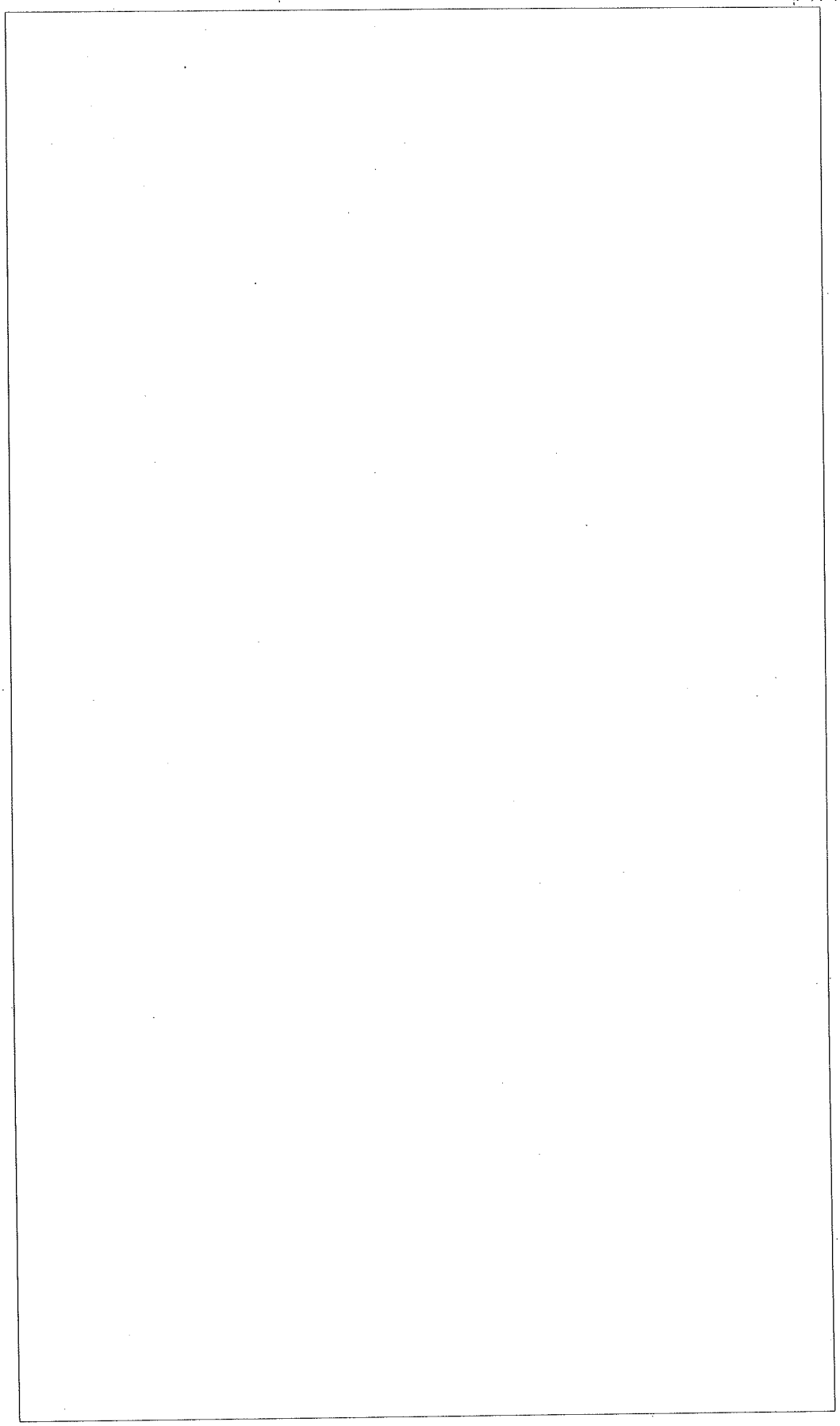

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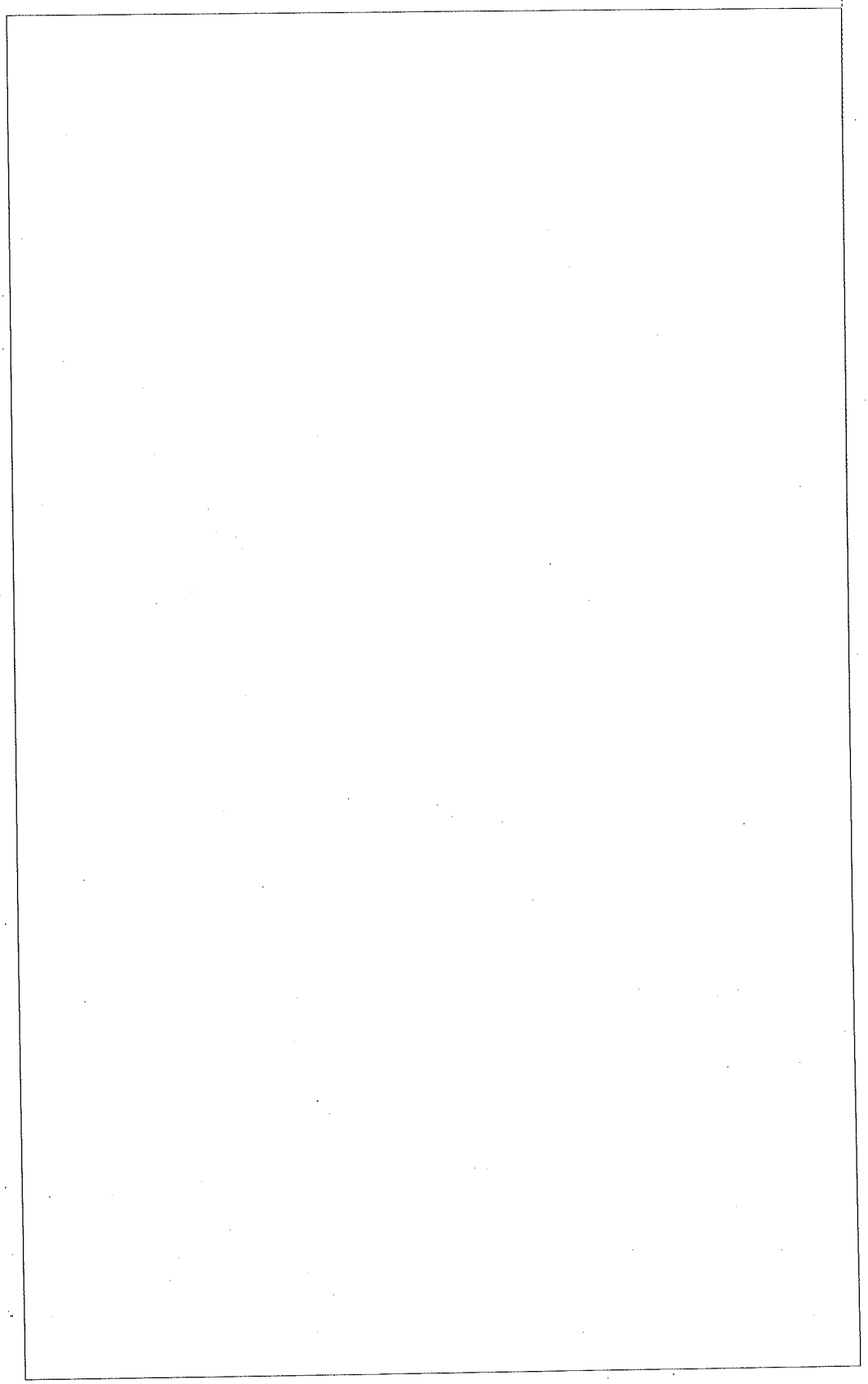

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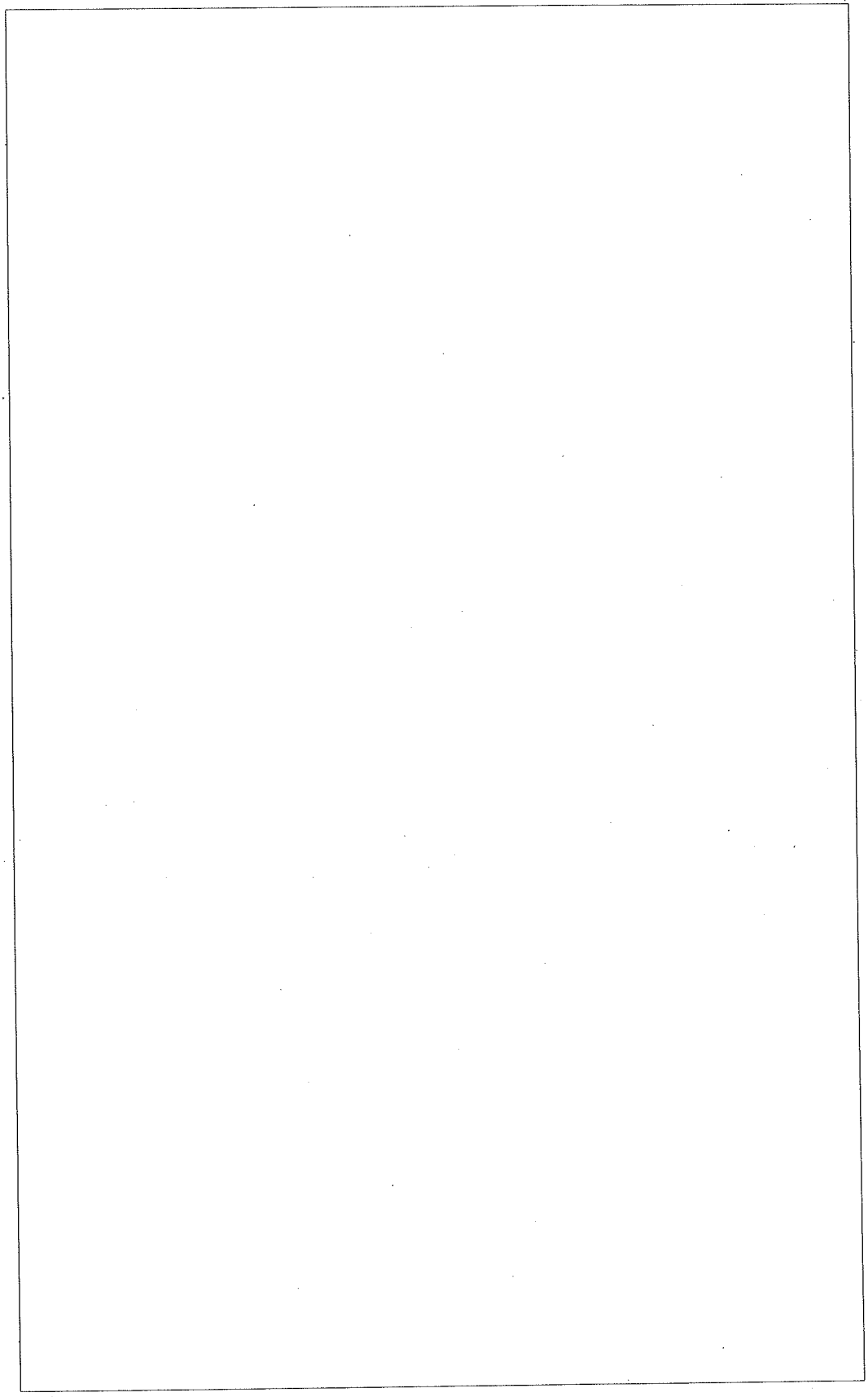

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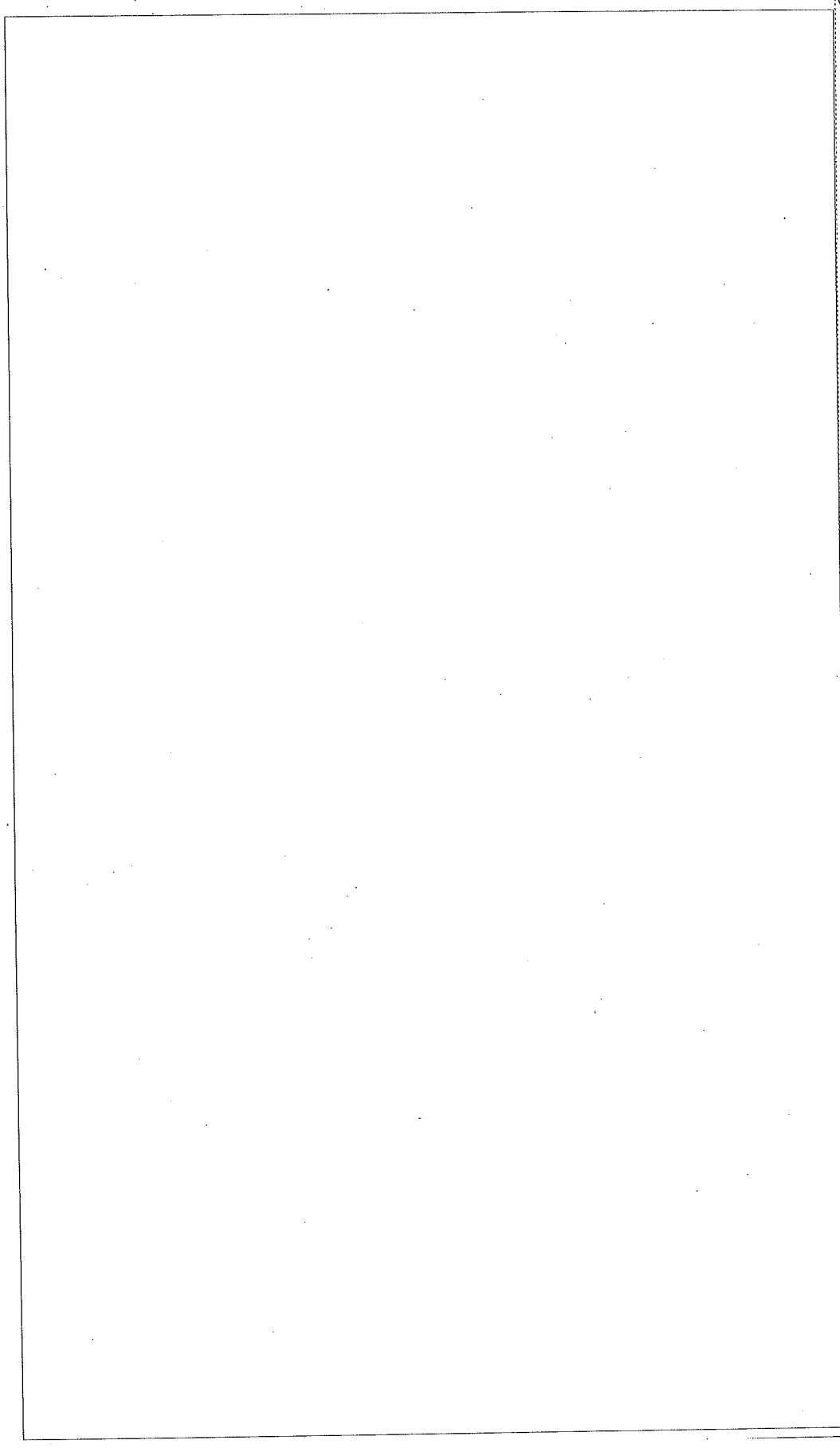

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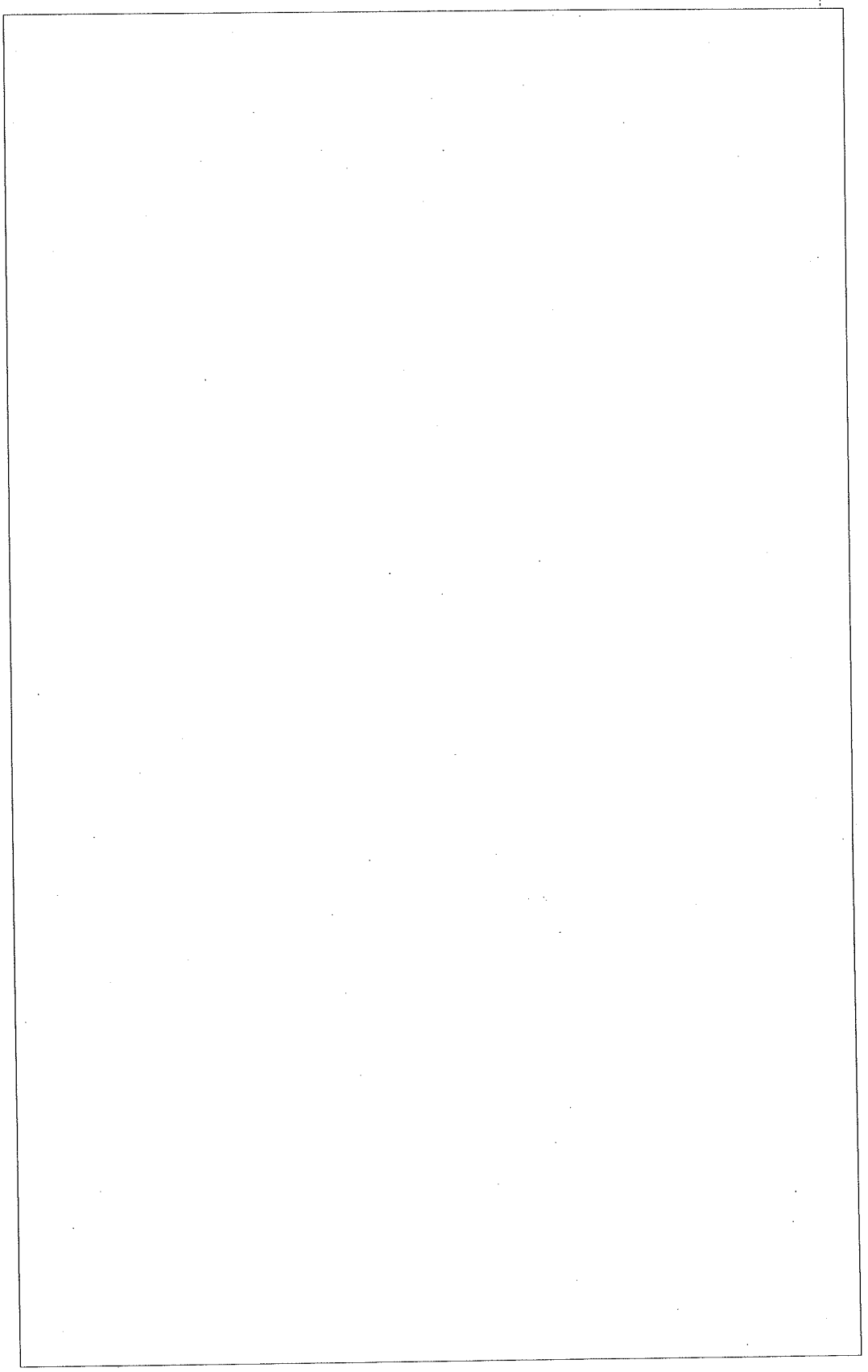

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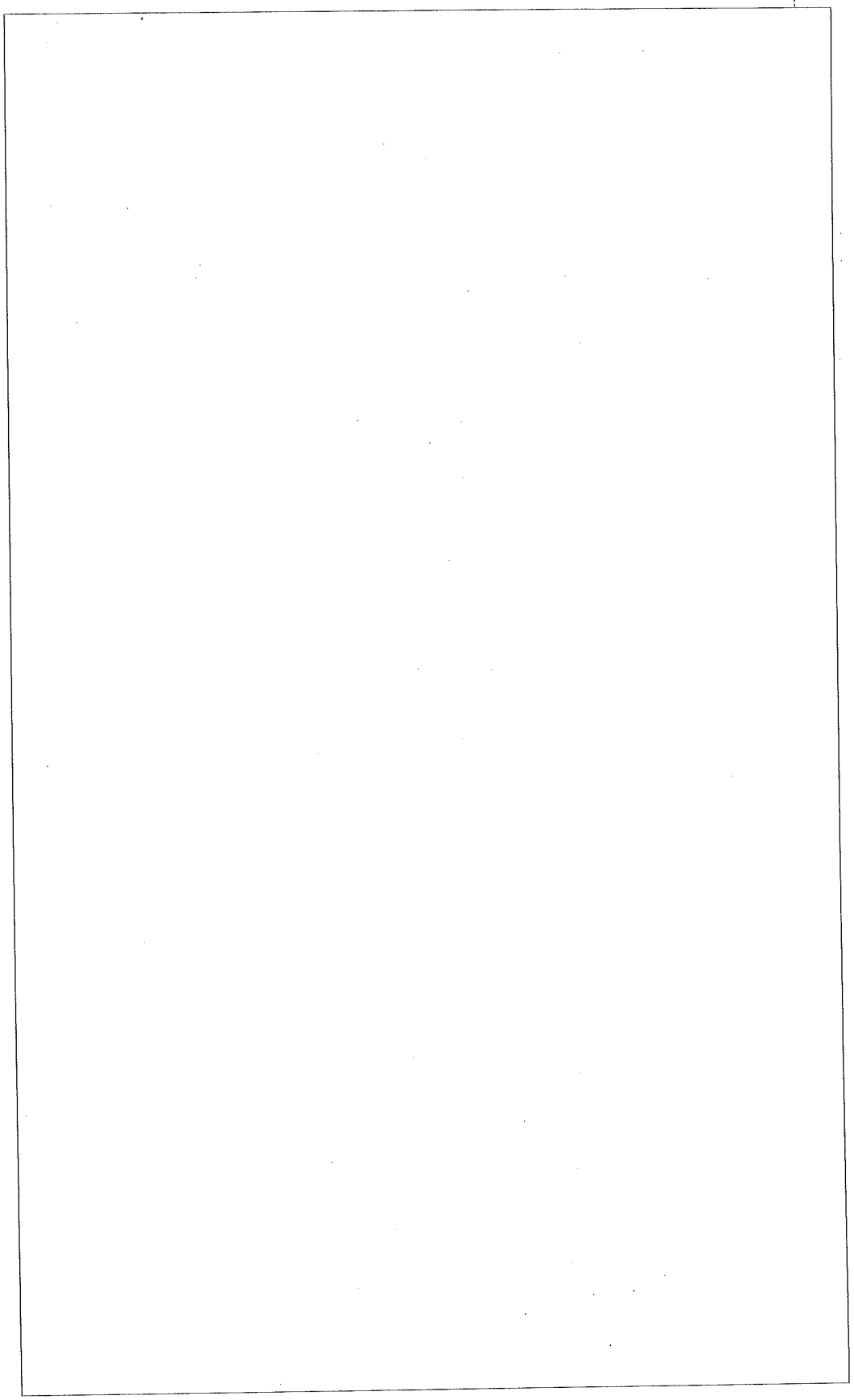

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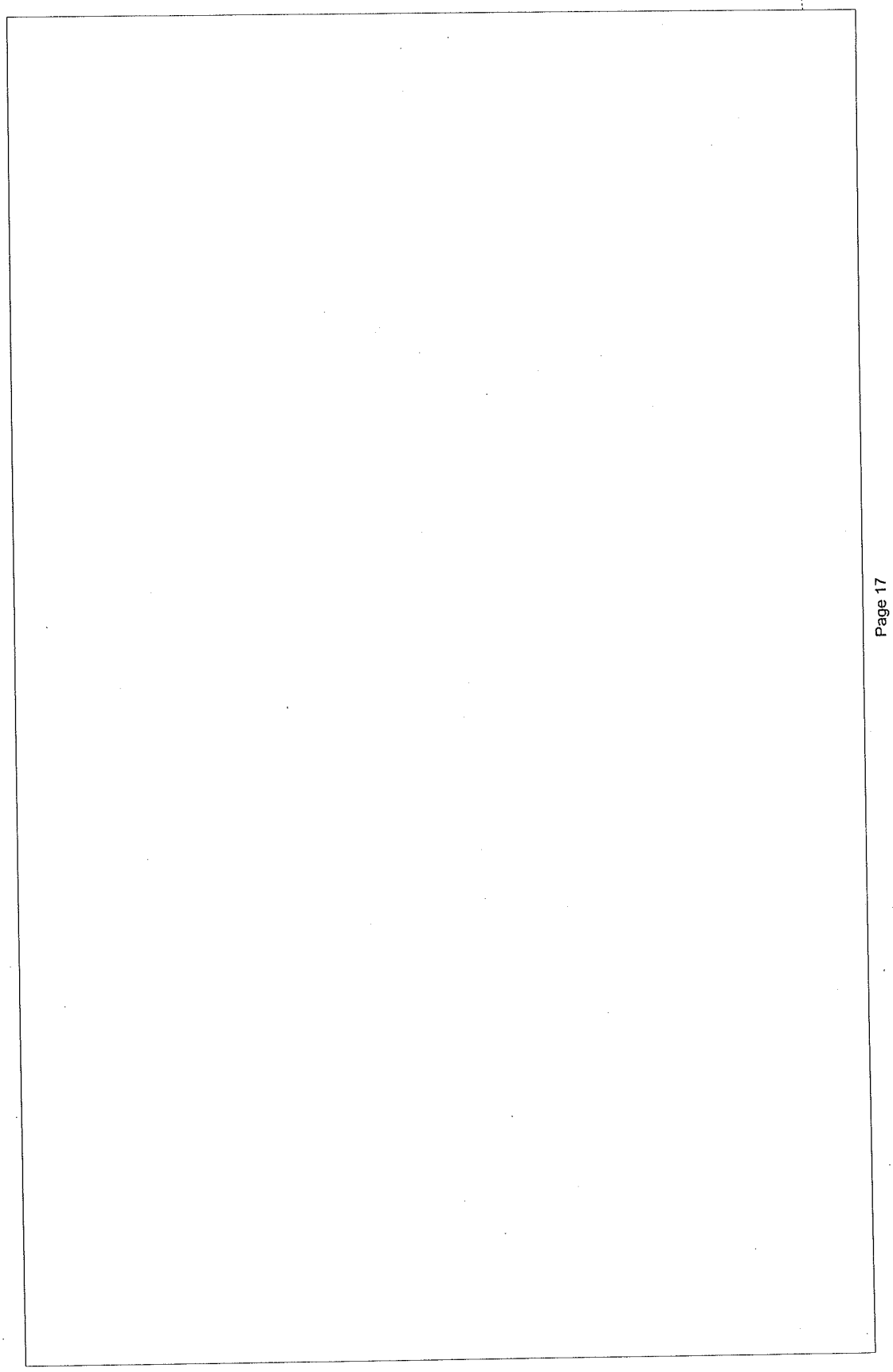

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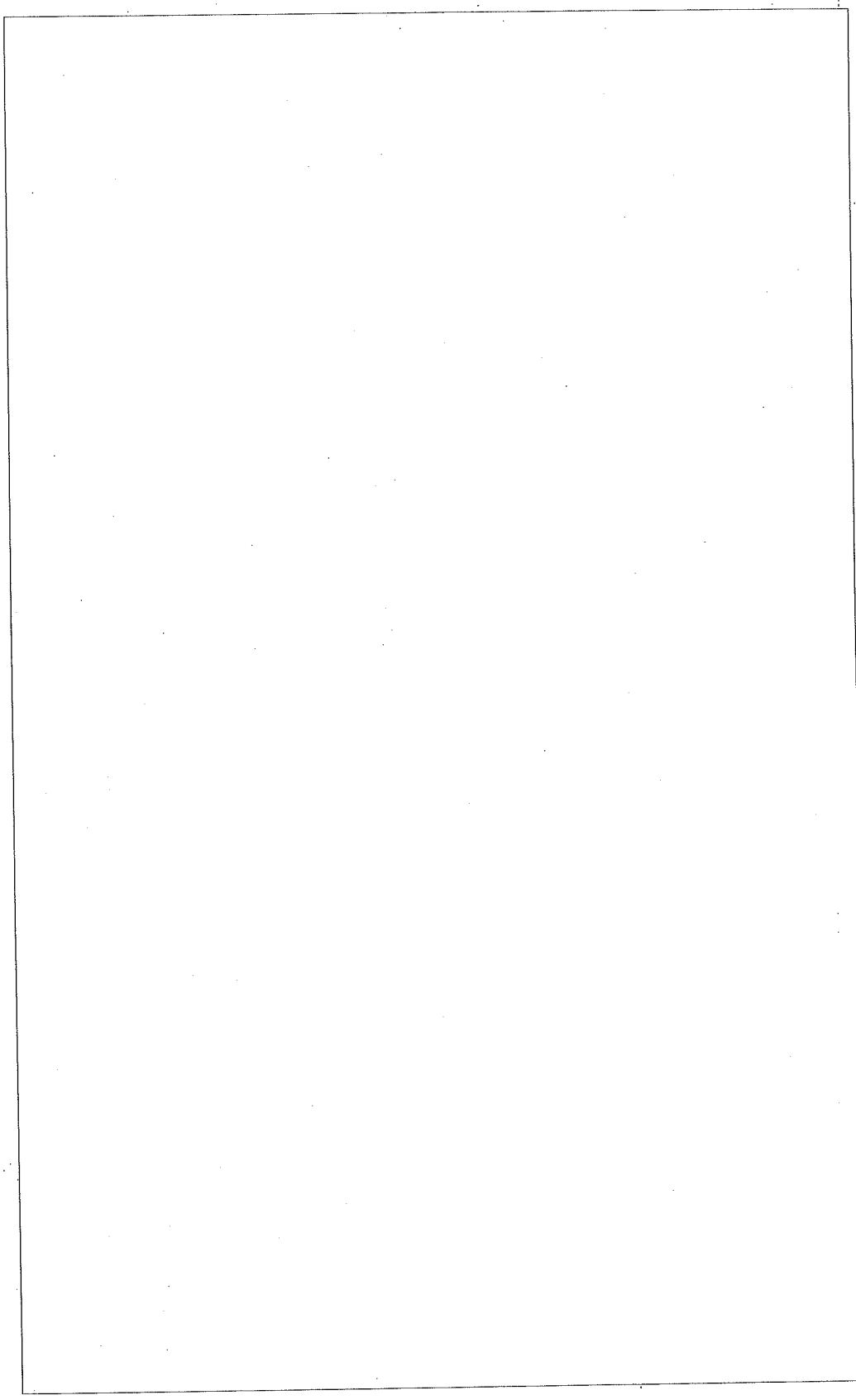

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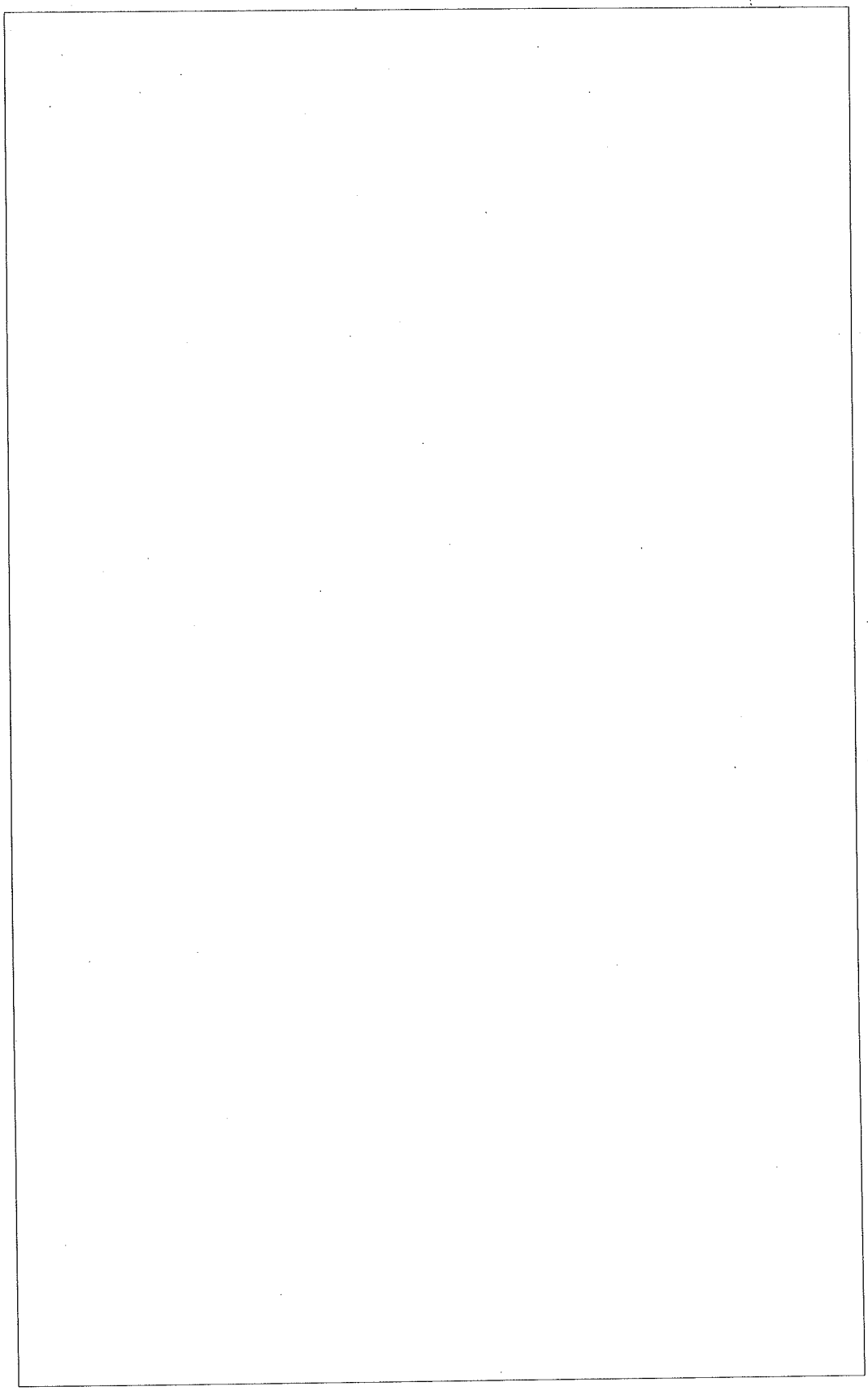

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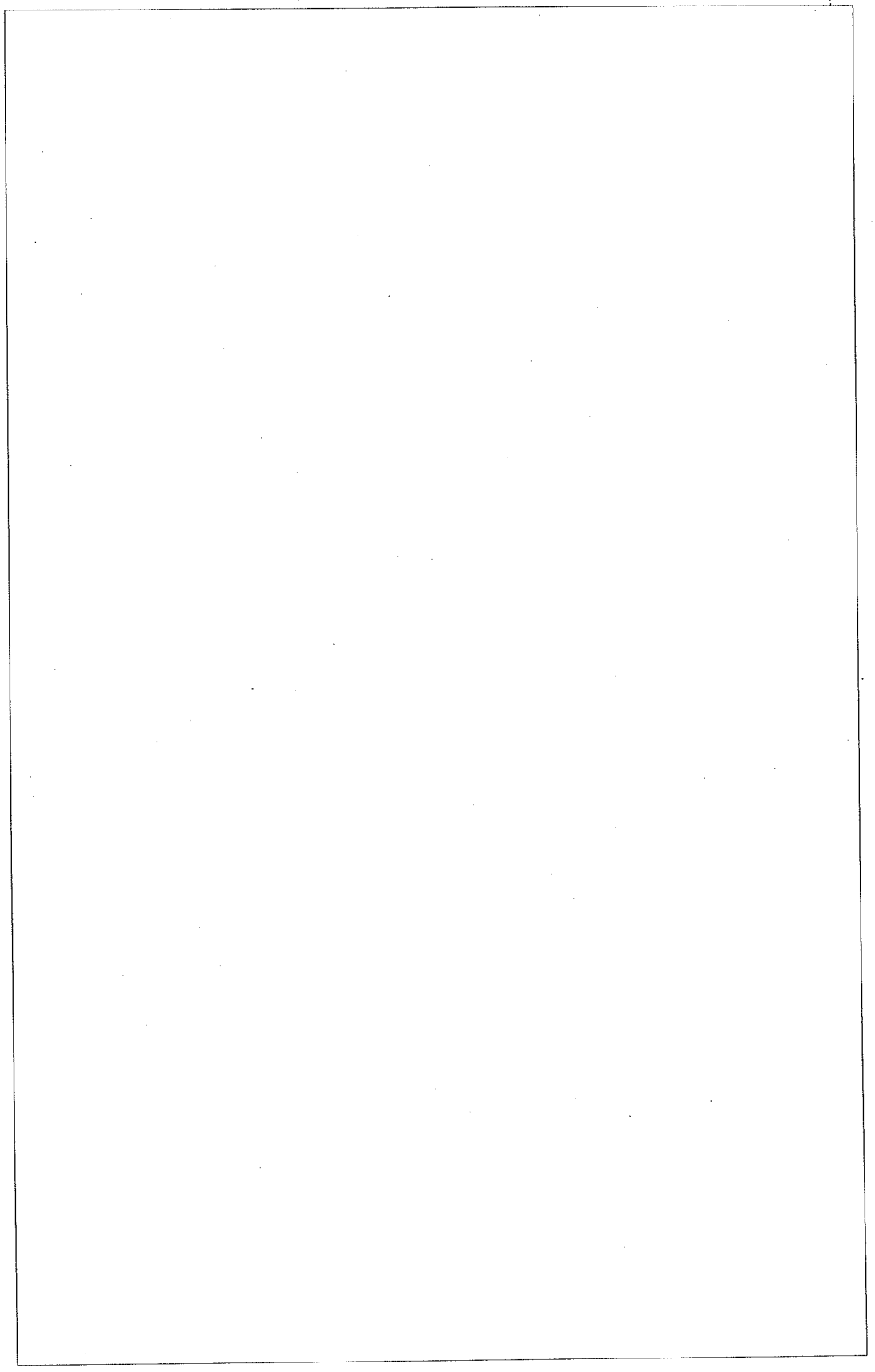

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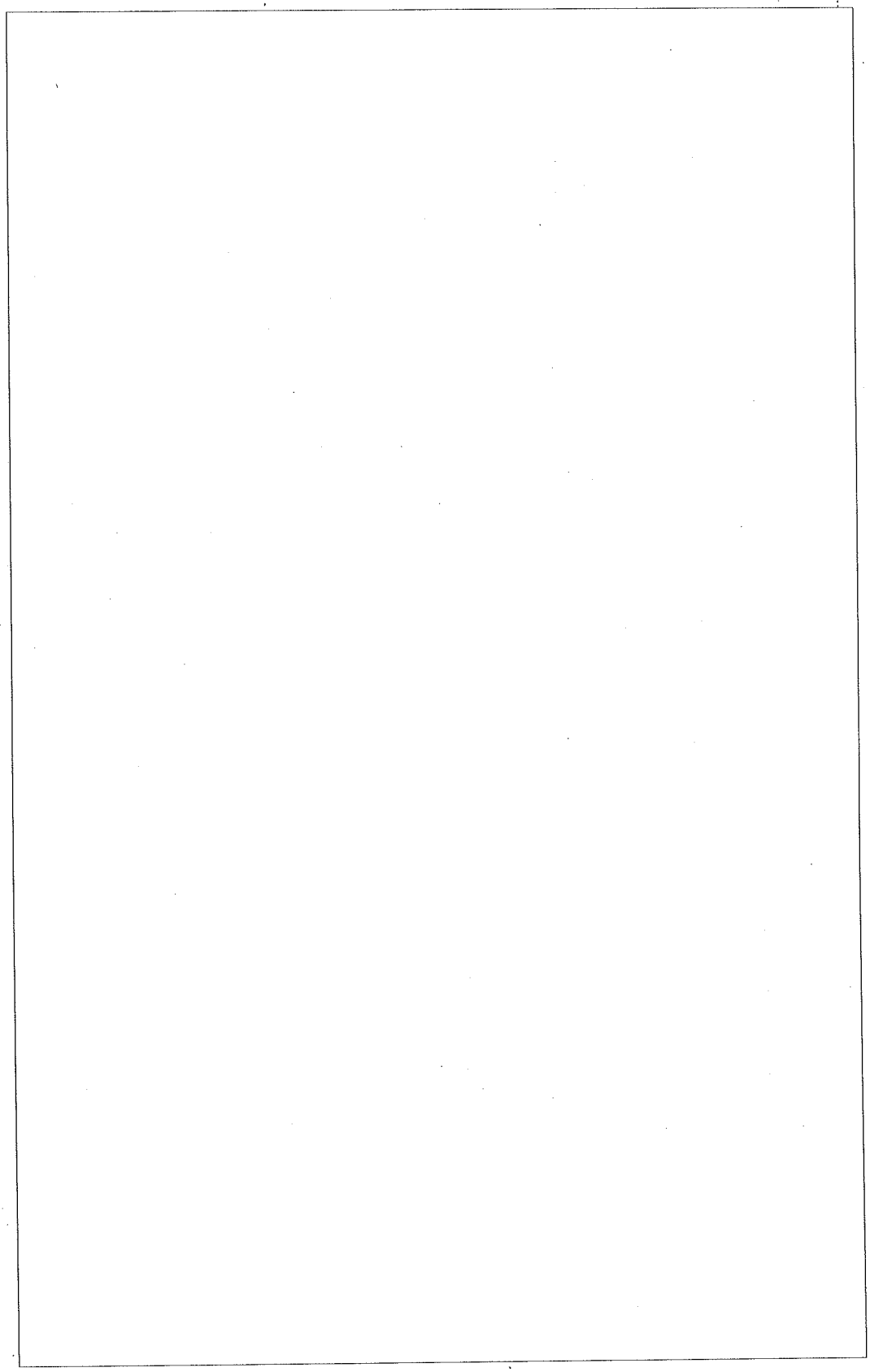

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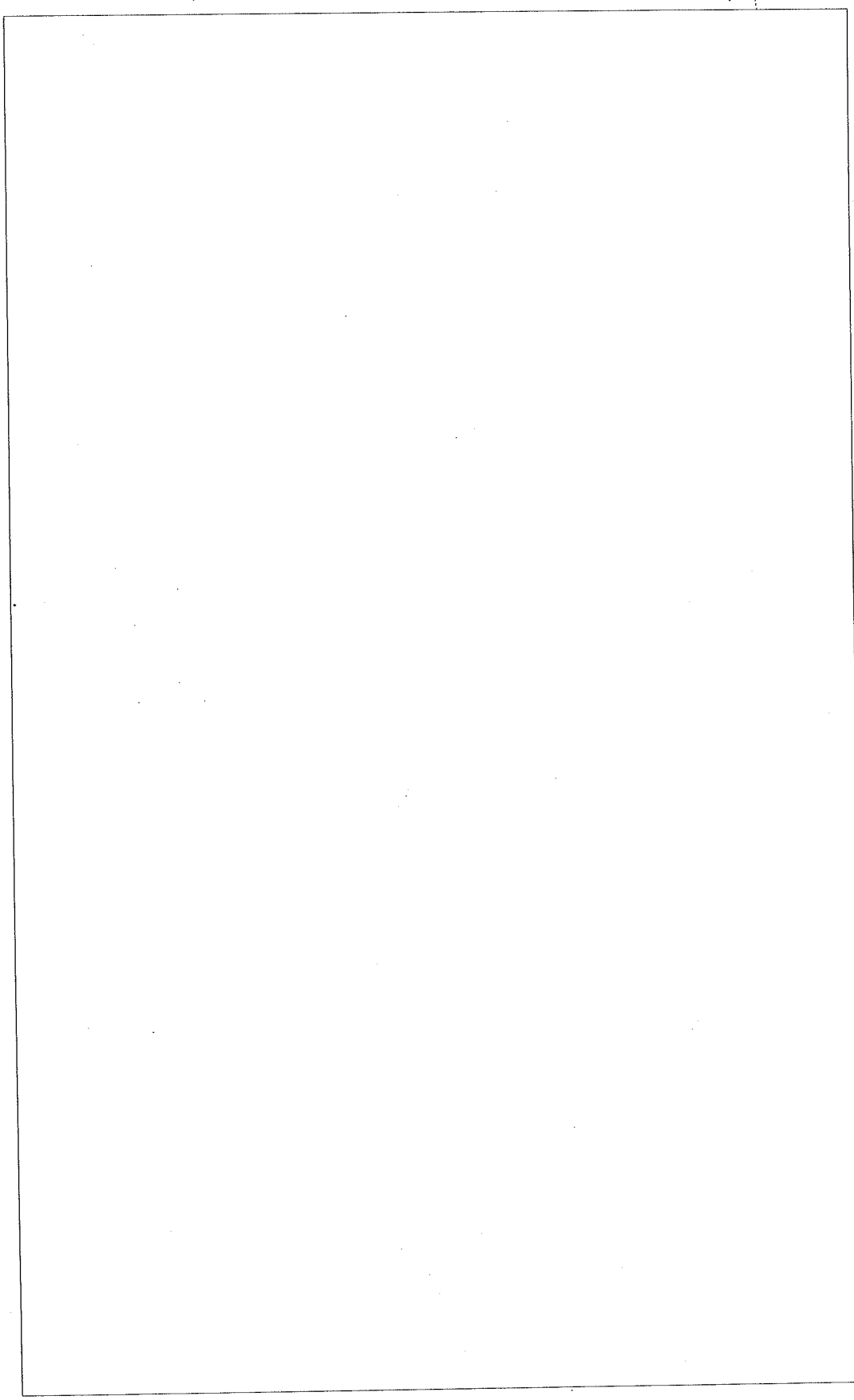

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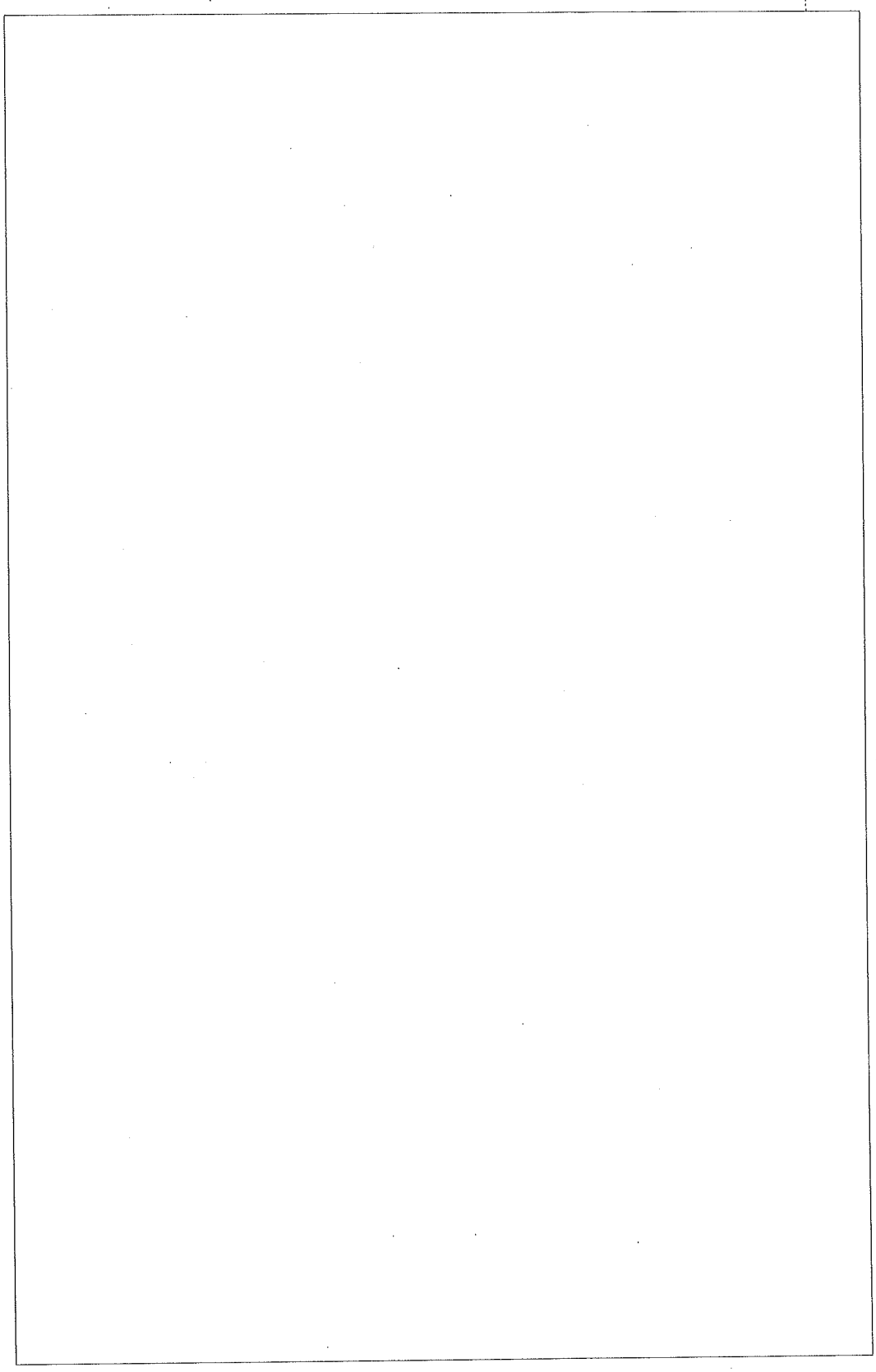

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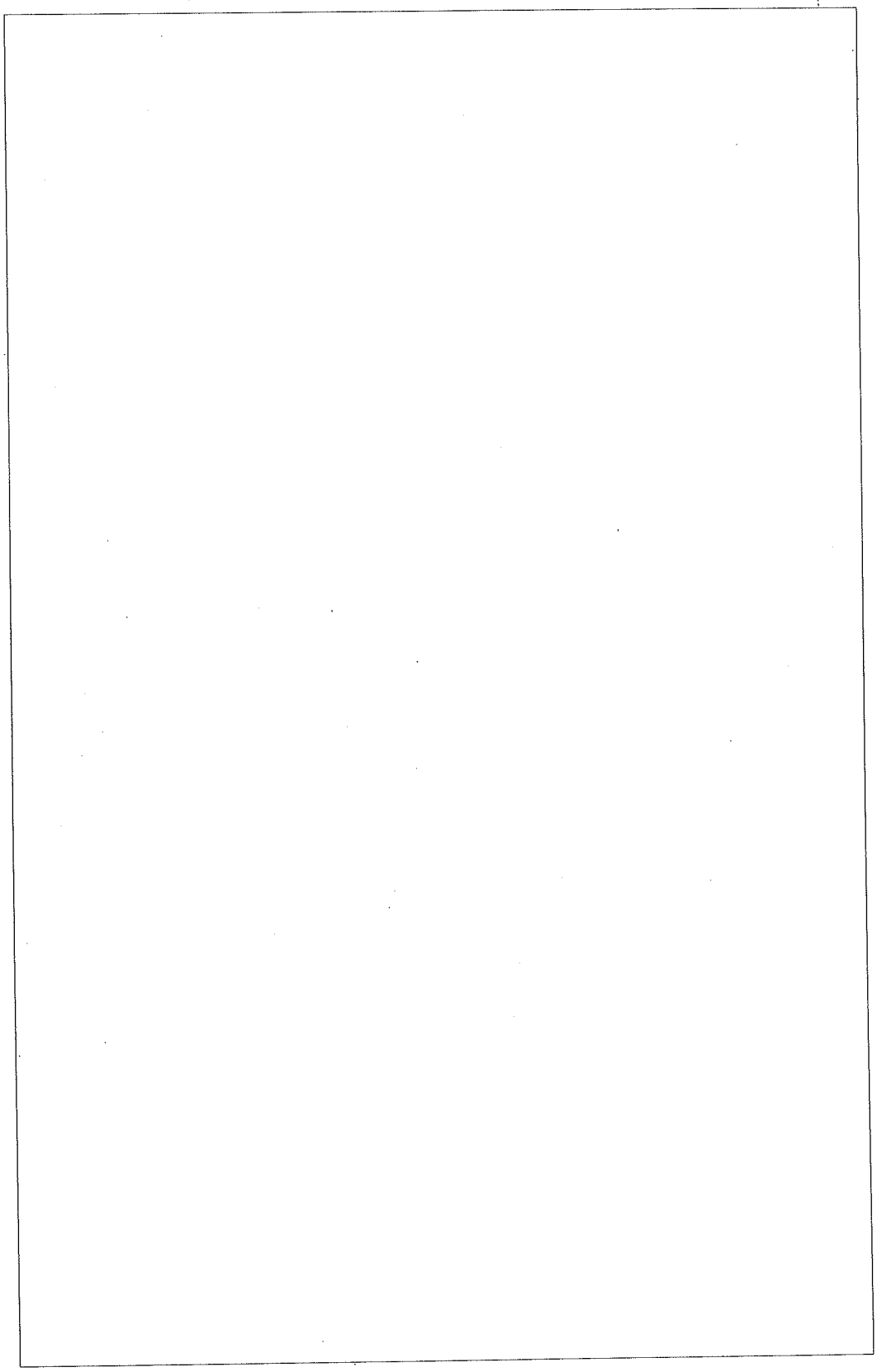

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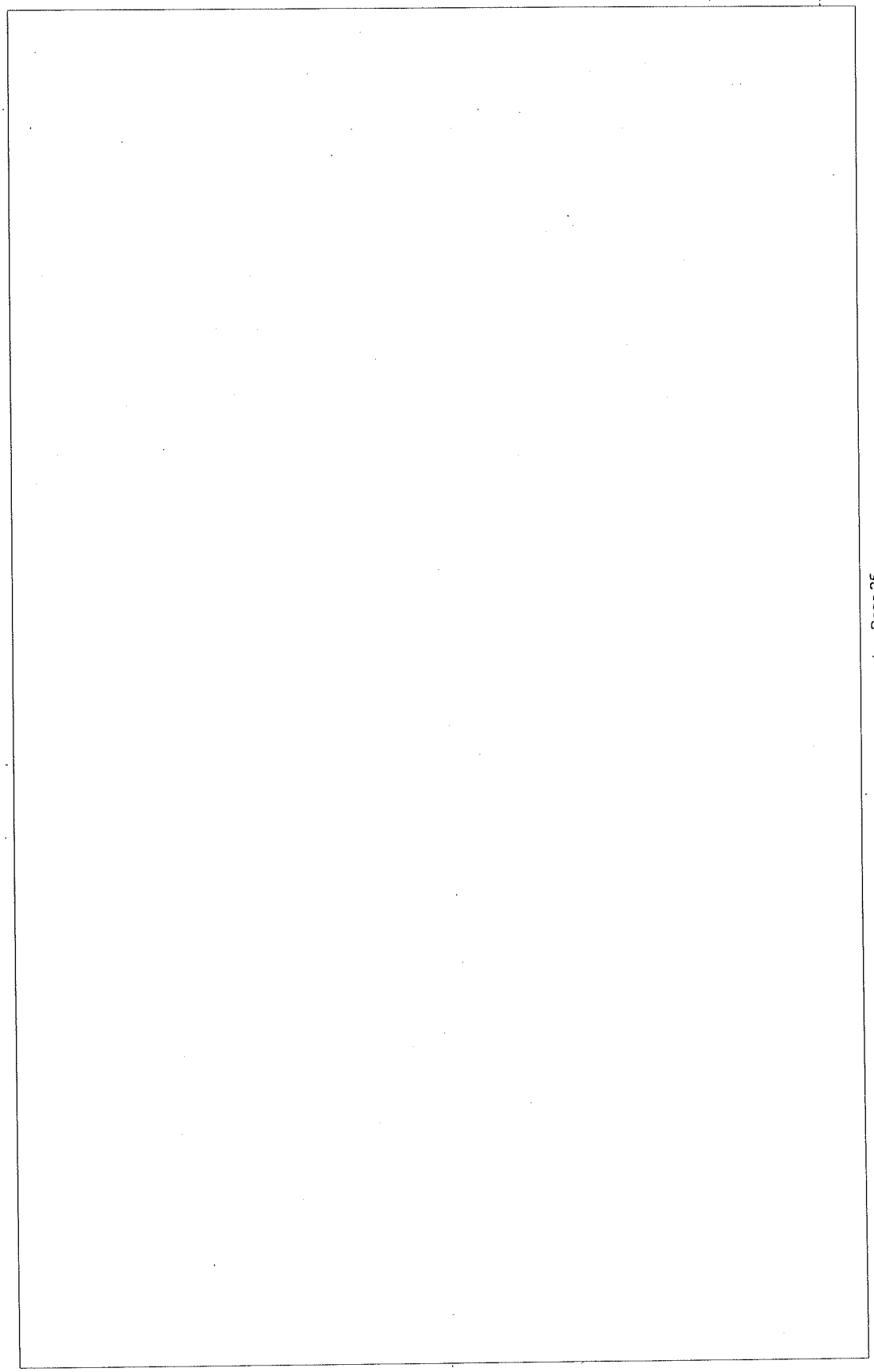

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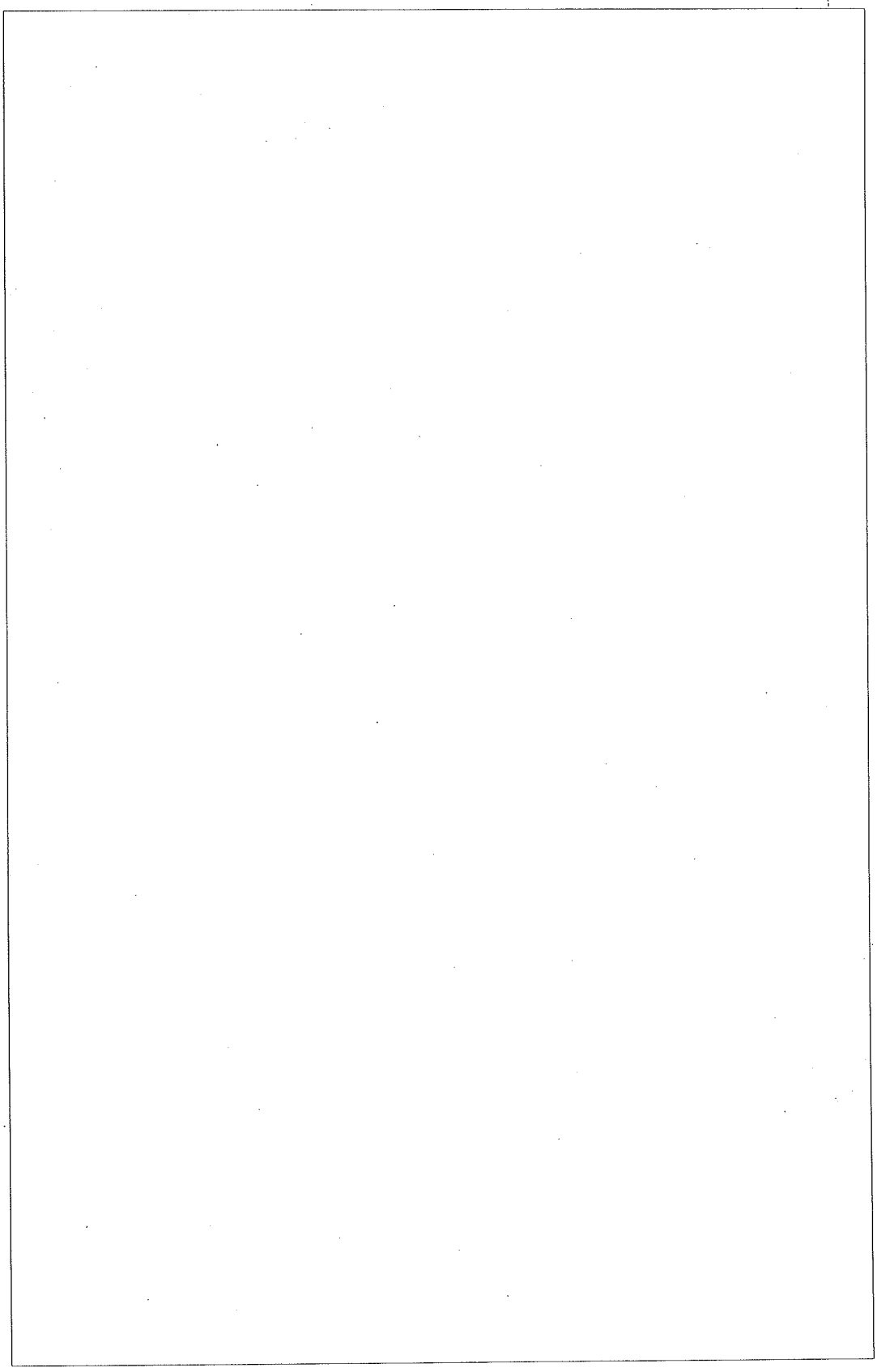

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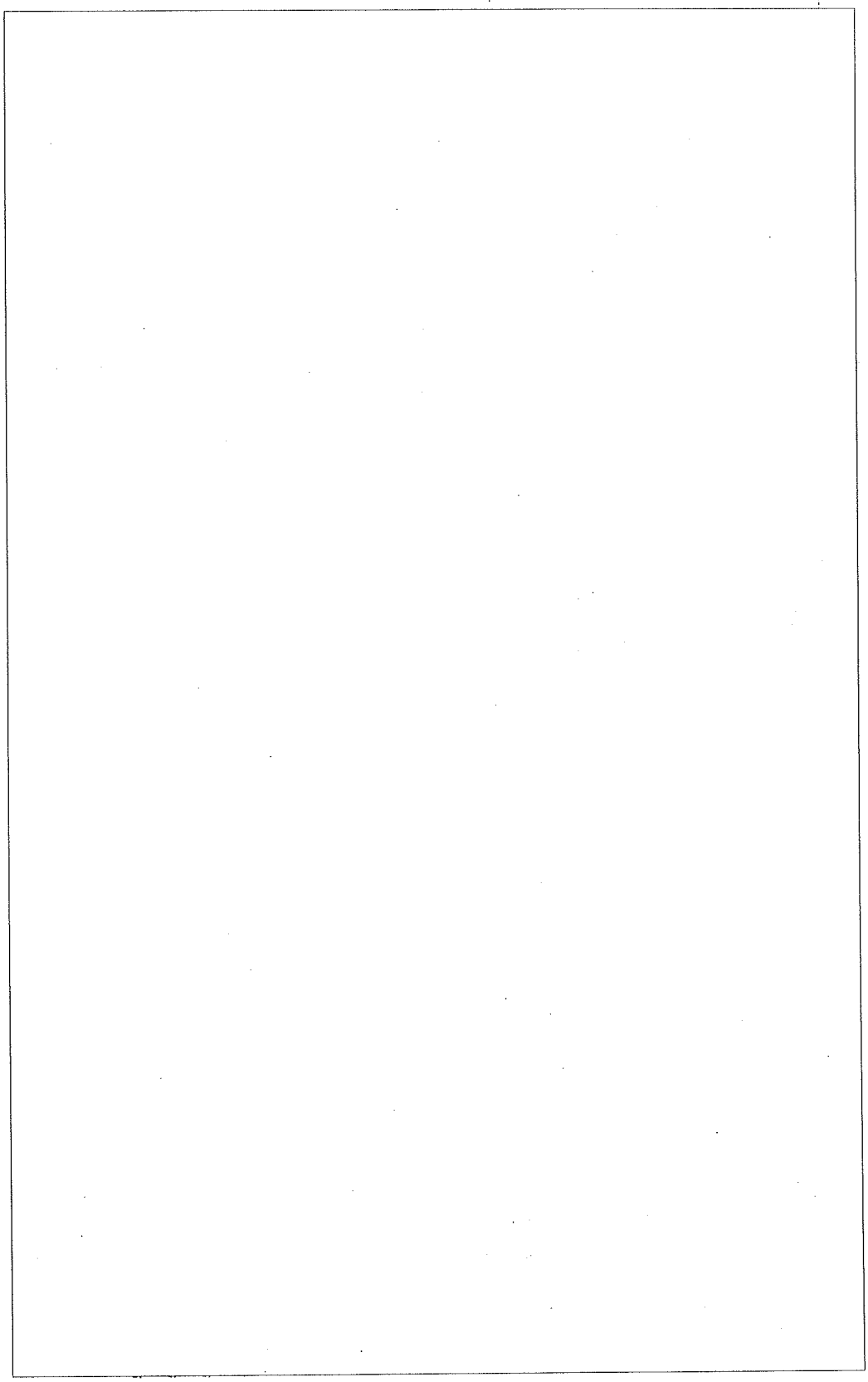

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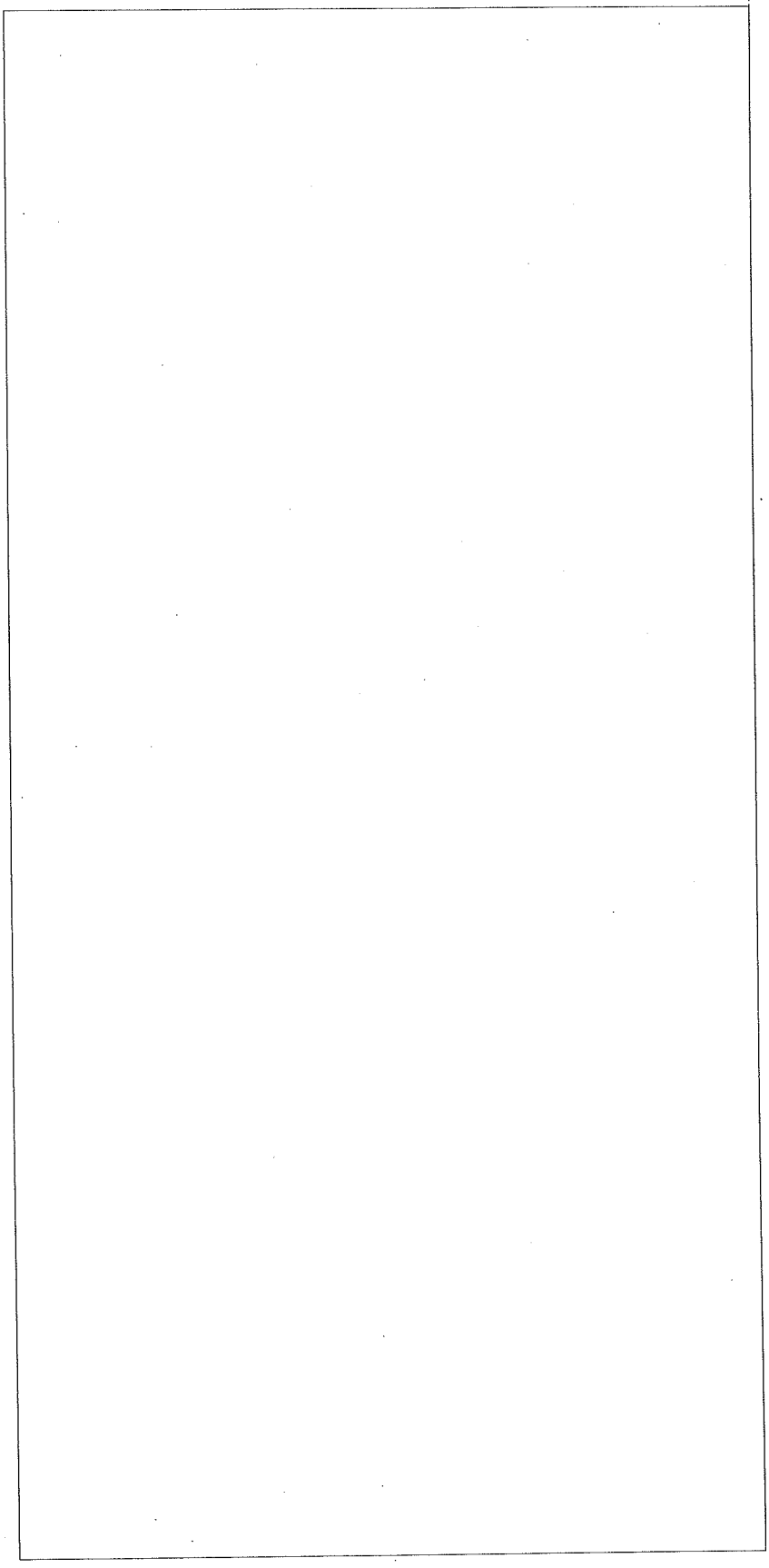

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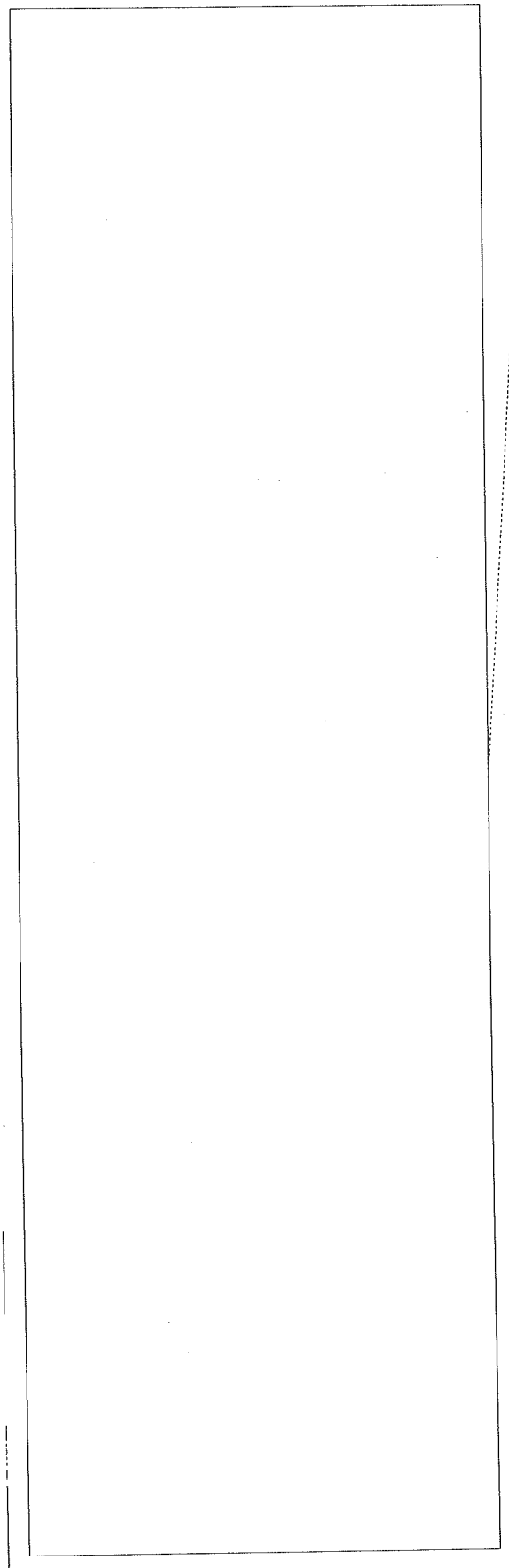

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Mr. Robert Taylor
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The attached chronology is provided per your request.

Sincerely,

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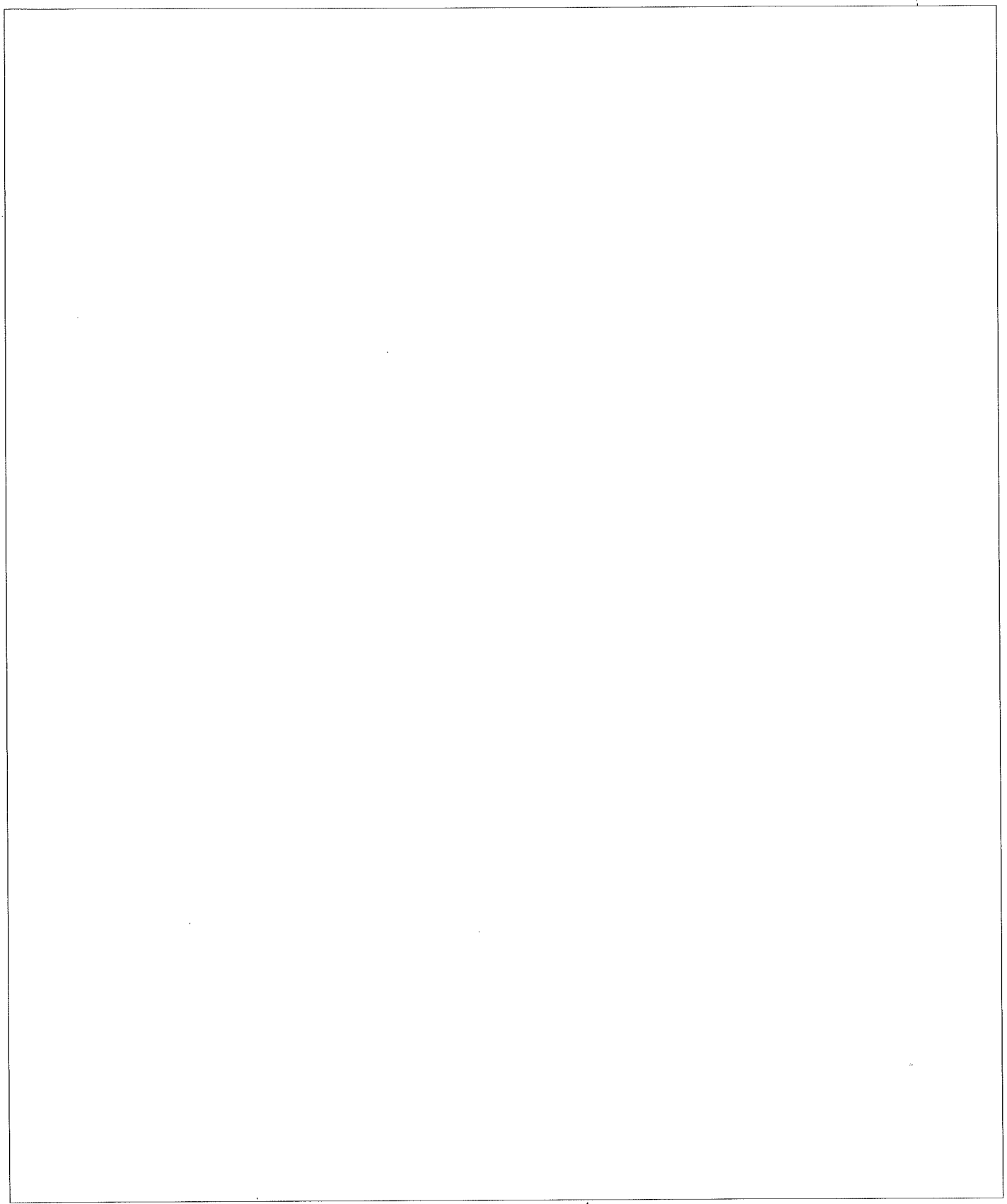

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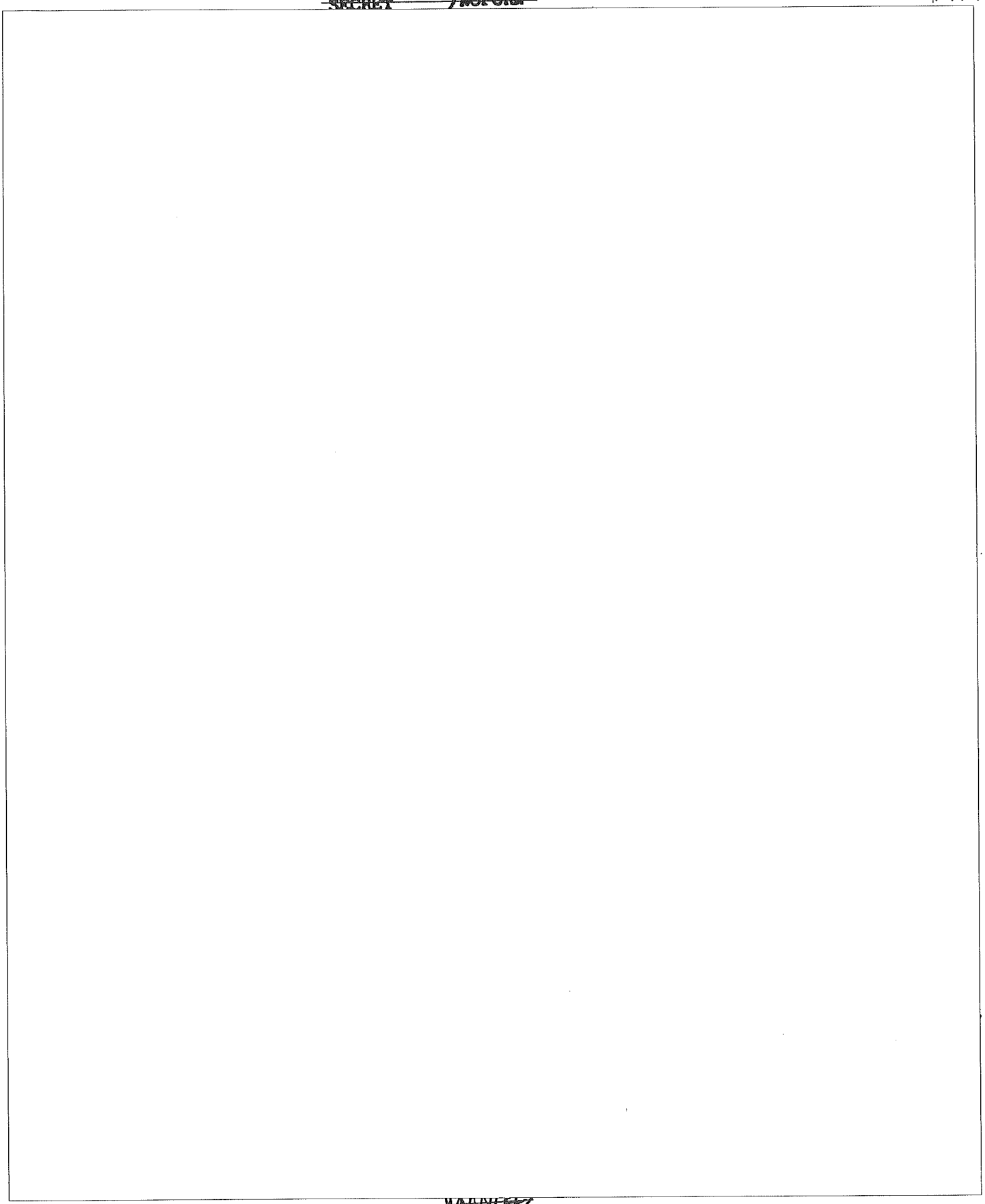

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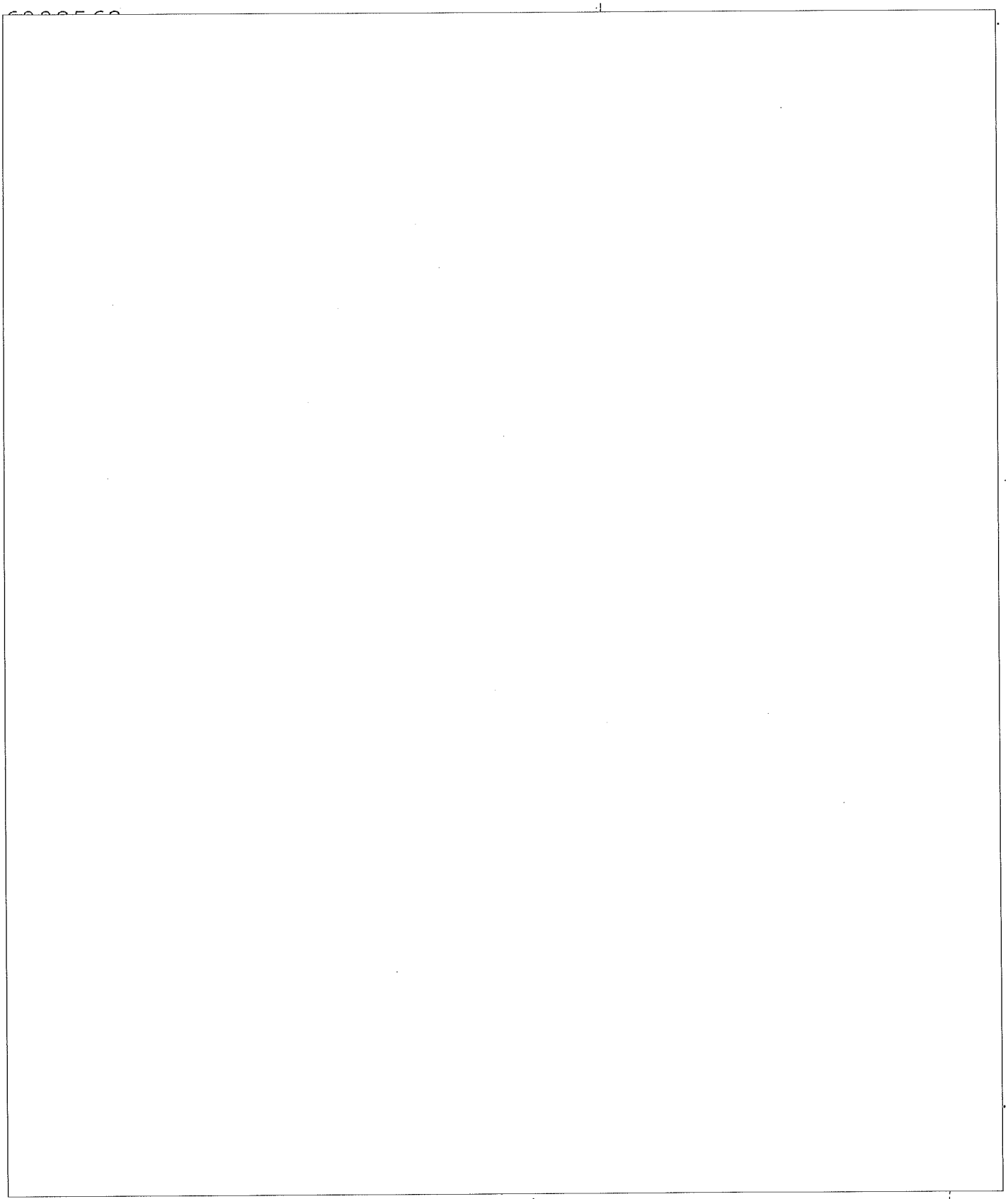

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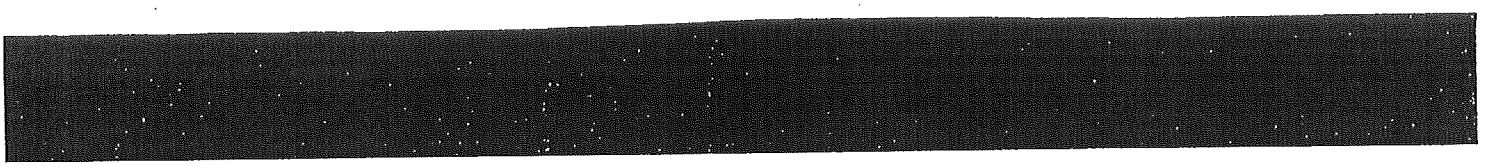

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OCA 4718-91
4 November 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Sen Robert Smith (R-NH) on Vietnamese Colonel and POW-MIA Issue

1. On Monday, 4 November 1991 at 1300 hours in 336 SDOB, Agency personnel briefed Senator Robert Smith (R-NH) on the supposed recent defection of Vietnamese colonel Bui Tin and discussed the current status of the POW-MIA issue. [redacted] Dino Carluccio was present from the Senator's staff. The meeting had been arranged by Carluccio for the Senator's benefit in advance of a series of hearings before the POW-MIA committee to take place during the week of 4 November. The meeting was held at the Secret Noforn level.

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4. Pronouncing himself satisfied on this issue, Smith asked about the Agency's willingness to discuss the POW-MIA issue with his committee. Smith noted a recent, positive conversation with DCI nominee Robert Gates on the issue.

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[redacted] assured the Senator that the Agency stood ready to cooperate in any way possible on the POW-MIA issue. [redacted] also offered, per previous discussion with Minority Staff Director Al Ptak, to give the senators on the newly formed panel an overview of intelligence capabilities on this issue. The Senator thanked [redacted] for the offer, and said he would follow up on it next week.

5. The meeting ended at 1350 hours with no additional request for follow up.

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Mr. Michael DiSilvestro
Director
Office of Senate Security
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. DiSilvestro

Enclosed are 141 documents requested by Mr. Art Grant for the information of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. The covering letter notes that these documents are on loan to Mr. Grant for further review by himself, by Committee members and by senior Committee staff, but that they are not released to the Committee for its final report. The documents will not be declassified, and we ask that they be returned to the Agency as soon as possible but no later than 1 March 1993.

Also enclosed is an unclassified listing of reports which Mr. Grant may retain or include in the documents of the POW/MIA Committee.

If you have any questions relating to these matters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John L. Breckenridge
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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Mr. Art Grant
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Grant:

During your review of the internal correspondence of this Agency which related to the POW/MIA issue, you asked that copies of certain documents be made available to you through the Office of Senate Security. An earlier request asked that we provide a list of finished analytic products published by the Agency during the years 1970-1975.

The 141 documents which we are sending through Senate Security are those you flagged for copying from CIA operational files. This count is slightly more than the 139 you requested because some proved to be multiple documents filed as a package. Moreover, two of the documents you requested were originated by other US Government agencies and were therefore not copied for you.

We are forwarding copies of these documents for your further review and for discussion as you deem useful with the leadership of the POW/MIA Committee and with senior Committee staff. Because these documents relate directly to matters of sources and methods which the Director of Central Intelligence is charged by law to protect, we cannot permit these documents to be included in the POW/MIA Committee's final report. They are not to be copied or otherwise reproduced, and we ask that they be returned as soon as possible but no later than 1 March 1993.

Enclosed for your retention is a declassified version of the subject list of CIA finished intelligence products.

As in the past, we remain committed to supporting the work of the Select Committee.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Moskowitz
Director of Congressional Affairs

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1. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE DETERMINE NUMBER OF POWS OBSERVED AND IF ABLE ASCERTAIN THEIR IDENTITY. SHOULD ALSO BE QUERIED AS TO NUMBER OF TIMES, EXACT DATES, AND CIRCUMSTANCES HE ABLE OBSERVE POWS IN CITADEL AREA. ALSO, WOULD LIKE KNOW EXACT LOCATION HOME PARENTS-IN-LAW AND WHETHER THEY PASSED ON TO HIM ANY LOCAL GOSSIP AND TIDBITS RE CITADEL.

2. INFO CONTAINED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. HOWEVER, INFO CAN BE DRAWN UPON BY TEAM TO ESTABLISH BONA FIDES AND FOR DEVELOPMENT LEAD-IN QUESTIONS.

3. DATES OBSERVED POWS IMPORTANT AS DIA HAS BEEN ABLE ACQUIRE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE POW AND GUARD ROUTINE IN CITADEL RESULT DEBRIEFING NINE U.S. POWS RELEASED FROM THIS CAMP, LAST ONE BEING IN AUGUST 69. IF OBSERVED POWS PRIOR THIS DATE, HE PROBABLY NOT IN POSITION ADD MUCH TO WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN. THERE 50-60 POWS CONFINED CITADEL AS OF AUG 69.

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4. DESCRIPTION CITADEL BELOW INTENDED BUILD UP SUFFICIENT DATA ON WHICH TO BASE TEST QUESTIONS AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. DATE OF INFO RANGES FROM MAR 68 [redacted] TO MAR 70 [redacted]. (b)(3)(n)

A. COMPOUND WHERE POWS CONFINED (UTM COORD WJ 88322618) LOCATED NE CORNER OF CITADEL AREA, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT (WEST) TO RAILROAD VIADUCT LEADING TO RED RIVER HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD BRIDGE. COMPOUND HAS SEMI-RECTANGULAR SHAPE, TAPERING ON SOUTH SIDE. COMPOUND BORDERED BY LY NAM DE STREET ON WEST AND DAI LO PHUNG HUNG ON EAST AND UNIDENTIFIED STREET ON SOUTH. COMPOUND IS ABOUT 247' BY 342' BY 164' BY 338' AND IS SURROUNDED BY 8-FOOT-HIGH, STUCCO BRICK WALL TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE STRUNG ON 2- TO 3-FOOT LENGTHS OF ANGLE IRON PROJECTING TOWARD STREET.

B. ONLY VEHICULAR ENTRANCE TO COMPOUND IS THROUGH APPROX 6-FOOT-HIGH DOUBLE METAL GATE ON WEST SIDE FACING LY NAM DE STREET. A SERIES OF ARROW-TIPPED IRON BARS INTERLACED WITH BARBED WIRE EXTEND UP FROM SOLID METAL BOTTOM SECTIONS OF GATE. GATE OPENS INWARD.

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C. DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF GATE AND INSIDE COMPOUND IS LARGE TWO-STORY FRENCH-DESIGNED VILLA WITH LARGE TALL WINDOWS AND HEAVY GREEN SHUTTERS, GRAYISH APPEARING TILE ROOF. ON IMMEDIATE LEFT OF GATE AND INSIDE COMPOUND IS AN L-SHAPED BUILDING WHICH SERVES AS GUARD QUARTERS AND DETENTION CELLS. ON IMMEDIATE RIGHT OF GATE IS A LONG ONE-STORY BUILDING HOUSING THEATER, RECREATION HALL AND DETENTION CELLS. ALL THREE BUILDINGS BELIEVED OBSERVABLE FROM LY NAM DE STREET. ON EAST SIDE, RUNNING ALMOST ENTIRE LENGTH OF COMPOUND, IS A LONG SINGLE STORY, CORRUGATED TIN-ROOFED BUILDING. MAY BE OBSERVABLE FROM DAI LO PHUNG HUNG STREET.

D. ONLY KNOWN GUARD TOWER IS SIX-FOOT-HIGH WOODEN STRUCTURE LOCATED SE CORNER OF COMPOUND.

E. THERE ALSO A NUMBER OF SMALL OUT-BUILDINGS WITHIN COMPOUND USED AS KITCHEN, STORAGE HOUSES, ETC. ALL BUILDINGS ARE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK COVERED WITH STUCCO AND ARE GROUPED AROUND A CENTRAL AREA CONTAINING SEVERAL LARGE TREES. ROOFS PRIMARILY OF RED TILE.

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5. FOLLOWING AUDIBLE AND/OR VISUAL INDICATORS COULD HELP ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT PRISON OCCUPIED BY WOCORK POWS:

A. GONG STRUCK FOUR TIMES DAILY, SOUND RESEMBLING CLANG OF METAL STRUCK WITH MEASURED BEAT, STARTING SLOWLY AND INCREASING IN RAPIDITY. GONG USUALLY STRUCK AT 0500, 0530 OR 0600 (REVEILLE, TIME VARYING FROM CAMP TO CAMP); 1200 (START OF SIESTA); 1400 (END OF SIESTA); AND 2100 (TAPS).

B. BROADCAST IN ENGLISH (OVER PA SYSTEM) OF VOICE OF VIETNAM. MIGHT INCLUDE HANOI HANNAH, US PACIFISTS OR BLACK MILITANTS SINGING ANTI-WAR SONGS.

C. OCCASIONALLY POW PERMITTED HAVE GUITAR OR ACCORDION, AND MIGHT BE HEARD PLAYING AND SINGING AMERICAN SONGS, INTERSPERSED (TO SATISFY HIS CAPTORS) WITH DRV SONG "LET'S LIBERATE THE SOUTH."

D. OBSERVATION OF DELIVERY FRENCH BREAD OR SMELL OF BAKING BREAD COULD INDICATE PRESENCE WESTERNERS WITHIN FACILITY. (VIETNAMESE SELDOM EAT BREAD AND POWS ARE ISSUED ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF SMALL LOAVES FRENCH BREAD DAILY.)

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E. POW BASIC FARE IS PUMPKIN OR TURNIP SOUP, THUS LARGE QUANTITIES THESE VEGETABLES MIGHT INDICATE THEIR PRESENCE. (b)(3)(c)

F. POWS KNOWN TO WEAR TWO PIECE (TROUSERS AND JACKET) RED AND WHITE STRIPED AND/OR BLACK PAJAMAS, POSSIBLY WITH NUMBERS ON BACK, AND SANDALS MADE FROM OLD TIRES (COMMONLY CALLED "FIRESTONES"), POORLY MADE WITH ONLY A TOE STRAP TO SECURE THEM TO THE FEET. (NATIVES WEAR MORE ELABORATE SANDALS WITH HEEL AND TOE STRAPS.)

G. "HONEY BUCKETS" USED BY POWS EXCLUSIVELY (CAMP CADRE USE LATRINES). BUCKETS ABOUT TWO-GALLON CAPACITY, METAL, BLACK, WITH STRAIGHT SIDES EXTENDING BELOW BOTTOM OF BUCKET, KNOBBED LID AND LOOP HANDLE.

H. SUPPLIES USUALLY DELIVERED TO POW CAMPS AROUND 1900 TO 2000 HOURS, BY TRUCK, HANDCARTS OR BICYCLES. POWS USUALLY MOVED AT NIGHT IN TRUCKS.

I. SOME GUARDS WORK 12-HOUR SHIFTS WITH FIRST RELIEF EARLY MORNING AND SECOND RELIEF ABOUT DUSK. HOWEVER, ABSENCE GUARDS AND OPEN GATE DO NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ABSENCE POWS.

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6. IF [redacted] SAW POWS SINCE AUGUST 1969, REQUEST ALL DETAILS HE-ABLE OBSERVE, HOW GATES/ENTRANCES GUARDED, FLOODLIGHTS AT NIGHT, ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY, ORIGINAL TEXT AND/OR TRANSLATION ANY SIGNS ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS OR OVER GATES, ESTIMATE NUMBER POWS WHO COULD BE INTERNED THIS CAMP, WHICH BUILDINGS USED FOR DETENTION PURPOSES, ETC.

7. CITADEL ONLY ONE OF THREE KNOWN POW CAMPS LOCATED HANOI. OTHER TWO ARE HOA LC (WJ 88352475) AND CUU LOC (WJ 85602210).

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COUNTRY CAMBODIA

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SUBJECT CAPTURED U.S. SOLDIER OBSERVED AT CHHUK DISTRICT CAPITAL, KAMPOT PROVINCE

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1. ON 10 JUNE 1972 A U.S. SOLDIER, POSSIBLY AN OFFICER, WAS OBSERVED AT THE CHHUK DISTRICT CAPTIAL (VS403972), KAMPOT PROVINCE, GUATDED BY A NUMBER OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS. THE GROUP HAD

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STOPPED FOR A SHORT REST BEFORE MOVING ON TOWARD KOMPONG SPEU. THE AMERICAN WAS DRESSED IN AN ARMY UNIFORM WHICH WAS STILL FRESH AND IN GOOD CONDITION, AND HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WOUNDED. HOWEVER, HE WAS REFUSING TO EAT, TALK OR WALK, AND WAS BEING CARRIED IN A HAMMOCK BY TEN NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS. THE PRISONER WAS DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, WHITE, AND TALL, AND SEEMED TIRED AND FRIGHTENED.

2. KHMER COMMUNIST SOLDIERS QUARTERED IN THE AREA TOLD LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT THE MAN HAD BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 1ST DIVISION. BEFORE REACHING THE CHHUNK DISTRICT CAPITAL, THE PRISONER HAD PASSED THROUGH TNAOT CHONG SRANG VILLAGE (VS686650). THE KHMER COMMUNISTS SAID THE PRISONER SOULD BE SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM FOR A PRISONER EXCHANGE IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ALWAYS TRIED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS, EVEN TO THE POINT OF DETAILING LARGE NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS TO CARRY PRISONERS WHO WERE WOUNDED OR REFURSED TO WALK. [redacted] ALTHOUGH THE MAN WAS DESCRIBED AS WEARING A U.S. ARMY UNIFORM, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT LOCAL CAMBODIAN VILLAGERS COULD DISTINGUISH AMONG VARIOUS KINDS OF AMERICAN

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COUNTRY LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI DECEMBER 1971

SUBJECT C SIGHTING OF TWO CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS NORTHWEST OF TCHEPONE, LAOS (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1971 TWO CAPTURED AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) WERE BROUGHT TO THE SAVANNAKHET PROVINCIAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS (HQS) LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF WD 9082, ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TCHEPONE (WD 3244). THE POWS WERE GUARDED BY FOUR PATHET LAO (PL) POLICEMEN WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE PROVINCIAL HQS AND WORKED IN THE TCHEPONE

A. APPROXIMATELY 50 VILLAGERS FROM BAN DONGBANG (WD 8580)

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AND BAN NAM MAENG (WD 8878) WERE ASSEMBLED AT THE HQS AT 1200 HOURS WHERE THEY VIEWED THE POWS AND HEARD A SHORT SPEECH FROM [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] STATED THAT THE POWS WERE AMERICAN PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PL AFTER THEY HAD PARACHUTED FROM THEIR JET AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE TCHEPONE AREA. [redacted] STATED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE COMMITTING ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE LAO PEOPLE AND THE PROOF OF THIS WAS THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN POWS.

2. THE POWS REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR ONE HOUR AND WERE OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE OF 10 YARDS. NO ONE IN THE ASSEMBLED GROUP WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH THE POWS. THEY WERE CLOSELY GUARDED BY THE PL POLICEMEN BUT WERE NOT TIED OR RESTRAINED IN ANY MANNER. [redacted] SAID THAT THE POWS WERE TO BE TAKEN BY VEHICLE TO BINH TRAM 32 AT 1500 HOURS ON THE SAME DAY WHERE THEY WERE TO BE TAKEN TO NORTH VIETNAM. [redacted] SAID THAT THE POWS HAD BEEN IN THE PROVINCIAL HQS AREA FOR ONE DAY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL FROM TCHEPONE AND HAD BEEN FED RICE AND CANNED MEAT WHILE THERE.

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3. BOTH POWS WERE DRESSED IN GREEN PL UNIFORMS WHICH

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[redacted] SAID WERE PROVIDED BY THE POLICEMEN IN TCHEPONE. THE UNIFORMS WERE THE LARGEST SIZE AVAILABLE TO THE PL AND APPEARED TO FIT FAIRLY WELL. THEY WERE NOT WEARING SHOES, EYEGLASSES, HATS OR JEWELRY OF ANY TYPE. BOTH POWS WERE CAUCASIANS. ONE WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AND HAD A HEAVY BUILD. HE WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOGRAM AND WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL. HE HAD SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR, LIGHT COMPLEXION WITH A ROUND FACE AND A POINTED NOSE. HE DID NOT HAVE A BEARD OR MUSTACHE. THE SECOND POW WAS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD AND HAD A THIN BUILD. HE WEIGHED ABOUT 65 KILOGRAMS AND WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL. HE HAD LIGHT BROWN HAIR, A RUDDY COMPLEXION, A NARROW FACE WITH A SHARP NOSE WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY BENT. HIS HAIR WAS ABOUT SIX CENTIMETERS LONG AND HE WORE A MUSTACHE AND A BEARD WHICH WAS ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTIMETERS LONG. IT APPEARED THAT HE HAD NOT SHAVEN FOR A FEW DAYS ALTHOUGH HIS MUSTACHE AND BEARED APPEARED WELL TRIMMED. BOTH POWS WERE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

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1. FOLLOWING NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED 16 MARCH PARALLELS EARLIER source REPORT THAT THERE ARE MORE U.S. POWS THAN COMMUNISTS HAVE OFFICIALLY ADMITTED. SOURCE WHO OBTAINED INFO FROM DURING MEETING (b)(6)
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3. TEXT OF INFORMATION: VIET CONG (VC) [redacted] [redacted] A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE STAFF OF VC MILITARY REGION 4, SAID ON 12 MARCH 1973 THAT THE FIGURE OF 585 UNITED STATES PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) RELEASED OFFICIALLY TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE POWS, WAS DEVELOPED AS A "BARGAINING FIGURE" BY THE VC (SIC) FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE 1954 INVOLVEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES IN VIETNAM MANY ADDITIONAL POWS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED, AND THE PRISONERS NOT YET LISTED BY THE COMMUNISTS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF DIRECT SECRET NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HANOI AND THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HANOI WILL USE THESE POWS AS A "BARGAINING TOOL" TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL "CONCESSIONS" FROM THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT OF INFORMATION.

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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF AN AMERICAN PRISONER IN MIMOT AREA, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE

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CAUCASIAN AND SIX SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS BEING ESCORTED BY FOUR ARMED NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS IN THE MIMOT AREA OF KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE CAUCASIAN PRISONER, WHO THE NVA GUARDS SAID WAS AN AMERICAN, APPEARED TO BE BETWEEN 30 AND 35 YEARS OLD. HE WAS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL, ABOUT 200 POUNDS WITH A HEAVY BUILD. HE HAD LIGHT BROWN HAIR WHICH WAS CURLY AND LONG IN THE BACK, SIDEBURNS THAT MERGED INTO A FULL BEARD WITH A MUSTACHE. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY TATTOOS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS. THE PRISONER WAS WEARING A GREEN CANVAS HAT, A SHORT SLEEVE KHAKI SHIRT AND KHAKI TROUSERS, BROWN THREE QUARTER STYLE BOOTS, BUT NO TAGS, INSIGNIA OR CHEVRONS. THE PRISONER HAD HIS ARMS TIED BEHIND HIS BACK, BUT HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE SICK OR WOUNDED.

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DOI : FEBRUARY - MARCH 1969

SUBJECT - SIGHTING OF EIGHT U.S. POW'S IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS, AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF ONE OF THE POW'S

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1. IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1969 EIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE INCARCERATED IN THE "THAM AMERICAN" (AMERICAN CAVE) AT VH 394487, TWO KILOMETERS EAST OF BAN KANG (VH 374476), IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS. THE CAVE WAS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN BASE OF A MOUNTAIN IN A DENSE JUNGLE AREA WHICH PRECLUDED AERIAL OBSERVATION. THE CAVE ENTRANCE WAS SIX METERS WIDE, FOUR METERS HIGH AND OF UNKNOWN DEPTH. THE PRISONERS WERE GUARDED BY A 32 MAN DETACHMENT FROM THE AIR DEFENSE COMPANY OF THE NEO LAO HAK SAT (NLHS) CENTRAL OFFICE COMMANDED BY [redacted] THE GUARD FORCE LIVED IN

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TWO HOUSES CONSTRUCTED AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN. FOUR GUARDS, WHO WERE ROTATED EVERY 12 HOURS, WERE POSTED AT THE CAVE ENTRANCE. THE GUARDS WERE ARMED WITH AK-47 AND SKS RIFLES.

2. THE EIGHT PRISONERS WERE DRESSED IN BLACK PAJAMAS WITH WHITE VERTICAL STRIPES. THEY WERE NOT TIED OR RESTRAINED IN ANY MANNER WHEN [redacted] OBSERVED THEM ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCCASIONS. ALL OF THEM APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH. THE PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED TO WALK IN FRONT OF THE CAVE AND TO READ BOOKS PROVIDED THEM BY THEIR GUARDS. A PL OFFICER WHO COULD SPEAK ENGLISH AND WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE GUARD DETACHMENT TOLD [redacted] THAT THEY HAD BEEN INCARCERATED IN THE CAVE FOR FOUR MONTHS. THE INTERPRETER FURTHER STATED THAT THE PRISONERS WERE GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO HANOI AT A LATER DATE. THE PRISONERS WERE STILL IN THE CAVE DURING MID-MARCH 1969 WHEN [redacted] DEPARTED THE AREA. [redacted] AND THE INTERPRETER TOLD [redacted] THAT ALL OF THE PRISONERS WERE AMERICAN PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE LAO PROVINCES OF SAM NEUA AND XIENG KHOUANG. EACH MORNING THE PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT WATER FOR DRINKING AND BATHING AND WERE GIVEN BREAD, MILK, EGGS, FISH SAUCE AND COOKED RICE TO EAT. OCCASIONALLY PERSONNEL FROM THE NLHS CENTRAL OFFICE IN BAN NAKAY NEUA (VH 1955)

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VISITED THE PRISONERS.

3. IN LATE FEBRUARY [redacted] VISITED THE CAVE AND OBSERVED A SICK AMERICAN PRISONER WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM AN INTESTINAL DISORDER. THE PL INTERPRETER TOLD [redacted] THAT THE SICK PRISONER WAS A MAJOR. [redacted] RECALLS THAT THE AMERICAN WAS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD, APPROXIMATELY 1.75 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOGRAMS; HAD A PALE COMPLEXION, A LONG FACE AND WAS WELL BUILT. HE BAD BLACK (SIC) EYES AND BLACK HAIR AND WORE A WRISTWATCH WHICH HAD A BLACK FACE. THE SICK AMERICAN WAS A CAUCASIAN AS WERE ALL OF THE OTHER AMERICAN PRISONERS. [redacted] RETURNED TO THE CAVE A FEW DAYS LATER AND WAS TOLD THAT THE SICK AMERICAN HAD DIED AND HIS BODY WAS BURIED NEAR THE CAVE. [redacted] WAS SHOWN THE DEAD PRISONER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD BY THE INTERPRETER BUT HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME.

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4. [redacted] REVIEWED A MACV PUBLICATION TITLED "JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER - PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SEA" IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE AMERICAN PRISONERS HE OBSERVED IN EARLY 1969. HE COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY OF THE PRISONERS; HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT CAPTAIN ANTHONY CHARLES A N D R E W S, ACCESSION NUMBER 0568,

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RESEMBLED THE MAJOR WHO HAD DIED AND THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RESEMBLED SOME OF THE OTHER PRISONERS HE HAD SEEN:

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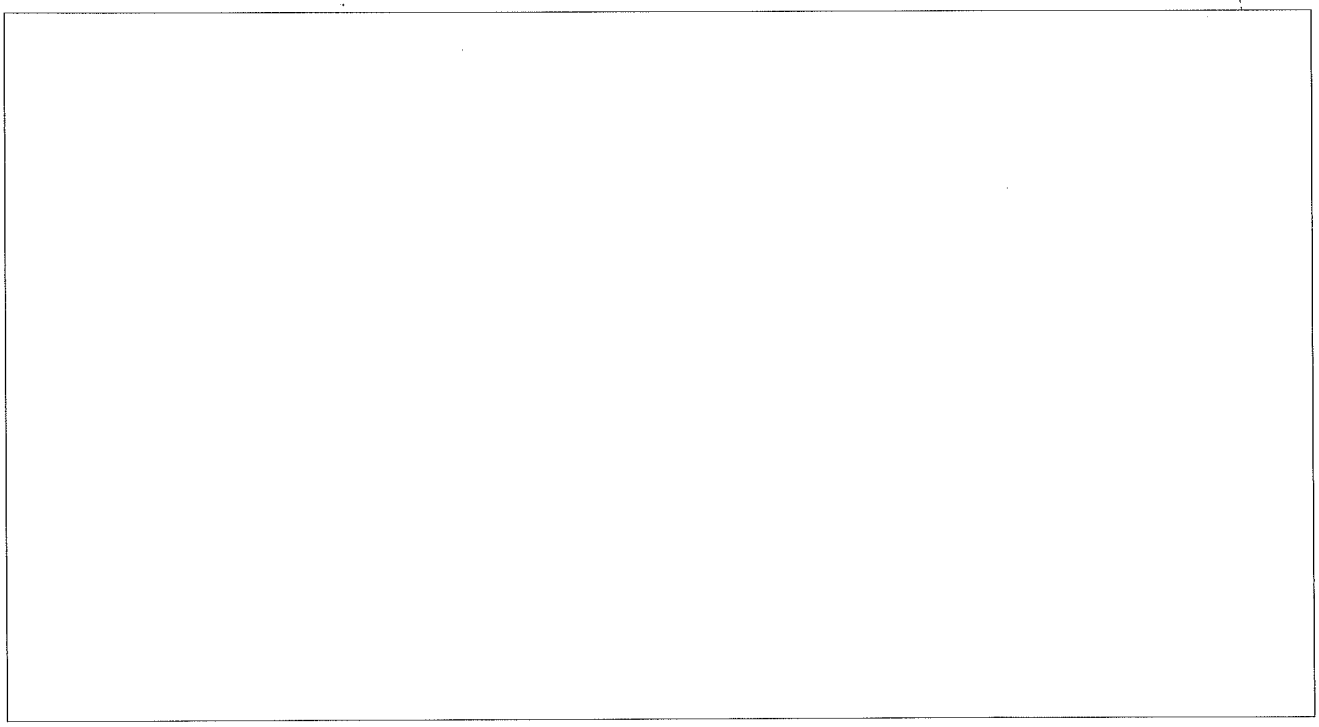
B. 2ND LIEUTENANT (LT) DONALD M. M A Y E R I C K, ACCESSION NUMBER Ø942.

C. 1ST LT DONALD RAY S P O O N, ACCESSION NUMBER 1115. (b)(1) (b)(6)

D. CAPTAIN DEAN P. S T. P I E R E E, ACCESSION NUMBER 1118. (b)(3)(n)



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1. AS YOU WELL AWARE, THERE IS CONTINUING CONCERN AT SENIOR LEVELS HERE REGARDING U.S. PERSONNEL WHO WERE CAPTURED OR BECAME MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS. PRIME INTEREST IS OF COURSE ESTABLISHING IDENTITY AND, IF HUMANLY POSSIBLE, LOCATION OF ANY LIVING PERSONNEL STILL BEING HELD AS PRISONERS. SECOND ONLY TO THAT IS INTEREST IN ASCERTAINING EXACT FATE (INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, LOCATION OF REMAINS) OF THOSE ON POW/MIA ROLLS WHO HAVE DIED.

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ATTENTION : Chief of Operations, EAD

SUBJECT : Briefing of JCS Concerning MIA Operations in Laos and Cambodia

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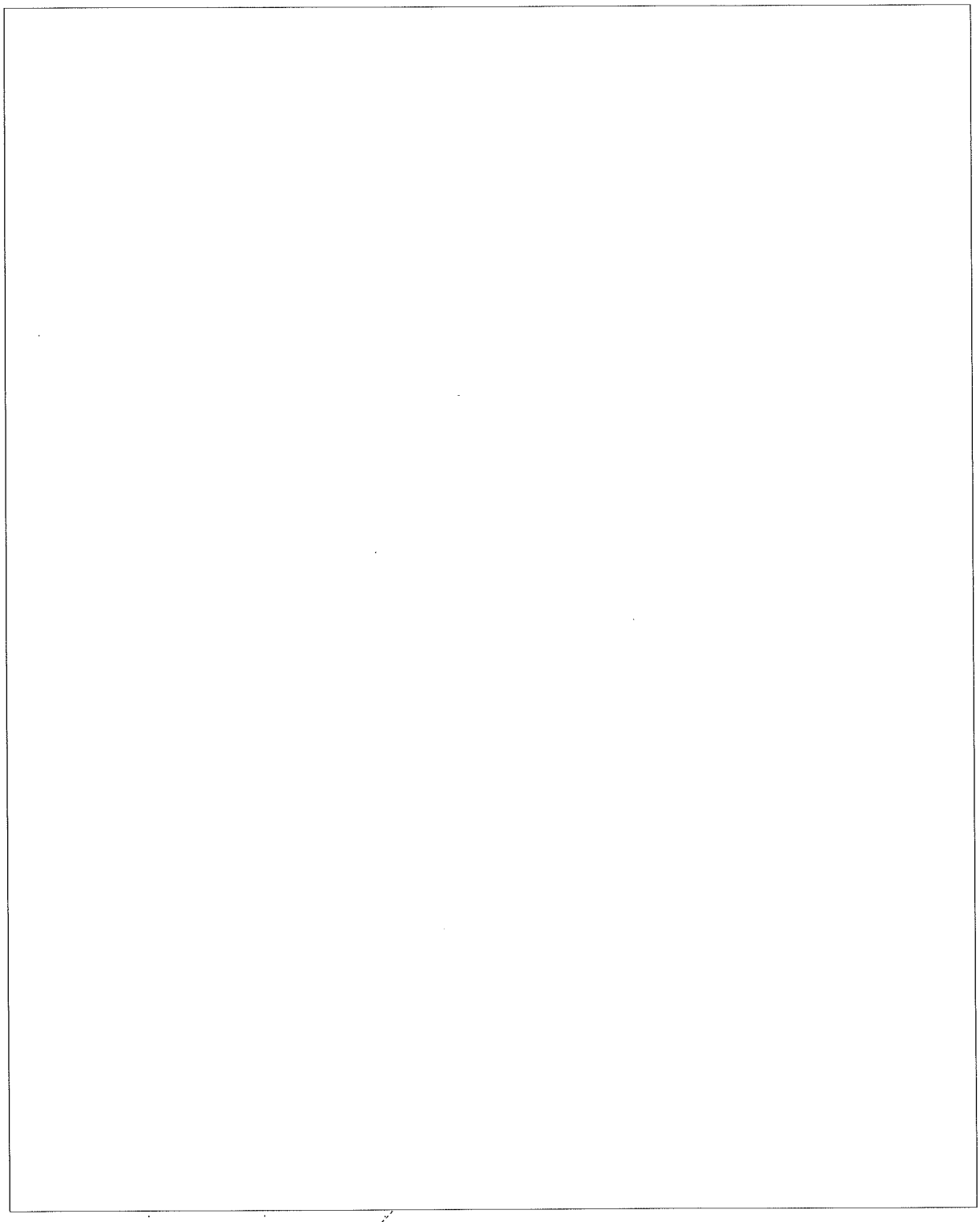

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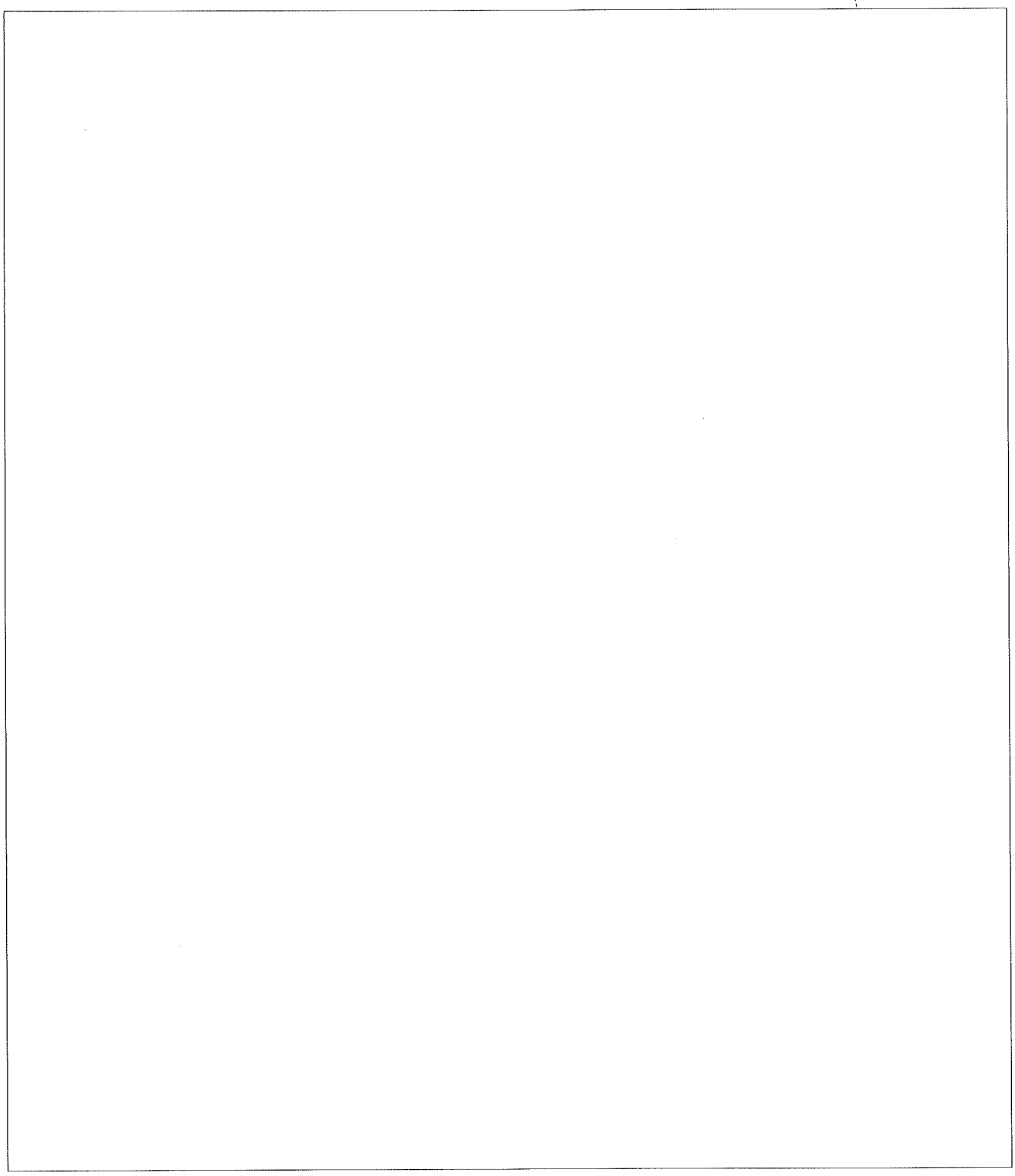

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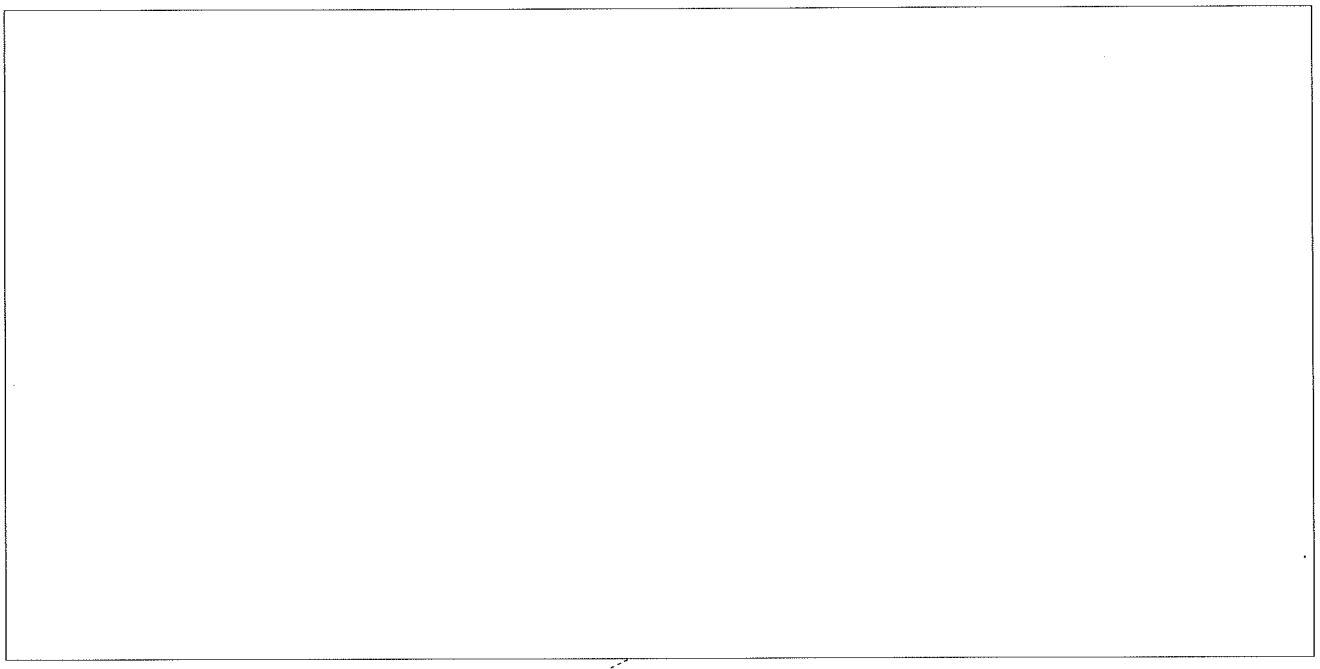

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1. APPRECIATE RESPONSE AND DESCRIPTION OF CRASH SITE INSPECTIONS.

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1. DURING AFTERNOON 16 JANUARY VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN GILMAN TO LONG TIENG, GEN. VANG PAO INITIATED CONVERSATION CONCERNING US MIA. VANG PAO STATED THAT BETWEEN 8-10 YOUNG U.S. AIRCREW PERSONNEL ARE STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVITY IN NVN IN GROUPS OF 2-3. VANG PAO CLAIMS THE MIA ARE LARGELY YOUNG OFFICERS NOT PROPERLY TRAINED OR INDOCTRINATED IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT. VP DID NOT HAVE SPECIFICS REGARDING LOCATIONS, SIGHTINGS, ETC. HE SOURCED THE INFORMATION TO HIS AGENTS WITHIN THE LPF. HE CLAIMS HE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INFO WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO

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B. DIRECTOR

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RE HIS INFORMATION ON US MIA/POW'S GENERAL VANG PAO STATED THAT HE HAD TASKED CERTAIN OF HIS HOUSEHOLD STAFF IN VIENTIANE TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH PL MEMBERS IN VIENTIANE. AS A RESULT, ONE OF HIS OFFICERS INFORMED VANG PAO THAT ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO HE HAD MET WIOX THREE PL SOLDIERS IN THE VICINITY OF NONG THA (TE 4791). ONE OF THE PL, ALLEGED TO BE A LAO THEUNLASERGEANT, INFORMED VP'S MAN THAT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE HAD PERSONALLY OBSERVED AMERICANS WORKING WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN THE VICINITY OF DEMARCATION ZONE (DMZ). ACCORDING TO THE PL, THE AMERICANS WERE NOT RESTRAINED IN ANY MANNER AND APPARENTLY WERE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT WITHOUT SUSPICION. VANG PAO STATED THAT HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT THE SOURCE (b)(6) NAME UNKNOWN) STATED HE HAD TRAVELED BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM ALONG THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND IT WAS DURING ONE OF THESE TRIPS [illegible]

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TO: DIRECTOR (b)(3)(n)

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1. REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ON 25 FEB 75

"ACCORDING TO A RANKING PL OFFICER; IN A PRISON LOCATED NORTH OF TCHEPONE (VIC XD 3050) THERE ARE 3-6 CAUCASIAN POWS. THE POWS REPORTEDLY WERE CAPTURED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF SOUTH LAOS PRIOR TO 1973. THREE OF THE PRISONERS WERE SEEN BY TCHEPONE VILLAGERS IN SEPTEMBER 1972 WHILE THEY WERE ENROUTE TO THE PRISON CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TCHEPONE. SINCE 1972 NONE OF THE POWS HAVE BEEN SEEN BY ANY NON-MILITARY PERSONS. THE OFFICER STATED THAT AS OF 1 DEC 74, FOUR CAUCASIAN POWS WERE PERSONALLY OBSERVED AND APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. THE OFFICER FURTHER STATED THAT THESE POWS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD INCOMMUNICADO FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD UNTIL THE WAR IN SVN AND CAMBODIA HAS ENDED. THE POWS ARE

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TO: IMMEDIATE VIENTIANE [redacted]

PRISONERS

1. FYI: MORNING 31 JULY [redacted] INFORMED [redacted] THAT A [redacted] REPORTED TO THEM THAT HIS NEIGHBOR, [redacted] HAD SEEN TWO AMERICANS IN A MAKESHIFT JAIL DURING HIS INTERNMENT IN VIENTIANE. [redacted] PURCHASED HIS RELEASE FROM JAIL ON 29 JULY.

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2. [redacted] FOLLOWED UP THE STORY AND HAD AN INTERPRETER TALK WITH [redacted] CLAIMED THAT HE HAD LIVED IN VIENTIANE BUT FLED TO [redacted] AS PL TOOK OVER. ON 20 JULY HE RETURNED TO VIENTIANE TO ATTEMPT SELL HIS HOUSE BUT WAS ARRESTED ON 25 JULY BY PL FOR BEING "COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY AND FOR TRYING TO SELL HIS HOUSE". [redacted] CLAIMES HE THROWN INTO MAKESHIFT JAIL LOCATED AT THE LAO LIBERATION COM CENTER IN THE THREE ELEPHANT HEAD AREA NEAR KM 2 ON THE ROAD TO LUANG PRABANG. [redacted] CLAIMED THAT 13 LAO OFFICERS AND POLICEMEN WERE IN THE JAIL AND ALSO TWO AMERICAN MALES.

3. [redacted] DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH BUT GAVE THE

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FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO MEN ALLEGED TO BE AMERICANS:

A. ONE WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FT 8 IN TO 6 FT TALL; HAD 2-3 INCH SCAR ON RIGHT FORARM, WORE AVIATOR TYPE GLASSES, BLACK/BROWN HAIR, IN JAIL POSSIBLY SINCE APPROXIMATELY 19 JULY, WORE FATIGUE TROUSERS, JUNGLE BOOTS AND CIVILIAN SHIRT, WAS IN EARLY 30'S AND WAS KEEPING A DIARY;

B. OTHER MAN IN JAIL SINCE 20 JULY, OVER 6 FT TALL, BIG, BLUE EYES, REDDISH COMPLEXION, BLOND CREW CUT, WORE LT BLUE SHIRT DARK TROUSERS CIVILIAN SHOES, RIGHT EAR BENT FORWARD, POSSIBLE RED TATOO ON RIGHT UPPER ARM.

4. [redacted] SAID THEY HAVE CHECKED WITH [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) AND THE TWO MEN DESCRIBED ABOVE DO NOT FIT DESCRIPTIONS OF PRESENTLY KNOWN AWOL PERSONNEL. [redacted]

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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI 25-27 MAY 1977

SUBJECT LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SEARCH FOR THE REMAINS OF MISSING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOSY

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1. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 31 MAY 1977, A GROUP OF OFFICIALS FROM THE CENTRAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN VIENTIANE REPORTED TO ITS HEADQUARTERS, FROM THE PROVINCIAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN SAM NEUA, THE RESULTS OF ITS EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE REMAINS OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR, PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION AND DOWNED PILOTS IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE. THE GROUP, WHICH ARRIVED IN SAM NEUA ON 25 MAY, REPORTED THAT ON 26 AND 27 MAY IT HAD, TOGETHER WITH PROVINCIAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, CONDUCTED EXPLORATIONS IN THE AREAS [redacted]SURROUNDING SAM NEUA AND VIEN[redacted]G SAI CITIES.

2. IN THE SAM NEUA AREA, THE GROUP, IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY SIX [redacted]SITES WHERE U.S. AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED.Y

A. AN F-4 WITH "THREE CREWMEN ABOARD" WAS DOWNED AT KENG PHOUN {VH510469[redacted] OR VH534465}. THE CREWMEN WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH. [redacted] THERE ARE TWO CREWMEN ABOARD AN F-4 AIRCRAFT. ALL COORDINATES ARE APP[redacted]ROXIMATE, BASED ON LAO PLACE NAMES AND VARIANTS.}Y

B. AN F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED AT AN UNSPECIFIED

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LOCATION. THE CREWMAN WHO WAS ABO[redacted]ARD THE AIRCRAFT WAS KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH AND WAS BURIED BY [redacted] THE LOCAL VILLAGERS.

C. THE DEBRIS OF AN F-105 WAS FOUND AT HIN KHAM (UH9705397). THE PILOT, WHO HA[redacted]D EJECTED BEFORE THE CRASH, WAS KILLED BY A LOCAL MILITIAMAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED.

D. AN F-105 WAS DOWNED AT SOP VEK (UH9422888). THE PILOT WAS KILLED DURING THE CRASH.

E. AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT PHOU KHIENG NA (UH9282). THE PILOT, WHO HAD EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE THE CRASH, DIED OF UNKNOWN CAUSES. THE REMAINS OF [redacted] HIS BODY WERE FOUND BY THE GROUP, NEARBY AT PHOU CHANG (NCA).

F. AT PHA THI (UH6659) AN "AD AIRCRAFT" WAS DOWNED. THE TWO CR[redacted]EW MEMBERS WERE KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH.

3. IN ADDITION, THE GROUP DISCOVERED THAT WHEN LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (LPLA) TROOPS LIBERATED PHA THI, SIX AMERICANS, WHO WERE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WERE KILLED AND THEIR BODIES DESTROYED. [redacted] IT WAS NOT REPORTED WHEN THE

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4. ON 27 MAY, THE GROUP TRAVELED TO VIENG SAI WHERE IT CONDUCTED SEARCHES WITH LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL. THE GROUP WAS ONLY ABLE TO LOCATE THE REMAINS OF TWO AMERICANS BURIED IN THIS AREA. ([redacted] (b)(3)(n)) ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE IDENTITIES OF THESE AMERICANS, THE CAUSE OF THEIR DEATHS, AND THE LOCATION OF THE BURIAL SITES WERE NOT REPORTED.}Y

5. IN SUMMING UP THEIR ACTIVITIES, THE GROUP FROM THE VIENTIANE SECURITY COMMAND STATED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED FULL COOPERATION FROM PROVINCIAL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULT TRAVELING CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE AREA CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS, IT WAS "UNABLE TO VISIT A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS."Y

6. [redacted] DISSEM: [redacted]

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TO: HEADQUARTERS, DIRECTOR,

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SUBJECT: REPORTED PRESENCE OF US SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN LAOS (OCTOBER 1976)

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3. ACCORDING TO HE ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION DURING A TWO DAY LAYOVER IN SARAVANE IN OCTOBER 1976, AT WHICH TIME HE CHANCED TO MEET WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO SARAVANE. TO CLARIFY, STATED THAT FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN 1975, THE PATHET LAO HAD ESTABLISHED REINDOCTRINATION CAMPS FOR FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MILITARY OFFICER AND SENIOR NCO'S AT BOTH TCHEPONE AND SARAVANE. IN REALITY THE CAMPS WERE LITTLE MORE THAN FORCED LABOR CAMPS WITH A

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MINIMUM OF ACTUAL INDOCTRINATION ON COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE TWO ESTABLISHMENTS WAS TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD LINKING THE TWO VILLAGES. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT DURING A ROUTINE ROAD SURVEY IN EARLY OCTOBER 1976 HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN A GROUP OF US PRISONERS BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL POW COMPOUND SITUATED IN A MOUNTAIN CAVE ABOUT SIXTY KILOMETERS NORTH NORTHWEST OF SARAVANE. [redacted] STATES THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH [redacted] HE WAS AFRAID TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AMERICANS FOR FEAR OF RAISING PATHET LAO SUSPICIONS. HE STATED THAT THE EYES AND EARS OF THE COMMUNISTS WERE PRESENT EVERYWHERE AND THAT TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING SUCH MATTERS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO ONE'S ARREST. MOREOVER, HE STATED THAT, AT THE TIME, HE KNEW THAT NUMEROUS US AIRCREWMEN HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE GENERAL AREA AND THAT IT ONLY SEEMED REASONABLE THAT SOME SURVIVED AND WERE BEING HELD IN SOUTH CENTRAL LAOS.

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1. IN MID-FEBRUARY 1980 REPORTED THAT IN NOVEMBER 1979, 900 THAI, THREE AMERICAN AND 600 LAO RIGHTEST PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) WERE MOVED FROM A POW CAMP AT MUANG WIANG CHAI, XAM NUA AREA, TO THE AREA OF A HYDROELECTRIC DAM NEAR PU HIN LEKFAI (PHONETIC) IN SOUTHERN LAOS NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER. THE MOVEMENT OF THE POWS WAS SUPERVISED BY SOVIET ADVISORS. CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED THIS INFORMATION FROM HIS SON, WHO WAS INTERNED WITH THE POWS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WHO WAS LIVING IN VIENTIANE IN JANUARY 1980. HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT WAS NOT ACTUALLY INTERNED WITH THE AMERICAN POWS, BUT WAS IN A DETENTION CAMP NEXT TO THE CAMP IN WHICH THEY WERE ALLEGEDLY HELD. REPORTEDLY HEARD OF THE AMERICAN POWS FROM A FORMER RLG LIEUTENANT, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS INTERNED WITH THE AMERICANS AND LATER SENT SOUTH WITH THEM. LEARNED OF THE POW MOVEMENT FROM WHEN WAS ALLOWED OUT OF THE DETENTION CAMP TO VISIT SIC RELATIVES IN VIENTIANE PRIOR TO THE MOVE TO SOUTHERN LAOS. IS PRESENTLY LIVING AT THE NONGKHAI REFUGEE CAMP AT 47/35 HUT-11.

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SUBJECT: SIGHTINGS OF AMERICAN MIA'S AND AMERICAN POW
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2. IN LATE 1970, A U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER WAS OBSERVED HALF-SUBMERGED IN A POND IN THE DAM DOI SUBSECTOR IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE. THE BODIES OF POSSIBLY FOUR MEN IN THE HELICOPTER WERE IN A PARTIALLY DECOMPOSED STATE. ALL WEAPONS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CRAFT BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST. THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE WAS NORTH OF CA MAU CITY ABOUT 5 OR 6 KILOMETERS UP THE SONG DIET RIVER IN KOM RUONG HAMLET. THE POND WAS NEAR THE HOME OF A FORMER VIET CONG CADRE NAMED , IN EARLY 1979 THE SAME HELICOPTER WAS OBSERVED STILL SUBMERGED IN THE POND. IN MID-1979 TAM DUC WAS STILL LIVING IN THE SAME AREA. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

3. AT CAI CHON HAMLET IN MAY OR JUNE 1975 A U.S. PLANE

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CONTAINING NUMEROUS SKELETAL REMAINS WAS SEEN TEN KILOMETERS FROM NAM CAN CITY, MINH HAI PROVINCE, UP THE CAI LON RIVER ABOUT TWO HUNDRED METERS FROM THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT THAT POINT. BOMBS WERE STILL ATTACHED UNDER THE AIRCRAFT'S WINGS. PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA SAID THE PLANE WENT DOWN PRIOR TO 1972.

4. IN JUNE 1975, AN AMERICAN CAPTIVE WAS OBSERVED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF COMMUNIST CADRES AT A COMMUNIST RE-EDUCATION CAMP IN THOI BINH DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROVINCE, WHICH WAS A FORMER VIET CONG BASECAMP. THE CAPTIVE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 32 YEARS OLD, BLOND HAIRED, AND DRESSED IN BLACK PRISON DRESS WITH NO SHOES. HE WAS ENGAGED IN FARMING. IN LATE JUNE 1975 WHEN THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT THE CAMP WERE SENT TO CA MAU CITY, THE AMERICAN REMAINED AT THE CAMP.

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5. IN JULY 1975 AT A LABOR CAMP MORE THAN TEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF BAN ME THUOT CITY ON ROUTE TWENTY-ONE IN DAC LAC PROVINCE, A TREE WAS SEEN ON WHICH WERE THE INSCRIPTIONS, "LABIR" AND "11/72." A COMMUNIST GUARD AT THE CAMP SAID THE NAME WAS THAT OF ONE OF TWO CAPTURED USAID OFFICERS (ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN) WHO HAD BEEN HELD AT THE BASECAMP AT THAT TIME. THE GUARD SAID THAT AFTER THE TWO AMERICANS HAD BEEN LIVING FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ON CASSAVA ROOTS, THEY BECAME WEAK AND ILL, AND LATER DIED.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Michael Armacost
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
East Asia and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

FROM: John N. McMahon
Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: Alleged Presence of American and Thai Prisoners of War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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REFS: A. [redacted]
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1. According to an additional unconfirmed report on subject refs [redacted], American and Thai Prisoners are to be moved from Vientiane to Attopeu by aircraft on 7 December. Report states that aircraft is to be Antonov 26 (twin turboprop high wing cargo aircraft of medium size), and arrival time Attopeu is specified as 1400 hours local. Per this schedule departure time Vientiane would probably be 1100-1200 hours local. Although this report like earlier one regarded with considerable skepticism, would much appreciate any observations you can make tending to confirm or refute aircraft movement of kind described from Vientiane.

John N. McMahon

Later info indicates this fabrication

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TO: WASHINGTON.

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SUBJECT: JMMINTEL - REPORT OF U.S. POWS IN LAOS

2. ACCORDING TO [redacted] ON 15 APRIL 1980, 200 OF APPROXIMATELY 4,000 "TROOPS" IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE WERE TAKEN TO BUILD "HOUAY HINLEKAI" (POSSIBLY PHOU HINLEKFAI, 7A8964) DAM IN ATTOPEU PROVINCE. OF THE 200 MEN, THREE WERE "AMERICANS" TAKEN BY "SOVIETS." ANOTHER 800, INCLUDING SEVEN AMERICANS AND 12 RUSSIANS, WERE TO BE SENT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE BUT THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY IN GETTING VEHICLES. ASIDE FROM THIS MOVE, SOME GROUPS OF THE TROOPS HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM PHONGSALY TO "OAK TUNG" (YC8) AND "DAK KA" IN "SOUTH VIET AM." [redacted] COMMENTED THAT THE MOVEMENT WAS BELIEVED DUE TO CHINESE HARASSMENT IN THE NORTHERN LAOS AND THE NECESSITY TO MOVE THE DETAINEES TO A SAFER PLACE NEAR THE BORDER OF THE SRV.

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• ACCORDING TO [redacted] THERE ARE TWO THAI/AMERICAN
PS IN THE LPDR. ONE IS LOCATED IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE,
OTHER IS IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE. IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE,
RE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAMPS. ONE REPRESENTS "INTERNAL
." THESE INTERNAL PRISONS DO NOT PERMIT ACCESS BY THE GENERAL
AND ARE LOCATED IN THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS. THE FIRST CAMP
GNATED "C-155" AND IS LOCATED AT XOM VILLAGE (POSSIBLY UG2558),
TON, PEK DISTRICT; ANOTHER IS DESIGNATED "C-156" AND IS
AT HOUAY HEN VILLAGE (NCA), KHAY CANTON; AND THE THIRD IS
TED "C-158" AND IS LOCATED AT LOUANG VILLAGE (POSSIBLY UG1379),
CANTON, MUANG KHAM DISTRICT (UG4971). THE OTHER TYPE IS
L PRISON." THIS PRISON HOLDS LAO PRISONERS WHO WERE INVOLVED
ING ALONG SIDE THAI/AMERICANS DURING THE WAR. (COMMENT: THESE
RECENTLY FORMER SGU SOLDIERS.) THE EXTERNAL PRISON IS DESIG-
C-157" AND LOCATED AT KA VILLAGE (NCA), PEK DISTRICT. THERE
ONE EXTERNAL PRISON.

THE POW CAMP IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY
BOUN TAI (RD0869) AND BOUN NUA (RD0895). AND HAS APPROXI-
,000 PRISONERS. MOST OF THESE PRISONERS ARE FORMER "PANTHER
" (SGU BATTALION) TROOPS AND AMERICANS. ON 19 SEPTEMBER
POWS WERE RELOCATED TO KILOMETER 52 (ROUTE NOT SPECIFIED)
ROUTE CONSTRUCTED BY CHINA. DURING THE MOVE TWO OF THE
S, (NAI) C H O E N (LNU) AND (NAI) K H I A N (LNU), WERE
(COMMENT: NO FURTHER EXPLANATION.) THE REPORT GOES ON TO
AT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THOSE WHO WERE RELOCATED TO KILOMETER
HARD CORE POWS."

ON 15 APRIL 1980, 200 POWS (THAI) AND THREE AMERICANS WERE
CONSTRUCT "HOUAY MILEK" DAM (NCA) IN ATTOPEU PROVINCE. THE
TION OF THE DAM IS BEING SUPERVISED BY SOVIET ENGINEERS.
POSSIBLY THE LPDR GOVERNMENT) HAS PLANS TO SEND 800 MORE POWS
NG SEVEN AMERICAN POWS) WITH 12 MORE SOVIET SUPERVISORS (POS-
INEERS) TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. THEY ARE WAITING FOR
TATION. (COMMENT: [redacted] THE
Y SAYING THAT ETHNIC KHAMU AND HMONG REFUGEES HAVE PREVIOUSLY
THE EXISTENCE OF A POW CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF BAN XONNAXOU
, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. IN ADDITION, THE ROAD MENTIONED
POWS WERE RELOCATED IS BELIEVED TO BE ROUTE SEVEN WHICH RUNS
NG SAI - MUANG HON - MUANG PAKSENG IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE.)

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1. INFO ON SIGHTING OF U.S. POW'S GIVEN IN REFS A AND C, THOUGH DIFFERING SOMEWHAT IN DETAILS, APPARENTLY REFER TO SAME CAMP LOCATION THAT WAS SUBJECT OF REPORTS MENTIONED IN REF B. TO DETERMINE ACCURACY OF REPORTED SIGHTING, WE WOULD NEED TO CONTACT THE ONE OR TWO SWEDES WHO MADE WHAT IS APPARENTLY SAME SIGHTING REPORTED IN ALL THREE REFS. FIRM IN STOCKHOLM COULD PROBABLY PROVIDE THEIR NAMES, BUT WE RECALL SOME PROBLEMS AROSE IN CONTACT MADE WITH FIRM IN 1978 AND THAT FIRM OFFICIAL AT THAT TIME STATED THOSE INDIVIDUALS SIGHTED WERE ACTUALLY VIETNAMESE, NOT CAUCASIAN PRISONERS.

2. ACCOUNT OF 1978 REPORT OF SIGHTING IS AS FOLLOWS: IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1978, ONE OR TWO SWEDES EMPLOYED AT BAI BANG PAPER MILL PROJECT UNKNOWINGLY TRAVELLED INTO DETENTION CAMP NEAR HAM YEN LOCATED BETWEEN HANOI AND SRV-CHINA BORDER. AT CAMP CAUCASIAN PRISONERS WERE SEEN, BUT THE ONE/TWO SWEDES WERE APPREHENDED BY SRV AUTHORITIES, REMOVED FROM THE SCENE AND LATER RELEASED TO SWEDES AT BAI BANG. ONE VERSION SAID ONE SWEDE WAS DEPORTED, BUT IN ANY EVENT, WENT BACK TO SWEDEN BY MAY 1978. FYI, HAM YEN CAMP MAY HAVE BEEN RELOCATED AT TIME OF CHINESE INVASION IN FEBRUARY 1979.

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*SIGHTING OF U.S. POW'S IN NORTH VIETNAM.
**REQUEST FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON INFO IN REF C.
***SIGHTING OF U.S. POW'S IN NORTH VIETNAM.

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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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1. SUBSOURCE(S/S) REPORTED THAT THE ALLEGED POWS CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF 60 THAI AND U.S. PERSONS ARE NOW WORKING ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF PHALANE (XD5847) AND THAT FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF HER TWO MEN WITH THIS INFORMATION SHE IMMEDIATELY SENT ONE MAN, TO THE PHALANE AREA TO VERIFY POW PRESENCE THERE. AS OF 19 DECEMBER THIS MAN HAD NOT YET RETURNED. (b)(6)

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28APR71 [redacted] 6 AMCIT PW IN BI DOUP MTN - LARGE CAVE SRV

29JAN72 VM DURING TET 1968 OBSERVED 7 AMCIT PW (OBSERVED IN GROUPS OF 2-3)

NOV 79 [redacted] 2 AMCIT PW MOVED FROM POW CAMP MUANG WIANG CHAI TO HYDROELECTRIC DAM IN S LAOS (PU HIN LEKFAI)

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VIETNAM 1975 JUNE - AMCIT PW OBSERVED IN COMMU REEDUCATION CAMP THOI BINH DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROV

18JUN80 3 AMCIT PW ON 15APR80 WERE TAKEN BY SOVIETS TO DAM PROJECT IN ATTOPEU PROV (PHOU HINT 2 THAI/AMCIT CAMPS IN LPDR

A. XIENG KHOUANG PROV

B. PHONSALY PROV (MUANG BOUN TAI AND BOUN NI

16SEP80 - [redacted] 40 THAI & AMCIT PWs - MOVED FROM PHONGSALY PROV - THAKNEK IN CENTRAL LAO

c.1978 HAM YEN CAMP BETWEEN HANOI & SRV BORDER CAUCASIANS SITED

14NOV80 30 AMCIT PWs CONSTRUCTING ROADS NEAR NOMMARATH IN LPDR

18DEC80 60 THAI & AMCIT PW WORKING ON ROAD CONSTRUCTIO IN VIC OF PHALANE

08APR82 FABRICATION REVEALED [redacted] (1) (b)(3)(n)

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12MAR85 CONTACT W/ [redacted] VM FOR DEF (b)(6)

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		US POW INTEL COLLECTION
		2 US PILOTS SPOTTED MAR-JUN 1965 XD 079375 (MUONG P.
		LATE JULY 1969 NO AMCIT POWS AT PRISON BAN THAPACHON
		AMCIT SURRENDERING IN CENTRAL TRUNG BO TO PLAF
		BAN PEUM VILLAGE PRISON (LATE 1969) NO AMCIT
		4 MAY 65 - AMCIT PILOT CAPTURED SAM NEUA PROVINCE
		APR 71 2 AM POW SPOTTED POE LAOS→VN W/ WOUNDED NVA
(b)(3)(c) →		10 JUN 72 US "OFFICER?" OBSERVED CHHUK DISTRICT CAPITAL (CAMBODIA), KAMPOT PROVINCE. [redacted] MATCHES DESCRIPTION OF (b)(3)(n) JOHNNIE L. RAY CPT. MIA 8 APR 72 HEADED N → KAMPONG SPOE GOOD HEALTH?
		MID JUN 71 VIEN 2 US POW SOUTHERN LAOS/VN BORDER W/ 10 WOUNDED NVA [redacted] JPRC LISTS 2 NLOS IN TIME FRAME) ALSO US PILOT NCOS - JON R. CAVAIANI \ JOHN E. JONES
		DEC 71 AM POW PILOTS SEEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE 60 KM NW [redacted] NEAR TEHEPONE IDENTIFIED AS CAUCASIAN PILOTS D/J BOMBING MSN IN AREA
		JUL/AUG 1970 AM PILOT SHOT DOWN BAN NANANG, APR. 1971 F 105? BAN NAKAY NEUA PRISON CAMP
		JAN 73 LOCATION OF 2 US PILOTS IN CAVE PRISON ± MAY 1972 BAN NA KHAY NEUA PRISON
		MAR 69 8 AM POW IN BAN KANG SAM NEUA PROVINCE
VOL II →		2 AM POW SIGHTED 20 JUL 75 LUANG PRABANG 0084
		US POW SIGHTED 60 MI NW OF SARAVANNE IN POW CAMP

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KEY INFO

3 AM POW DETAINED NEAR HYDROELECTRIC DAM AREA NOV 79 LAOS/CAM. BORDER (BAD HLNO)

[redacted] AM POW (20) MOVED TO PHONSAVAN CAMP BY 2BNDVBO

[redacted] ON THAI BORDER OF 20 AM CIT POW TO BE MOVED TO VIENTIANE DEC 80. NO CONFIRMATION

[redacted] FINALLY STATES FABRICATION 30 DEC 80

FURTHER INTEREST IN 18 AM CIT CLAIMED POW IN ATTOPEU PROV. INTEL TEAM INFILTRATION?

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CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON AM CIT PRISONERS FROM 2 PREVIOUS LOCATED IN CAMP CALLED PHUN KHENG (LOC. UNKNOWN) 30-40 GUARDS ON COMPOUND. [redacted]

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CONFIRM THAI PRIME MINISTER IS BRIEFED ON POW ISSUE.

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[redacted] INFO ON POWS IS NOT CREDIBLE

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THAI, AM CIT, CHINESE POWS WERE HELD IN LOUANG NAMTHA PROVINCE & MOVED TO KONTUM, SRV

27JAN81 PLAN FOR INFILTRATION OF INTEL TM INTO LAOS TO ID DETENTION AREA & VERIFY AM CIT PRESENCE.

DIA COMMENT ON REQUEST FROM DIA REP FOR INFO ON REPORT BY DIA REP IN THAILAND OF BOTH 1/40 AM CIT POW MOVING FROM VIENG SAI TO ATTAPEU.

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RESPONSE TO [redacted] & PART OF FABRICATION NET

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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] ON REQUEST BY FATHER OF AMCIT REPORTED KILLE IN CAMBODIA (BASED ON 15 DEC 79 VPI STORY)
		17 MAR 81 FROM [redacted] CLAIM OF HEAR SAY EVIDENCE OF AMCIT PW IN LUONG NHAMTAL
		18 MAR 81 ABC RPT CONTACT W/ HMONG REFUGEE IN NONG KHAI PHOUMANO STATED TRYING TO CONFIRM RPT OF 26 AMERICANS BEING HELD IN UNDERGROUND FRENCH HOSPITAL IN PLAIN OF JARS. ALSO SIGHTING OF 5 AMCIT IN 1980 IN KHAMMOUANE P
		22 APR 81 INTERVIEW W/ CHINESE PW – QUYET TIEN CAMP IN HA GIANG PROVINCE – 50 AMCIT PW UNTIL JAN 78
[redacted]		18 JUN 81 BO GRITZ HAS INFO OF 5 MALES NEAR AN LOC
		24 JUL 81 10 AMCIT PW HA NAM NINH ME PRISON CAMP IN PHU LY. PUBLIC SECURITY SURROUNDING AMCIT – MOVEMENT AT NIGHT 57 KM SE OF HANOI (ME CAMP)
		DIA COMMENTARY ON MIA IN INDOCHINA – ① NO EVIDENCE ② MANY REMAINS ③ SVN OFFICIALS ARE DELIBERA TRYING TO CONVINCE PUBLIC THERE ARE MIAS. USE OF INFO AS RANSOM – FRENCH EXAMPLE
		03 AUG 81 FABRICATION OF STORY BY VNCIT OF AMCIT PW IN 1980 [redacted]
		12 AUG 81 DIA SOURCE STATES 200-300 AMCIT PW IN CAVES IN ANNAM MT RANGE. [redacted]
		21 AUG 81 SIGHTING OF MIA BY SWISS ATTACHE IN LUANG PRABANG PROV. GOV OF PROVINCE TOLD SWISS OFFICIAL THAT CAUCASIANS SIGHTE. WERE AMCIT AND AUSTCIT PW LABORERS

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DESCRIPTION

REFUGEE COMMENT - AMCIT PW HELD AT CAMP IN TAN CANH (NEAR KONTUM & DAK TO) IN 1975

26AUG81 - ANOTHER ACCESS TO [redacted] ALSO RELATES SIMILS STORY FROM 21AUG81 SIGHTING (SEE PREVIOUS PAGE)

16SEP81 LAO REFUGEE STATES BRO. DIED IN LAOS PRISON CAMP REPORT OF 82 AMCIT PW (LOC UNK)

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23OCT81 FORMER ARVN OFF. 24 AMCIT PW IN RESIDENCE OF RSV PREMIER KHIEM IN HO CHI MINH CITY 1981 SOURCE IS UNPROVEN

26OCT81 [redacted] STATES LAOTIAN MILOFF HAS LIST OF 38 AMCIT PW WHO WERE TURNED OVER TO SRV REP

03NOV81 VNCIT REFUGEE OBSERVED & TALKED TO AMCIT ON 18APR81 BIEN HOA APT ROAD CLAIMED TO BE "WILLIAM LNU" (KETTY ON NAME TAG) MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS TECH NATIVE BOSTON WORKED COM CENTER MIL REGION 7 HOSPITAL CARE IN BIEN HOA FOR 'MENTAL DISORDER'

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03DEC81 SUMMARY OF AMCIT PW SIGHTINGS BY LAO RESISTANCE

1. [redacted] 4. [redacted] 7. [redacted]
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SOURCE REPORTS 12 AMCIT AT [redacted], 30 PW SEEN AT NHOMA

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16DEC81 EA COMMENT ON DEBRIEF OF [redacted] (LTC AF RET) STATES CONTACT 5D HAND OF AMCIT PW IN LAOS (30-60) AS LATE AS 1975. DIVISION CHECKS SHOW LIMITED SUPPORT

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11 MAR 82 HINTS AT MIA LOCATIONS [redacted] (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

MAR 82 - [redacted] (b)(3)(n) - 2/3 FABRICATORS NO INFO

25 MAR 82 10 AMCIT PW ('PILOTS') IN PRISON AT PHU ... 2 DEC 81

LATE MAR 82 STATEMENT OF "TWO POW" JUST OVER LAOS BUT [redacted] (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

PHOUMI DOES DELIVER PPC-TIME BUT NO PWs

CONTACT WITH AMCIT PW [redacted] IN VINH PHU PROV.

REFUGEE «CUU» STATES 22 DEC 81 SAY [redacted] (b)(6) (b)(3)(n) IN MY TWO AMCIT ESCAPED PW [redacted]

28 JUN 82
DEBRIEF VNAF ID CAUCASIAN VIET CUONG YEN BAY DISTRICT HOANG LIEN SON PROV. AMCIT WORKING AT REEDUCATION CAMP HQ NOV 77
PREVIOUS RPT IS GARWOOD

OPN FREEDOM TGTS - (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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29MAR83 LAO RESISTENCE MEDIC STATES IN VIENTIANE 4 AMCIT IN NADENG PRISON IN 75FEB82 ALSO VIEWED 2 IN NADEN PRISON FROM M/S ST-JANET AS PRISONERS

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26APR82 - FABRICATION IS LIKELY IN LAO MEDIC CASE

27SEP82 POW SITE IN CAVE 10KM NNW OF THAKHEK CITY KHAMMOUAN PROV. LAOS

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AIR AMERICA REUNION IN 1983, 14 US PILOTS MOVED FROM PHONG SALY TOWN IN LAOS.

TWO SOURCE UNINTELLIGIT IN PREVIOUS CASE

01AUG84 STATE CONTACTS OF 20 HEAD SIGHTINGS AMCIT PWS LIVE SIGHTING RE-EDUCATION CAMP NO. 1 YEN BAI DISTRICT; JAN 84 SIGHTING OF "SEVERAL" AMCIT AT NGA TU SO JONCTION

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		13 SEP 83 RPT AMCIT BLACK WORKING IN TIEN GUANG DESERTER RECEIVED 22 AUG 84
		23 AUG 84 [redacted] ON 8 AUG 84 MAR 83 20 AMCIT PW AT CAMP IN NGOUA MTN 25 KM S OF KADON VILLAGE, LAOS
		09 AUG 84 [redacted] RESISTANCE HAD LIBER. 2 AMCIT PW & HELD THEM IN LAOS. [redacted] KNOW FABRICATOR
[redacted]		28 FEB 85 [redacted] - AMCIT PW OBSERVED IN 1979 AT DUONG DONG WAITING FOR FERRY BOAT BOUND FOR HO CHI MINH C
	[redacted]	25 FEB 85 PW/MIA DATA - JUL 83 50 AMCIT PW OBSERVED IN KHONG SEDONE PROV. LAOS. EARLY 83 30 OCCIDENTAL PW/MIA 15 KM EAST OF VIENTIANE SOURCE - JUL 84 NFFF "PHOTO" PW - SF MAJOR WALTER (MOON))
		01 MAR 85 2 AMCIT LIVING WITH KHA TRIBE SAVANNAKHET PROV. LAOS [redacted]
		11 MAR 85 50 AMCIT PW IN PHOU SONG
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		[redacted] IS AMCIT TECH INSTRUCTOR 13 MAR 85
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2. FOLLOWING IS ESSENCE OF S/S REMARKS [redacted] THE POWS, HALF THAI AND HALF EUROPEAN, ARE NOW "IN THE VALLEY", IN PERMANENT LOCATION. THEY WERE TRANSFERRED FROM ATTOPEU TO WORK IN VARIOUS PLACES BECAUSE THE FOREIGNERS WANTED TO COME TO SEE THEM THERE AND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSING TO LPDR. POWS WERE FORMERLY KEPT IN CAVES AND ARE VERY THIN, DARK, AND STARVING. THEY ARE WELL GUARDED AND ARE BOUND ABOUT THE LEGS WITH RATTAN WHICH CAUSES CONTINUOUS SORES ON THEIR LEGS. S/S HAS INSTRUCTED [redacted] TO ATTEMPT TO BRIBE THE CHIEF OF CAMP, MIX WITH THE PRISONERS AND GRADUALLY SEND OUT THEIR NAMES.

3. PLS NOTE THAT REF C [redacted] POW REPORT, WHICH APPEARS TO BE FABRICATION, ALSO STATED THAT POWS WERE MOVED FROM ATTOPEU BECAUSE OF OUTSIDE INTEREST IN VERIFYING THEIR PRESENCE THERE. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INTERPRETATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION [redacted] OF LAST CONVERSATION BETWEEN SOURCE SECRETARY AND SUBSOURCE S/S SAID HER INFORMATION ABOUT POW'S INITIALLY CAME FROM [redacted], BUT WAS ALSO CONFIRMED BY [redacted]. THE POW'S WERE INITIALLY KEPT IN A CAVE IN MUONG GNOMMARATH (WE1545) IN THAKHET NEAR BAN MAHASAI (WE 2327). FROM THERE THEY MOVED UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS (LONG SAI AND LONG SOW). POW'S WERE THEN TRANSFERRED TO ATTAPEU AND AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE SAW THEM IT WAS NOTED THAT WESTERNERS WERE AMONG THEM. FROM ATTAPEU THEY WERE MOVED TO MOUNG BOURAPHA (LOCATION UNKNOWN) AND ARE NOW IN CAMP CALLED PHUN KHENG (LOCATION UNKNOWN). S/S KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH PRISONERS THROUGH PERSONNEL LOYAL TO [redacted] WHO INTENDS TO EVENTUALLY GET THEM OUT AND HAS ASSIGNED HIS MEN TO FOLLOW THEM. [redacted] WAS LAST MAN TO REPORT ON POW'S. [redacted] ARE ABLE TO MIX WITH AND CONVERSE DIRECTLY WITH INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS WHILE THEY ARE AT WORK. FOR THIS REASON THEY KNOW THEY ARE THAI AND FOREIGN PRISONERS AMONG THEM. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40 LAO GUARDS ASSIGNED TO THE PRISONERS AND THEY ARE OCCASIONALLY ROTATED. THE GUARDS PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE PRISONERS ARE MORE SEVERE THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES WERE, MAKING CONTACT MORE DIFFICULT. THERE ARE NO VIETNAMESE GUARDS OR OTHER PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE PRISONERS.

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2. AT MEETING WITH SOURCE ON 3 JANUARY THE S/S CASE WAS DISCUSSED. Source SAID [redacted] HAD SIMPLY RELIED ON HIS SECRETARY [redacted] BUT HAD BEEN ASSURED BY S/S THAT THERE WERE AMERICANS AMONG THE PRISONERS. [redacted]

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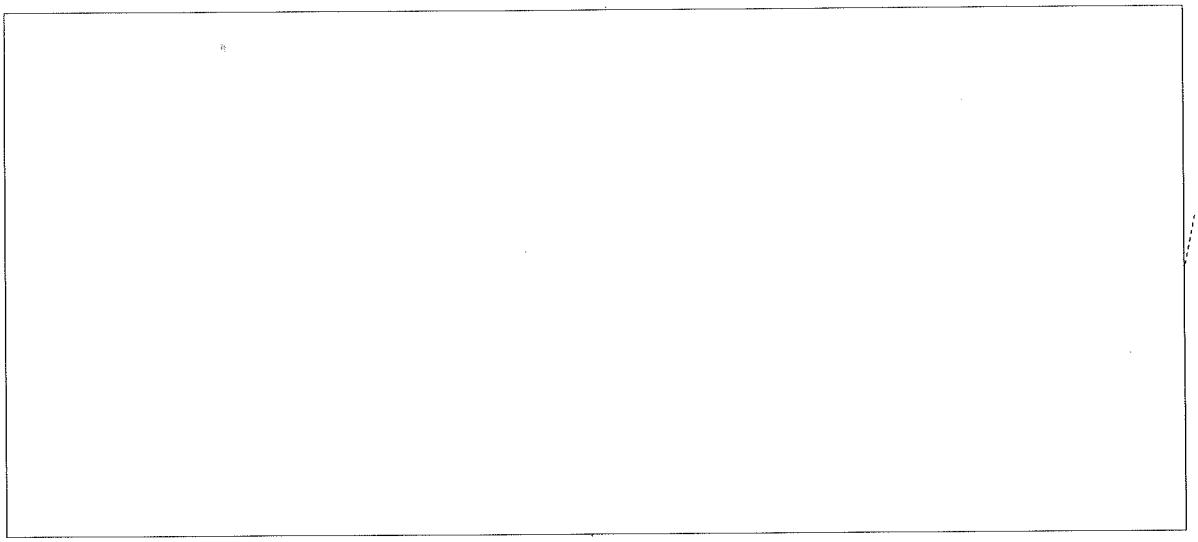

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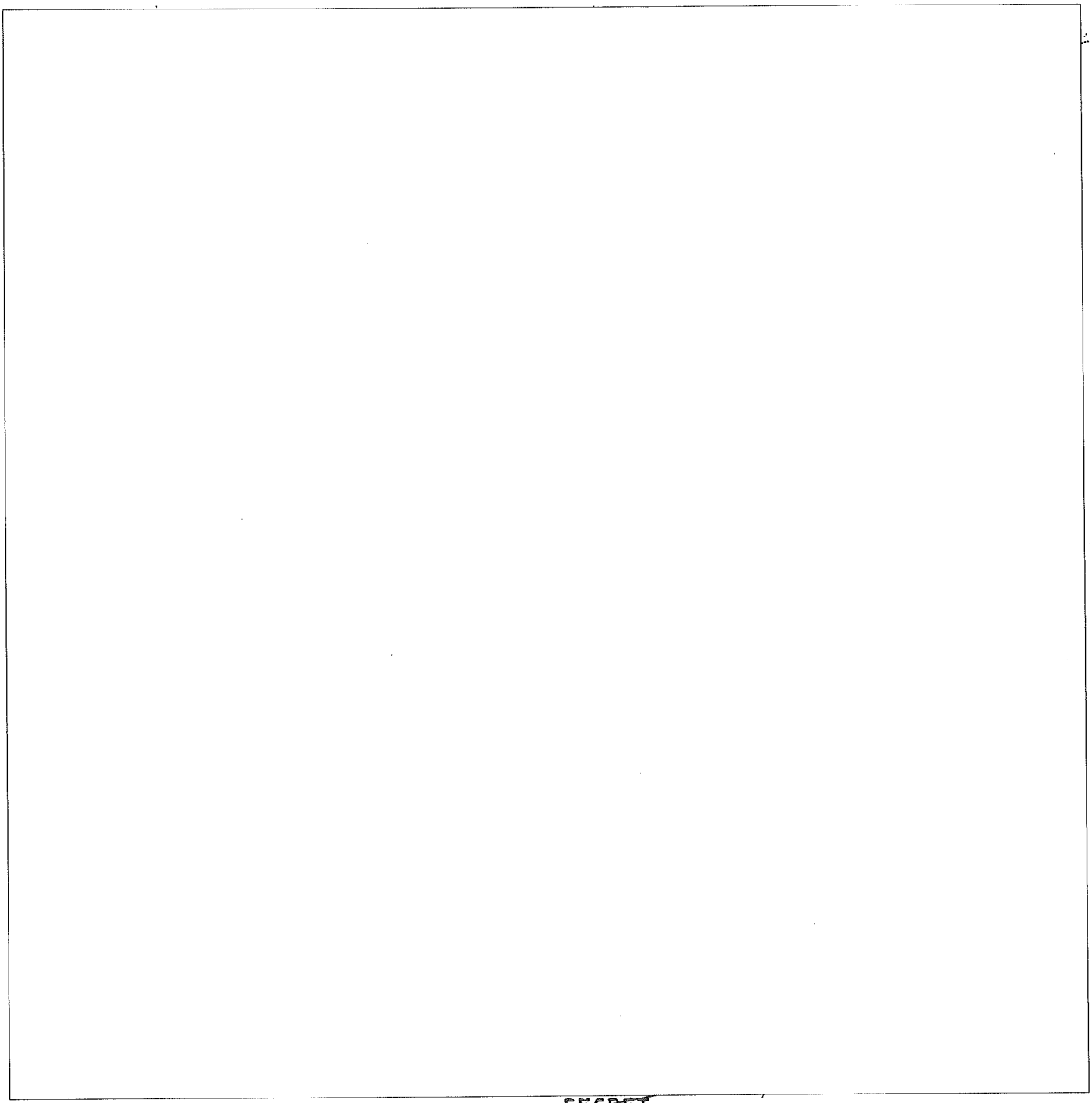

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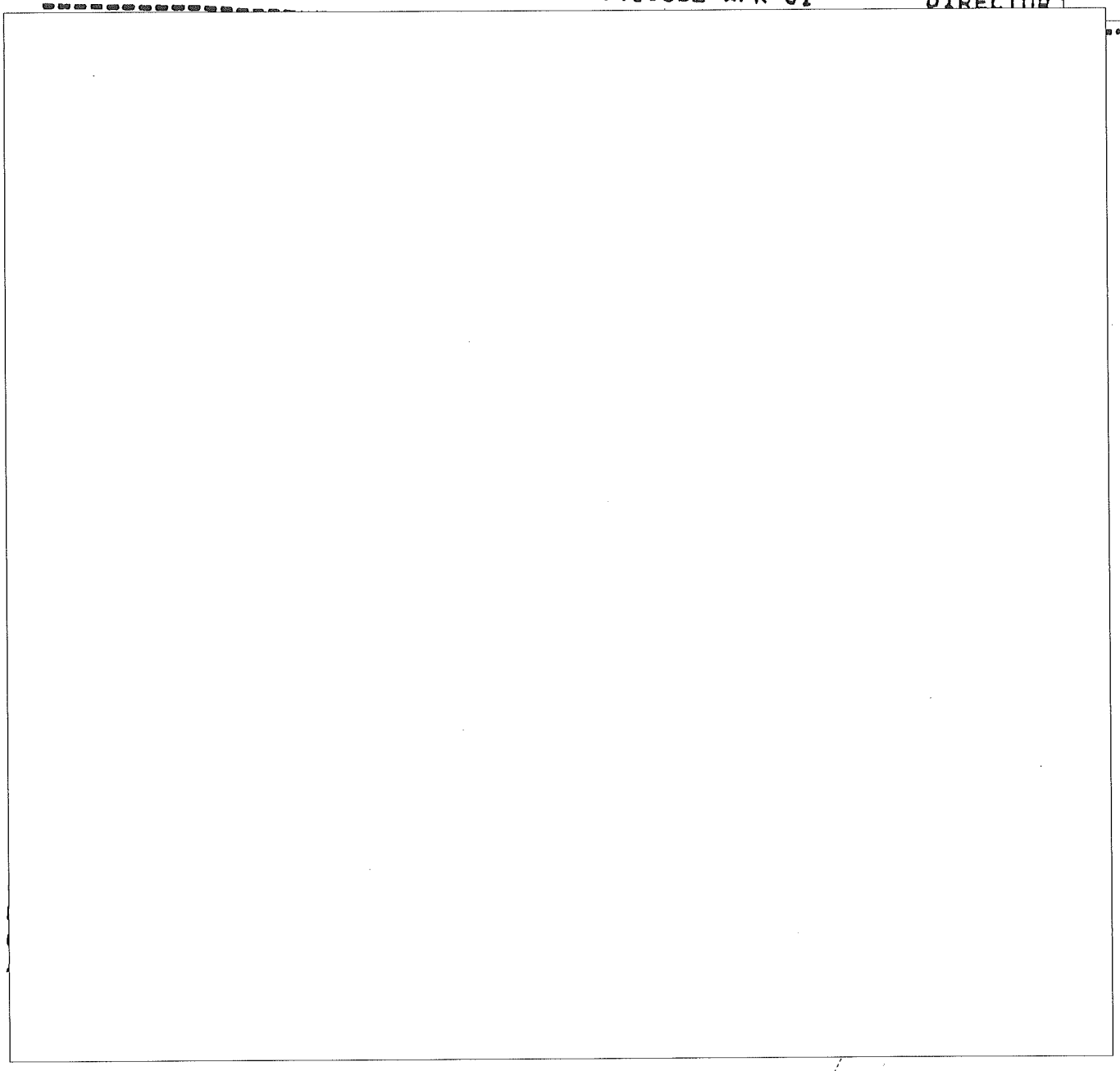

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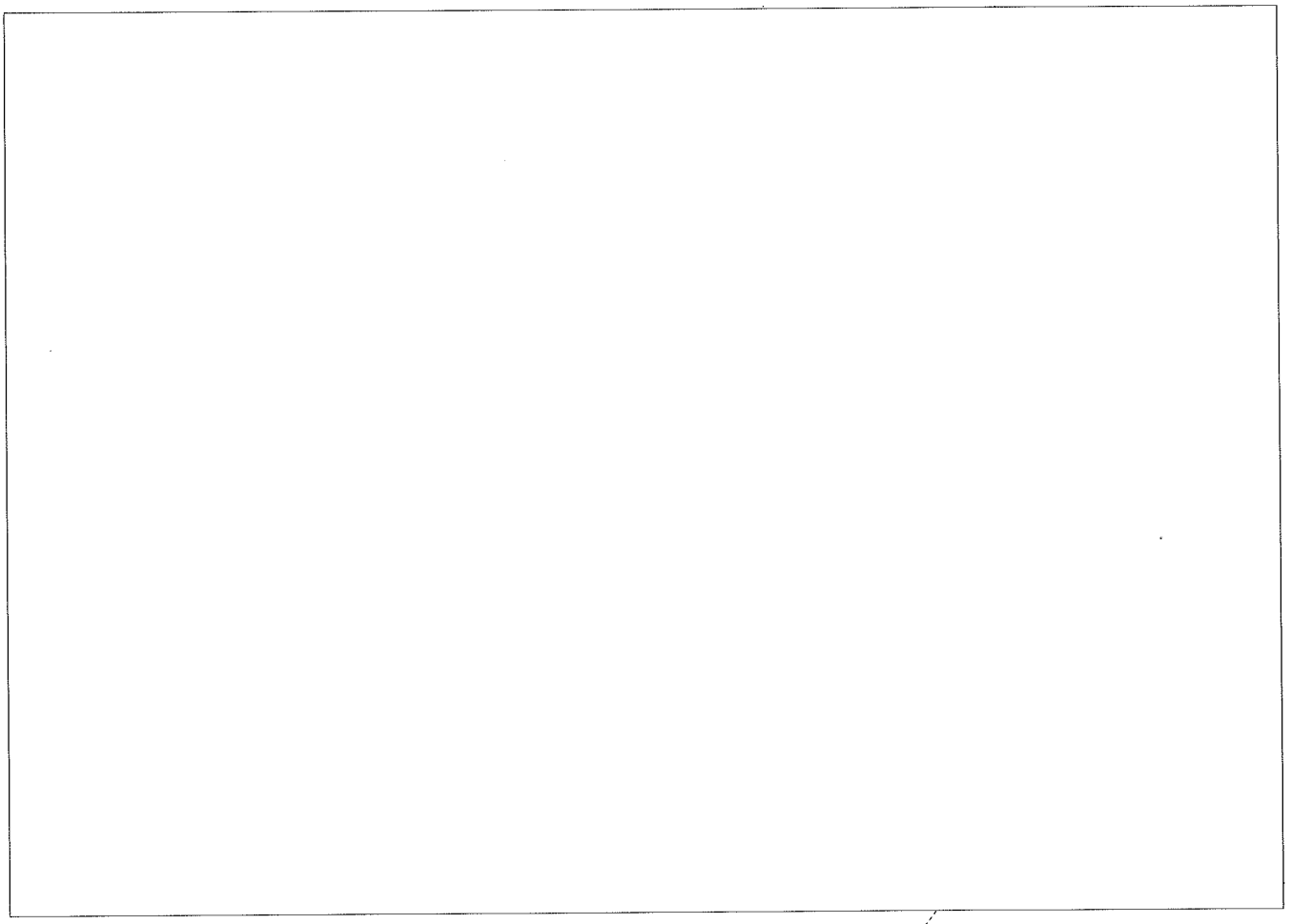

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1. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF CONTACTS WITH A POSSIBLE US MIA WAS OBTAINED IN LATE OCTOBER 1981 FROM REFUGEE [redacted]

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2. ON 18 APR 1981 SUBJECT WAS RETURNING HOME AFTER COMPLETING A CONTRACT FOR WORK ON A GMC HEAVY TRUCK AT LONG BINH POST; HE WAS STOPPED ON THE BIEN HOA AIRPORT ROAD 300 METERS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE BIEN HOA HIGHWAY BY A FORMER SCHOOLMATE. [redacted]

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ASKED SUBJECT'S ASSISTANCE TO REPAIR THE PAVN JEEP'S FRONT END; THREE PAVN JUNIOR CAPTAINS AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGNER WERE IN THE JEEP.

3. THE FOREIGNER WORE BLACK PANTS AND A WHITE SHIRT WHICH BORE A NAME TAG WITH THE NAME "NICOLAI IVANOVICH KETTY." THE FOREIGNER WAS DESCRIBED AS 1.76M IN HEIGHT, WITH MEDIUM-LENGTH LIGHT BLOND HAIR, THIN AND CLEAN SHAVEN. HE APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT STICKLY AND HAD A WIDE SIX-CENTIMETER-LONG SCAR ON THE RIGHT CHEEK IN THE SHAPE OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN "TEE". [redacted] COMMENT. SUBJECT (WHO HIMSELF HAS A SCAR ON THE INSIDE OF HIS FOREARM) ESTIMATED THE FOREIGNER'S SCAR TO BE TWO YEARS OLD.) THE SCAR IMPEDED THE FOREIGNER'S ABILITY TO SMILE.

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4. WHILE SUBJECT WAS REPAIRING THE PAVN JEEP, THE THREE PAVN OFFICERS SOUGHT TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES IN A NEARBY SHOP. THEY LEFT SUBJECT ALONE WITH [redacted] AND THE FOREIGNER, WHO ALSO LEFT THE JEEP TO SEEK SHADE AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. DURING THIS TIME SUBJECT BEGAN A CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGNER, WHO REVEALED THAT HE WAS A FORMER AMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED 12 YEARS BEFORE. THE FOREIGNER STATED HIS NAME IS WILLIAM, AND HE IS A NATIVE OF BOSTON. WHEN THE THREE PAVN OFFICERS RETURNED THEY FOUND SUBJECT TALKING WITH THE FOREIGNER; SUBJECT WAS SCOLDED SEVERELY, AND THE FOREIGNER WAS MOVED INSIDE THE JEEP.

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5. A FEW DAYS LATER, [redacted] TOLD SUBJECT THAT THE FOREIGNER NAMED WILLIAM RESIDED AND WORKED AT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, MILITARY REGION SEVEN, AS A RADIO REPAIRMAN. HE WAS TAKEN TWICE MONTHLY TO THE BIEN HOA MENTAL FACILITY (DUONG TRI VIEN, BIEN HOA) LOCATED ON NATIONAL ROUTE ONE IN BIEN HOA WHERE HE WAS ADMINISTERED SEDATIVE DRUGS FOR AN UNSPECIFIED MENTAL DISORDER. AN ACQUAINTANCE, [redacted] AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, CONFIRMED TO SUBJECT THE TWICE-MONTHLY VISITS OF THE FOREIGNER, WHO PAVN AUTHORITIES HAD REGISTERED AS [redacted] [redacted] COMMENT: THE PHONY NAME TAG OF THE FOREIGNER AND THE ALIAS REGISTRATION RECORD AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL APPEARED TO BE A PAVN ATTEMPT TO COVER UP THE FREIGNER'S IDENTITY.

6. WHILE ON A DATE WITH CIVIL AVIATION STEWARDESS [redacted] [redacted] AT A COFFEE HOUSE ON NGUYEN DU STREET, HO CHI MINH CITY, IN AUGUST 1981, SUBJECT SPOTTED THE FOREIGNER WILLIAM IN CIVILIAN DRESS IN THE COMPANY OF FOUR "KHAKI" POLICEMEN. SUBJECT LEFT THE COFFEE SHOP SOON AFTER THE FOREIGNER AND THE FOUR POLICEMEN AND LATER OBSERVED THE GROUP ENTERING THE FORMER GVN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ON NGUYEN DU STREET. [redacted] GIRLFRIEND, [redacted] LATER CHECKED THE LIST OF SOVIET PERSONNEL MAINTAINED AT THE CIVIL AVIATION OFFICE AT TAN SUN NHAT, BUT COULD FIND NO TRACE OF A NICOLAI IVANOVICH KETTY.

7. THE PAVN DRIVER, [redacted] WAS ARRESTED BY HO CHI MINH CITY PSS AUTHORITIES IN LATE APRIL 1981 AS A POLITICAL REACTIONARY AND SUBVERSIVE. SUBJECT WAS AWARE OF [redacted] AFFILIATION WITH AN UNKNOWN RESISTANCE GROUP AFTER [redacted] OFFERED SUBJECT'S COUSIN, [redacted] 5,000 DONG TO PLANT AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE

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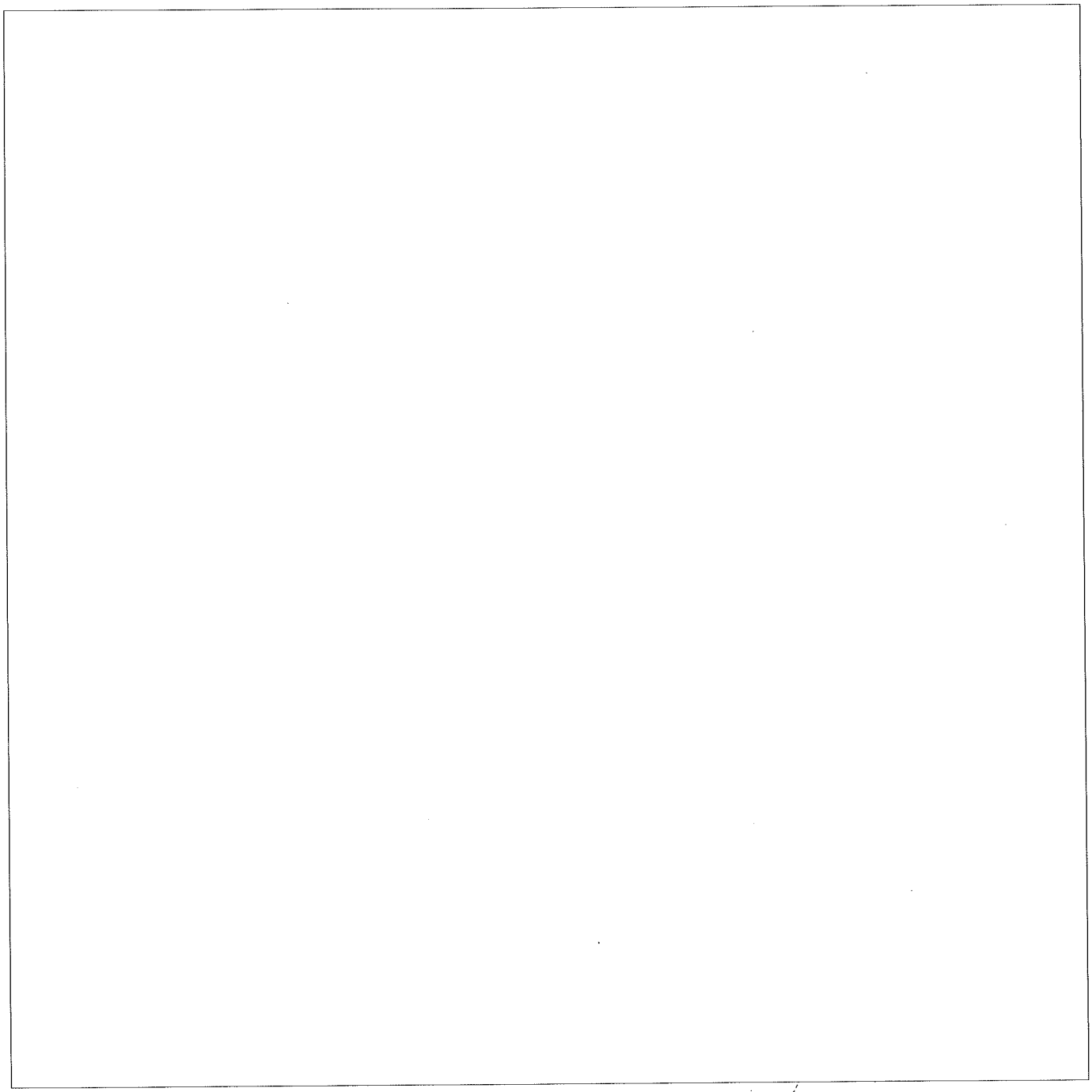

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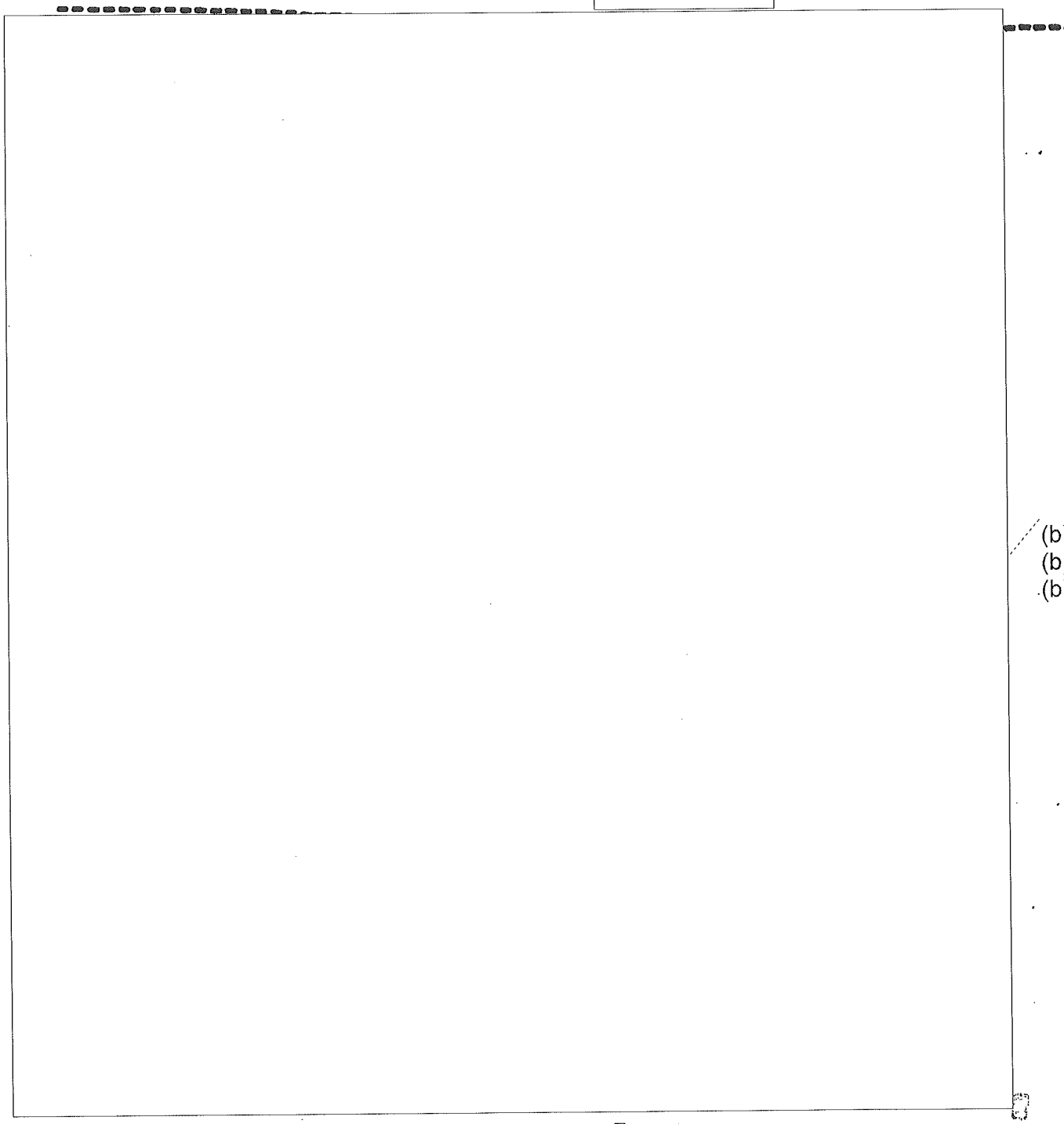

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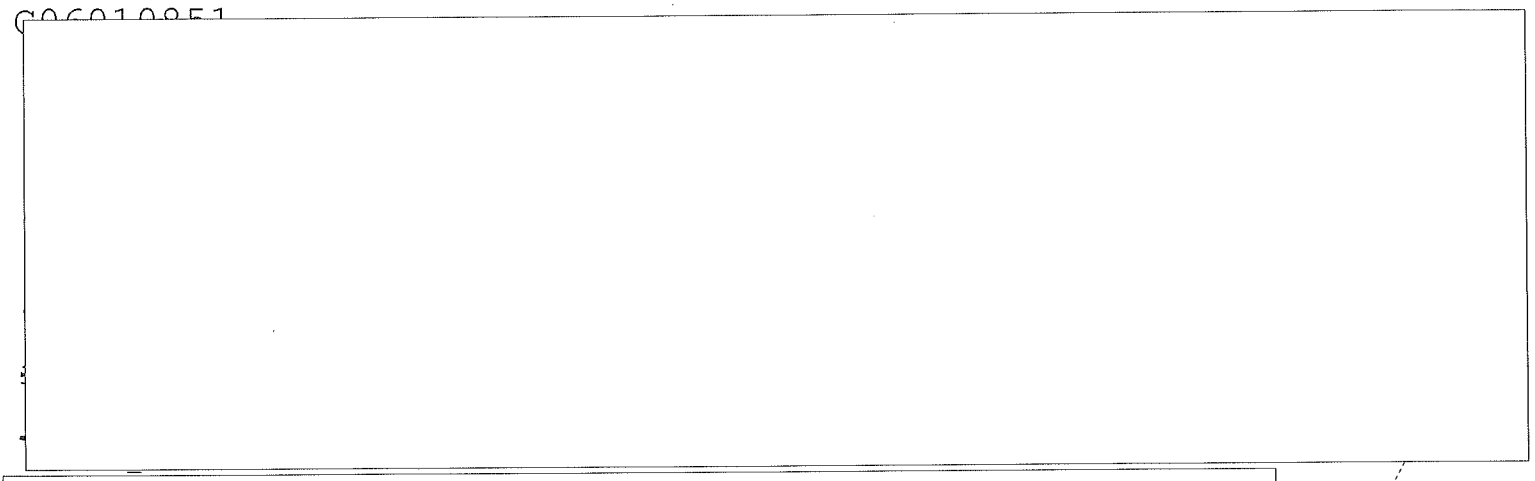

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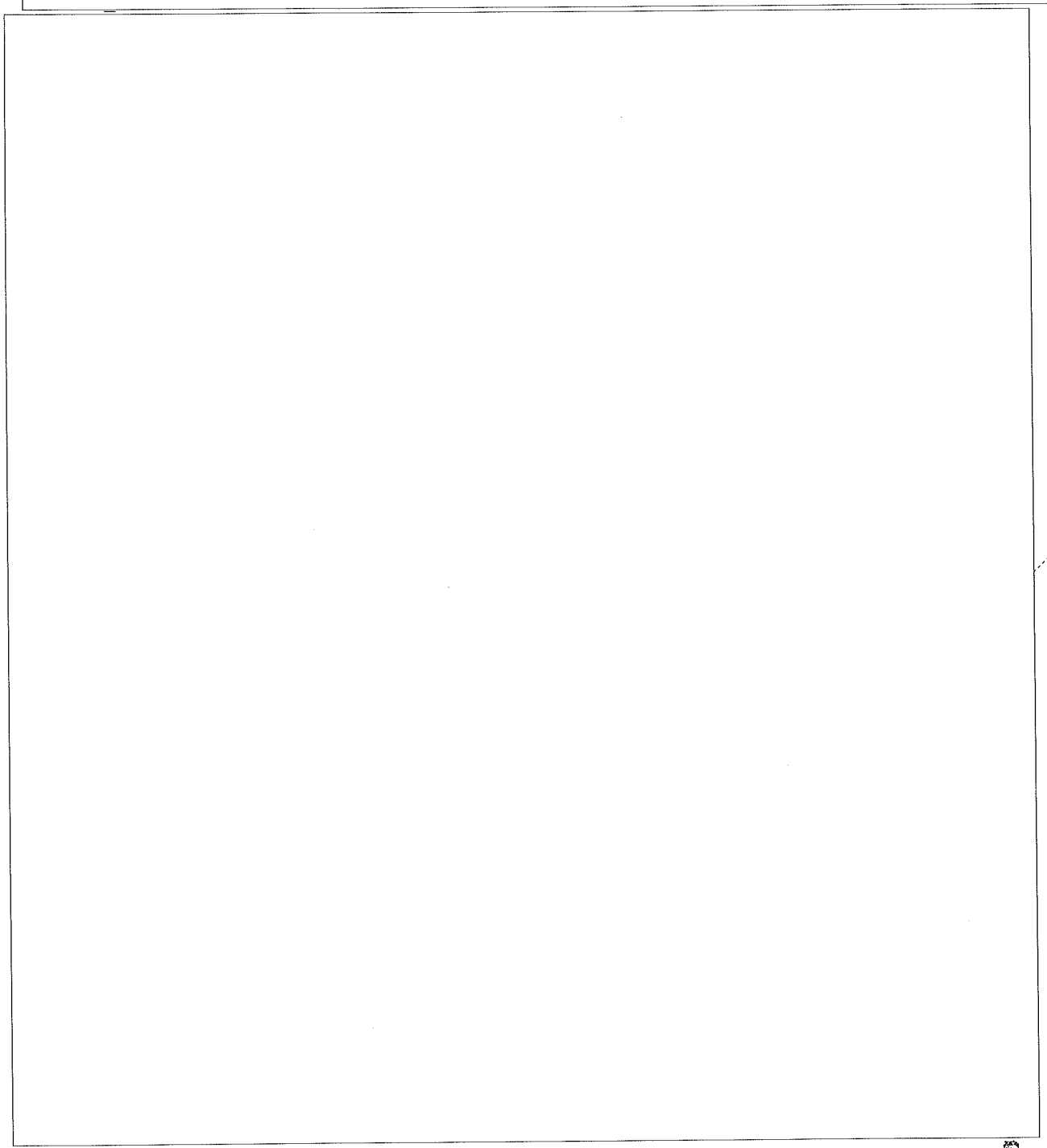

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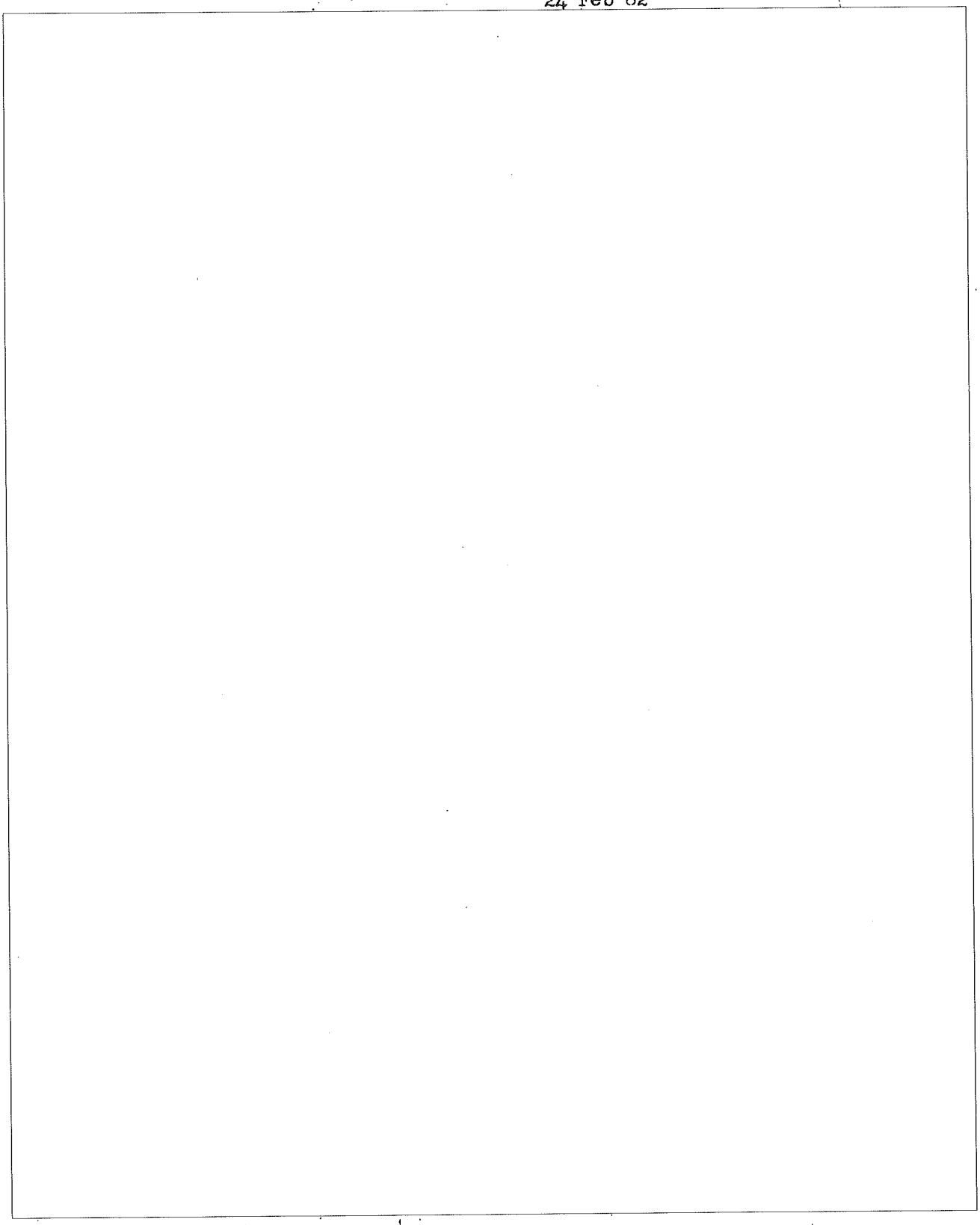

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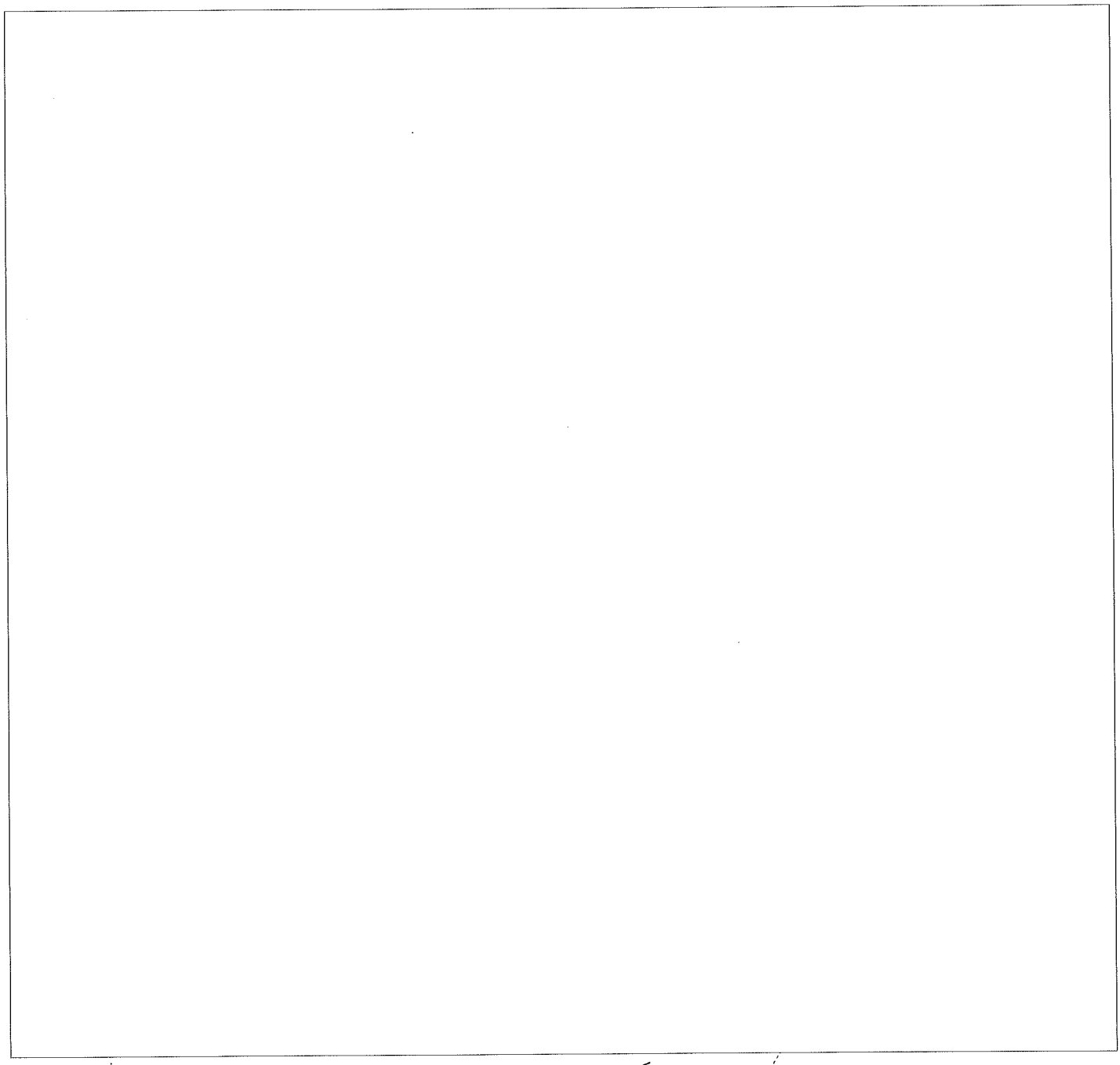

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[redacted] SAID [redacted] IS A RESIDENT OF [redacted] ADDRESS NOT KNOWN, WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH A RESISTANCE GROUP (UNIDENTIFIED) OTHER THAN VANG PAO. [redacted] CLAIMS THE (b)(6) RESISTANCE GROUP HAS ONE RPG TYPE ROUND CONTAINING CW AGENT, AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF AMERICAN POW IN A VIETNAM PRISON CAMP WITH THEIR SIGNATURES ON THE PHOTO. [redacted]

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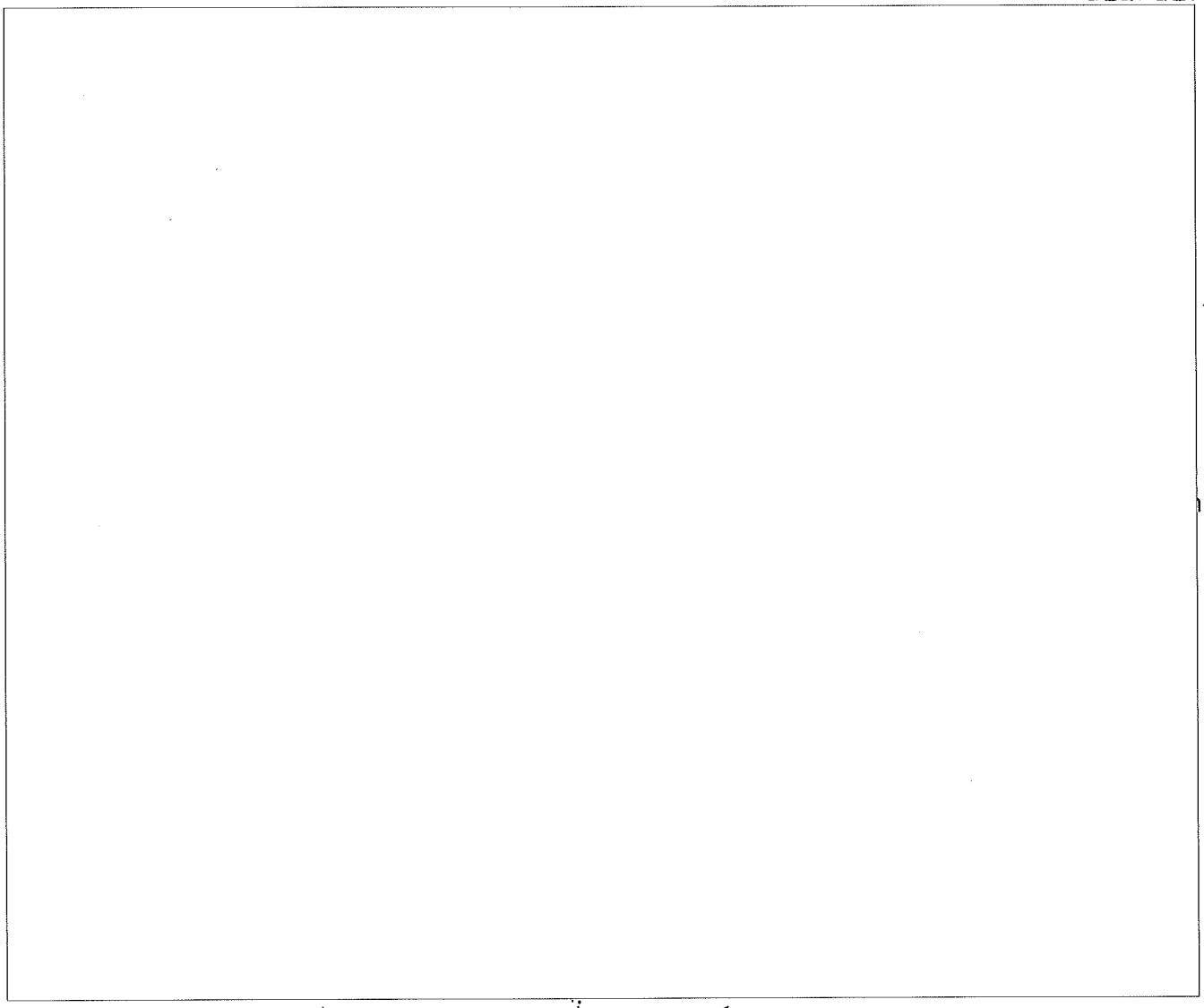

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[redacted] HE SAID THAT THERE WERE AMERICAN
OW'S LOCATED AT A CAMP ON ROUTE 13 EAST OF THAKHEK WHO WERE UNDER
HE CONTROL OF GUARDS LOYAL TO THE RESISTANCE. THERE WERE 250
PREAD OUT IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. WHEN ASKED HOW MANY AT
ACH PLACE, HE REPLIED THAT THERE WERE PROBABLY 2,000 ALTOGETHER
N THE AREA. [redacted]

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1. ON AFTERNOON 17 MAR 82, DURING ROUTINE MEETING WITH SOURCE S THE TOPIC OF U.S. POW/MIA WAS RAISED AGAIN. S REPORTED THAT BASED ON BASE REQUIREMENT HE HAD OVER THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS HAD OVER 2,000 LAO REFUGEES DEBRIEFED ON THIS TOPIC AND NO RPT NO ONE HAD ANY INFORMATION. S STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, THERE WERE NO U.S. POW/MIA IN NORTHWEST LAOS.

2. S REPORTED THAT IN MAY 81, ONE AMERICAN (NAME NOT REMEMBERED), 46 YEARS OLD AND WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SPENT THREE YEARS IN LAOS DURING THE WAR, REQUESTED S ASSISTANCE TO RECRUIT A TEAM OF LAO RESISTANCE PERSONNEL TO GO WITH HIM TO CHECK ON SOME INFORMATION HE HAD ABOUT THE GRAVES OF SOME U.S. MIA. IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS ASSISTANCE, THE AMERICAN PROMISED S A LARGE SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. S CHECKED WITH HIS THAI COUNTERPART, A SOG 917 OFFICER, WHO TURNED DOWN THE REQUEST AND ORDERED S NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SENDING AMERICANS INTO LAOS. THE AMERICAN LEFT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE WAS TOLD THAT S COULD NOT ASSIST HIM.

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3. IN JUN 81, THREE AMERICANS AND ONE MAN NAMED [redacted] CAME TO THE BAN TONG REFUGEE CAMP WHERE S HAS HIS HQS. THESE THREE AMERICANS CLAIMED TO REPRESENT U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN AND CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE AFFILIATED WITH CIA AND WANTED INFORMATION ON U.S. POW/MIA. S DID NOT MEET WITH THESE MEN DIRECTLY, BUT HAD HIS CHIEF OF STAFF SEND THEM AWAY SINCE S HAD NO INFORMATION ON U.S. POW/MIA.

4. CIRCA NOV 81, AN AMERICAN NAMED [redacted] MET IN [redacted] AND A FORMER FAR [redacted]

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THE BAN TONG REFUGEE CAMP TO DISCUSS U.S. POW/MIA INFO OBTAINED BY [redacted] AND TO RECRUIT [redacted] TO GO INTO LAOS TO CHECK OUT THE INFO. NONE OF S MEN WOULD ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT AND ALL THREE LEFT. S STATES THAT IN HIS OPINION [redacted] WERE JUST TRYING TO GET MONEY OUT OF THE AMERICAN AND THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY INFO ON U.S. POW/MIA.

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5. S REPORTED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT FORMER [redacted] LIVING IN CHIANG RAI CITY AND FORMER [redacted] LIVING IN [redacted] HAD TRICKED SOME AMERICANS INTO GIVING THEM 300,000 BAHT LAST YEAR (1981) TO UNCOVER SOME U.S. MIA BODIES. [redacted] SENT SOME OF HIS MEN INTO LAOS AND HAD THEM DIG UP SOME BODIES OF DEAD LAO RESISTANCE SOLDIERS AND HAD THESE TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICANS. [redacted] AND [redacted] SPLIT THE 300,000 BAHT.

6. S SAID THAT [redacted] IS HALF THAI AND HALF FARANG AND WORKS AS THE TRANSLATOR/INTERPRETER FOR A GERMAN DOCTOR IN THE BAN TONG REFUGEE CAMP. IN S OPINION [redacted] IS AN "OPERATOR" WHO SHOULD NOT BE TRUSTED AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM.

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A. SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD DEPARTED THE PHOU HUN (UF4985) MOUNTAIN AREA, VIENTIANE PROVINCE, LPDR, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1981, AND DURING A SEVEN DAY TREK CROSSED THE LPDR/SRV BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF SOP HANG (UG8333) VILLAGE BEFORE REACHING HIS DESTINATION AT NAM (b)(1)
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[redacted], WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY VISITING HIS (b)(3)(n)
TIME IN NAM CANG WHILE ON LEAVE FROM ASSIGNMENT AS MEMBER OF GUARD FORCE AT SRV PRISON WHICH HOUSED AMERICAN POWS.

B. SUBJECT SAID THAT [redacted] HAD INDICATED THAT TEN (10) AMERICAN POWS ("PILOTS") WERE HOUSED AT HIS PRISON, AND DESCRIBED THE PRISON AS BEING LOCATED SOME TEN KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF PHU LY DISTRICT (WH9573) TOWN IN A SECLUDED AREA AT APPROXIMATE COORDINATES 8577. [redacted] INDICATED THAT THE TEN PRISONERS HAD BEEN INCARCERATED AT THE PRISON SINCE PRIOR TO 1976, AND WERE BEING KEPT IN INDIVIDUAL CELLS WITHIN A BARBED-WIRE ENCLOSURE. HE STATED FURTHER THAT A 25-MAN VIETNAMESE POLICE PLATOON FROM PHU LY, OF WHICH

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HE [redacted] WAS A MEMBER, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GUARDING THE PRISON.

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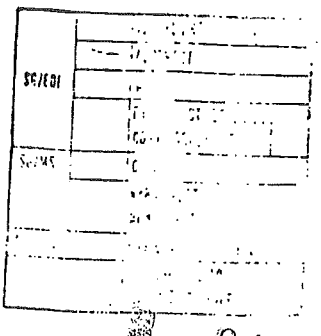

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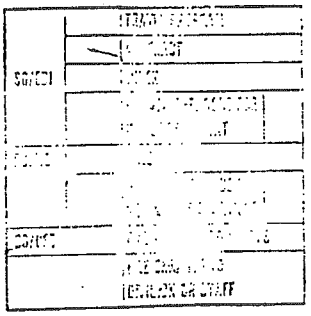

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2. HEADQUARTERS ALSO CHECKED WITH DIA HEADQUARTERS RE A POW NAMED [redacted] WHILE THERE IS A [redacted] ON THE LISTS AND [redacted] SEEMS TO BE REFERRING TO THE SAME ONE. THERE IS LITTLE CIRCUMSTANTIAL RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN [redacted] STORY AND THE FACTS THAT ARE KNOWN ABOUT [redacted] INFORMATION: [redacted] WAS A US ARMY PRIVATE E2 WHO WAS COURT MARTIALED FOR FREQUENT AWOL'S. UPON RELEASE FROM LONG BINH JAIL IN 1967 HE FAILED TO RETURN TO HIS UNIT AND WAS FOUND TO HAVE IMMEDIATELY GONE TO SAIGON WHERE HE TOOK UP WITH A WOMAN OF KHMER-VIETNAMESE PARENTAGE. [redacted] REPORTEDLY ASKED TO LIVE IN A SAFE HAVEN IN KAMPUCHEA. THROUGH THE [redacted] INTERCESSION, HIS REQUEST WAS BROUGHT TO A VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKED OUT THE DETAILS. [redacted] THEN WENT TO VC CONTROLLED AREA OF KAMPUCHEA AND PARTICIPATED IN A DEFECTION CEREMONY AT COSVN HEADQUARTERS. HE HAD CONFERRED UPON HIM A HIGH RANKING STATUS. [redacted] A BLACK AMERICAN, WAS ACTIVE IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AIMED AT BLACK AMERICAN SERVICE MEMBERS DURING THE WAR. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HE SUBSEQUENTLY DEFECTED TO THE KHMER ROUGE, BUT THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE STORY THAT [redacted] AT ANY TIME WAS A KHMER ROUGE PRISONER OR THAT HE WAS RESCUED.

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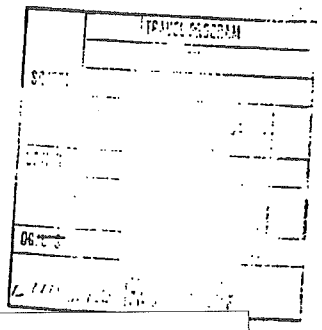

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JOINT REEDUCATION CAMP HQS AT VIET CUONG VILLAGE, YEN BAY DISTRICT, HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE. HE SAW A CAUCASIAN ON TWO OCCASIONS THAT MONTH LIVING AT CAMP HQS AND REPAIRING THE CAMP'S MOLOTOVA TRUCKS. THE MAN WAS ABOUT 1.8 METERS TALL, THIN, DARK HAIR AND BEARD, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME. PAVN SECURITY GUARDS CALLED THE CAUCASIAN MR. "NAM"; SOURCE DID NOT KNOW HIS REAL NAME. SOURCE HEARD THE CAUCASIAN SPEAKING VIETNAMESE FLUENTLY WHEN REPAIRING A TRUCK. SOURCE WAS ASKED ONE ONE OCCASION TO HELP PUSH TRUCK FOR THE CAUCASIAN WHEN THE TRUCK WOULDN'T START. PAVN SECURITY GUARDS AT THE CAMP SAID THE CAUCASIAN WAS A FORMER U.S. MARINE CORPS SENIOR SERGEANT [redacted] AND PRISONER OF WAR. GUARDS STATED HE HAD REFUSED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. AT THE TIME OF THE PRISONER EXCHANGE IN 1973. HE WAS A VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND WAS IN CHARGE OF VEHICLE MAINTAINANCE AT THE CAMP. ONE PAVN GUARD SAID THE SRV GOVERNMENT WAS ARRANGING FOR THE AMERICAN TO RECEIVE PERMISSION TO MARRY A VIETNAMESE WIFE. ARVN OFFICERS IMPRISONED AT THE CAMP BELIEVED THE AMERICAN HAD COOPERATED WITH THE PAVN DURING HIS DETENTION, DENOUNCING FELLOW AMERICAN PRISONERS. THE RUMOR AMONG THE ARVN OFFICERS WAS THAT THE AMERICAN FEARED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OTHER U.S. PRISONERS HAD THREATENED TO KILL HIM. (b)(1) (b)(6)

4. SOURCE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER REEDUCATION CAMP IN DEC 77. HE NEVER SAW OR HEARD OF THE AMERICAN AGAIN. BESIDES THIS AMERICAN, SOURCE HAD NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF ANY OTHER AMERICANS, EITHER PRISONERS OR FREE, IN VIETNAM POST-75."

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2. A SOURCE (S) MET SUBJECT IN PHNOM PENH DURING RECENT TRIP INTO KAMPUCHEA. S AND SUBJECT HAD WORKED TOGETHER AS FARMERS IN THE SRV IN LATE 1970'S. IN 1979 SUBJECT RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH AND JOINED THE PRK. SUBJECT TOLD S THAT HE HAD BEEN A FANK SOLDIER FROM 1970 TO 1972 AND HAD BEEN IMPRISONED IN KOMPONG CHAM BY THE KHMER ROUGE, ALONG WITH A BLACK AMERICAN NAMED [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(6)
ACCORDING TO S, SUBJECT SAID THAT HE HAD ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND REPORTEDLY PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SUBSEQUENT RESCUE OF [redacted] SUBJECT WAS THEN TAKEN TO SAIGON, GIVEN THE RANK OF APVN 2ND LT AND BEGAN WORKING AS AN AMERICAN AGENT. [redacted] HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AFOREMENTIONED.

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1. HEADQUARTERS CHECKED WITH DIA, THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL SUCH MIA/POW MATTERS, AND DETERMINED THAT THE "SEA TIGER" IS STILL AN UNRESOLVED ISSUE. SINCE THE NAME OF THE BOAT SURFACED IN 1979, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION TO CONFIRM ITS EXISTENCE MUCH LESS ANY CREW MEMBERS' BEING IMPRISONED BY THE VIETNAMESE. THE ONLY "SEA TIGER" IN US YACHT REGISTRIES WAS SAFELY MOORED ON THE WEST COAST, AND A CHECK OF WORLD WIDE YACHT REGISTRATION ALSO FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY ILLUMINATION.

2. FROM TIME TO TIME THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF AMERICAN OR CAUCASIAN PRISONERS BEING HELD IN CHI HOA PRISON. IN FACT THREE CIVILIANS WERE HELD THERE SHORTLY AFTER THE FALL OF SAIGON IN 1975, BUT IN 1976 TWO WERE REPATRIATED AND THE REMAINS OF THE THIRD WERE RETURNED. IN 1981 THREE KOREAN PRISONERS WERE RELEASED FROM CHI HOA PRISON AND REPATRIATED TO KOREA. THEY WERE EXTENSIVELY DEBRIEFED BUT COULD NOT ADD ANY SUPPORTING EVIDENCE TO THE STORIES OF AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD IN CHI HOA.

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1. THE SUBJECT OF REF B REPORTED IN REF A THAT IN JUNE 1979 HE SAW TWO CAUCASIAN PRISONERS IN CHI HOA JAIL WHO WERE SAID TO BE AMERICANS. IN REF D IT WAS REPORTED THAT A FELLOW REEDUCATION CAMP INMATE OF [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CHI HOA JAIL DURING THE SAME TIME FRAME. WE NOTE FROM REF C THAT SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HOANG BICH SON TOLD A VISITING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL GROUP THAT VISITED 10-12 AUGUST 1979 THAT THE SRV HAD RELEASED AMERICANS FROM THE SHIPS "BRILLIG", "ALGERNON" AND "SEA TIGER" IN THE RECENT PAST. JCRC REPS INTERVIEWED THE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE BRILLIG AND THE ALGERNON AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT THEY WERE AT NO TIME HELD AT THE CHI HOA PRISON. QUERY IF STATE, DIA OR FBI WERE EVER ABLE TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES CONNECTED WITH THE SEA TIGER AND IF THEY POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE CHI HOA PRISON.

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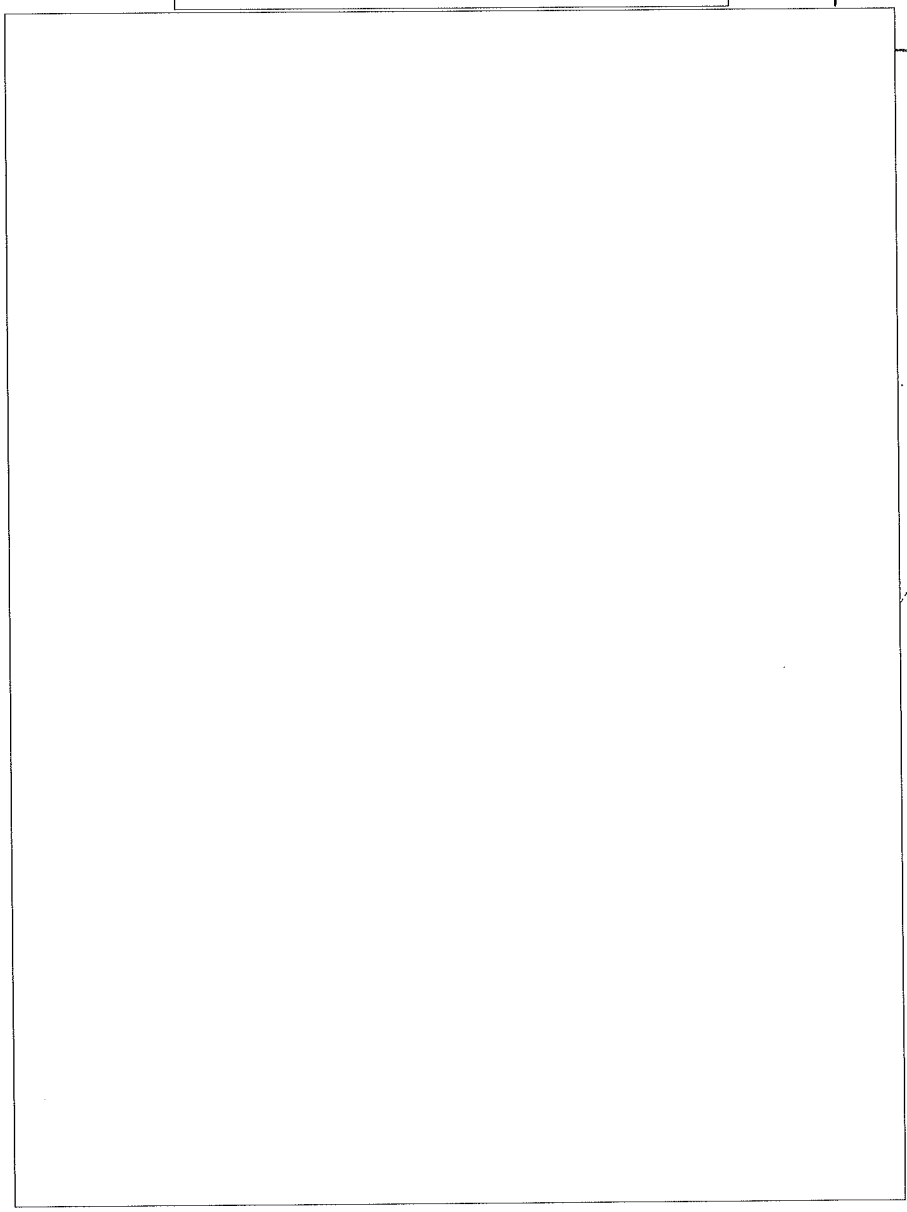

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1. HQS QUERIED DIA RE SUBJECT WHO ALLEGES HE SAW AMERICAN PRISONERS WHILE HE HIMSELF WAS IMPRISONED IN VIETNAM AFTER THE WAR. DIA REMAINS HIGHLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT AND ANY INFORMATION HE CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THE AMERICANS. THEY APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY AND PROMISE DETAILED DEBRIEFING POINTS CIRCA 1 AUGUST. WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED.

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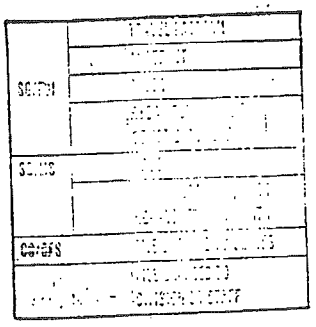

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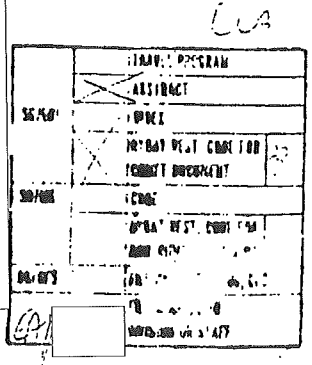

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1. ON 2 MAY 83, OFFERED TO PROVIDE INFO ON AND RECENT PHOTOS OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LPDR, AND TO PROVIDE THE REMAINS OF 20 DEAD MIAS. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW AND REVIEW OF RECORDS REVEALED THAT THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR PHOTOS AND APPROACH WAS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF ATTEMPTS BY TO PEDDLE NON-EXISTENT INFO ON POW/MIA'S. FOLLOWING IS BIO ON ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND LEADS PROVIDED BY (OF WHICH WE ARE HIGHLY SKEPTICAL) MAY NONETHELESS WANT TO PASS TO JCRC.

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6. [redacted] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ON ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICANS IN THE LPDR:

A. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] IN DEC 82 THAT HE HAD SEEN FOUR CAUCASIANS IN NOV 82 AT A CAVE SITE CALLED TAM NAM NGANG NAPEA LOCATED 15 KMS NORTH OF NAPEA (WE 0824), KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [redacted] ALSO SAID THAT A SHORT TIME AFTER THE SIGHTING, HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT THE FOUR CAUSACIANS HAD BEEN MOVED TO VIETNAM. [redacted] RESIDES [redacted] NAPHO CAMP.

B. [redacted] ALSO TOLD [redacted] IN DEC 82 THAT HE HAD SEEN TWO OTHER CAUCASIANS, ALSO IN NOV 82, AT A CAVE SITE AT PHAHEUNG, BAN PHAHEUA, KEUT DISTRICT, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. THE CAVE IS LOCATED ABOUT 15 KMS SOUTHWEST OF BAN KENGLEK ON "ROAD 20."

C. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] IN DEC 82 THAT HE HAD SEEN EIGHT CAUCASIANS AT A CAVE SITE AT PHOULEKFAY, SANSAI DISTRICT, ATTOPEU PROVINCE, IN JUL 82. THE CAVE WAS LOCATED ABOUT 10 KMS FROM A POINT ON "ROAD 10," 50 KMS, POSSIBLY WEST, OF ATTOPEU CITY. [redacted] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT NAPHO CAMP [redacted]

D. [redacted] A FORMER LAO SGU COMMANDER, TOLD [redacted] ON 27 APR 83 THAT HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PL IN 1973 ALONG WITH TWO CAUCASIANS. ONE WAS AN AMERICAN TOURIST AND THE OTHER WAS AN AUSTRALIAN. ACCORDING TO [redacted] [redacted] FLED TO THAILAND IN APRIL AND CLAIMS THAT THE TWO CAUCASIANS ARE STILL ALIVE AND CURRENTLY LOCATED AT NAKAI (WE 1462), KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [redacted] RESIDES AT NAPHO CAMP, [redacted]

E. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE (FOR SALE) AN "AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION PLATE" THAT ONE OF HIS RESISTANCE FIGHTERS HAD ALLEGEDLY TAKEN OFF OF THE DOOR FRAME OF AN AIRPLANE THAT HAD CRASHED AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. HE SAID ON THE PLATE WAS INSCRIBED THE WORD "CHEVROLET."

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2. THE TWO CAUCASIANS THAT [ ] CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN GIVING A PROPAGANDA SPEECH IN LAO AT BAN SONG VILLAGE ON 24 FEBRUARY 1983, AND WHOM HE BELIEVES TO BE AMERICAN POWS, SAID THAT THEY WERE CAPTURED IN 1968 AT NAM THONE (NCA) AND WERE ADVISORS TO AN UNNAMED FAR UNIT. (FYI: THERE IS A FORMER FAR BASE CALLED NAM THON CAMP LOCATED AT VE 2696.) THE CAUCASIANS ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO MORE "POWS" AT THE NADENG PRISON. PHON REPORTED THAT SIX SOVIETS AND 20 LPDR MILITIAMEN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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4. ACCORDING [redacted] REMAINS AT BAN SONG VILLAGE. [redacted] BASE IS IN POSSESSION OF A HAND WRITTEN NOTE ALLEGEDLY FROM [redacted] DATED 9 MARCH 83, WHICH SAYS THAT THE "AMERICAN POWS" WERE MOVED TO SAM NEUA FOR "STUDY" ON 6 MARCH 1983. [redacted] DOES NOT EXPLAIN HOW HE KNOWS THAT THE POWS WERE MOVED. THE LETTER IS BRIEF AND APOLOGETIC IN TONE. [redacted] WRITES: [redacted] DO NOT REGRET ON WHAT WE HAVE AGREED BECAUSE THEY WERE ALREADY AWAY." AND "THE TRIP IS TOO DIFFICULT NOW", POSSIBLY REFERRING TO THEIR OFFER TO RESCUE THE FOUR ALLEGED POWS.

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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL OPS INFORMATION FROM MIA/POW SOURCE [redacted]

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CITE [redacted]

TO: DIRECTOR [redacted]

WNINTEL.

SUBJECT: ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN THE LPDR

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2. ON 24 FEBRUARY 1983, THE THIRD PLATOON OF THE 33RD REGIMENT WAS OPERATING IN THE AREA OF BAN SONG, WHERE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PLATOON [redacted] ATTENDED A PROPAGANDA

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SESSION BEING GIVEN AT BAN SONG VILLAGE. [redacted] SAID THAT HE SAW TWO CAUCASIANS WHOM HE BELIEVES TO BE AMERICAN POWS AND SIX PAVN SOLIDERS AT THE GATHERING. ONE OF THE SUSPECTED POWS WAS GIVING A SPEECH IN LAO PRAISING THE COMMUNIST REGIME. [redacted] DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY HE BELIEVED THE CAUCASIANS WERE AMERICAN.

3. ON 25 FEBRUARY 1983, [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT THERE WERE FOUR U.S. POWS BEING HELD AT NADENG PRISON. [redacted] SAID THAT THE PRISON IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. ONE PART WAS FOR CONFINING FORMER RLG OFFICIALS AND FAR OFFICERS AND THE OTHER PART IS FOR THE FOUR AMERICANS. [redacted] ALSO SAID THAT ONE OF THE PRISONERS WAS ILL WITH "SCIATIC DISEASE" AND THAT ANOTHER OF THE AMERICANS WAS ALLOWED TO LOOK AFTER HIM. THE TWO OTHER "HEALTHY" PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY PAVN SOLDIERS TO CONDUCT PROPAGANDA OPERATIONS. [redacted] SAID THAT 18 PAVN SOLIDERS WERE GUARDING THE PRISON. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

4. [redacted] ALSO INDICATED THAT THE 33RD REGIMENT WAS WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE FOUR POWS WITHOUT ADVANCE FUNDS FOR THEIR EFFORTS. [redacted] ADDED THAT THE 33RD REGIMENT WOULD HOLD THE POWS UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A REWARD WERE COMPLETED. [redacted] ALSO ASKED HOW MUCH THE RESISTANCE GROUP MIGHT GET FOR EACH PRISONER.

5. [redacted] SAID THAT DURING HIS ONE AND A HALF YEAR DETENTION AT NADEN PRISON (CIRCA MID-11 TO JANUARY 1983) HE MET WITH TWO U.S. POWS. [redacted] SAID THE TWO ALLEGED POWS WERE NOT INCARCERATED WITHIN THE JAIL PROPER BUT WERE BEING HELD IN A CAVE NEARBY THE NADENG PRISON FACILITY. [redacted] WAS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY EITHER OF THE TWO ALLEGED POWS BY NAME BUT SAID THAT ONE OF THEIR "SERIAL NUMBER PLATES" WAS AVAILABLE AT BAN NOUNDENG (PROBABLY BAN NONDENG (WE 2507)). [redacted] SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE PLATE AND PROVIDE TO SOURCE BY 1 APRIL 1983.

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SIGHTING OF U.S. PRISONERS (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

REFS: A. [redacted]
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2. [redacted] IN EARLY SUMMER 1978 AND AGAIN IN AUGUST 1982, (b)(1) A HANOI RESIDENT SAW ABOUT 30 CAUCASIAN PRISONERS BATHING (b)(3)(c) AROUND THE WATER TANK ON THE GROUNDS OF A TWO-BUILDING JAIL BEHIND THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF THE "VAN NGHE QUAN DOI," A PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) PUBLICATION. THE EDITORIAL OFFICE WAS LOCATED AT 17 B LY NAM DE STREET, HANOI. THE PRISONERS, ON BOTH OCCASIONS, WERE BEING ALLOWED TIN-DIPPER BATHS, CONTROLLED BY AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD. THE JAIL, SURRUUNDED BY A BARBED WIRE FENCE, WAS HIDDEN BEHIND THE TWO-STOREY QUARTERS FOR RANKING PAVN OFFICERS (KHU NHA TAP THE CAN BO CAO CAP QUAN DOI), LOCATED AT 17 C LY NAM DE STREET HANOI. THE ENTIRE AREA WAS RESTRICTED: SIGNS WERE

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POSTED PROHIBITING THE TAKING OF PICTURES AND ALL VISITORS TO THE APEA HAD TO BE ESCORTED. THE PRISONERS WERE SEEN FROM THE FIRST FLOOR (SECOND STOREY) WINDOW OF THE OFFICERS' QUARTERS. THE PRISONERS WORE ONLY UNDERPANTS AND APPEARED IN GOOD PHYSICAL DONDITION; NONE WERE SEEN LIMPING OR CRIPPLED. THEY WERE OVER 1.70 METERS TALL AND ALL WERE CAUCASIAN. THEY HAD SHORT HAIR-CUTS, SOME HAD A MOUSTACHE OR BEARD, SOME WERE BLOND AND SOME DARK-HAIRED. [redacted] [redacted] THE HANOI RESIDENT THOUGHT HE RECOGNIZED ENGLISH BEING SPOKEN BY THE PRISONERS.)"

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[redacted] SPECIFICALLY STATED THERE WERE 32 AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR STILL DETAINED AT THIS JAIL. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] DID NOT VOLUNTEER THE REASON WHY THE PRISONERS REMAINED UNDER SRV CONTROL. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS WHO LEARNED OF THE PRISONERS BY WORD-OF-MOUTH, SUCH AS THE HANOI RESIDENT'S FATHER AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE OFFICERS' QUARTERS, SPECUALTED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD AS HOSTAGES IN CASE OF SOME FUTURE U.S. ACTION AGAINST VIETNAM.)" (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) (b)(6)

4. [redacted] STATED THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE PRISONERS, WHO HE CALLED PRISONERS-OF-WAR, AND PRISONERS ARRESTED FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES. HE SAID THERE WERE NO CAUCASIANS ARRESTED FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES. [redacted] ALSO STATED THAT HE VISITED [redacted] OFTEN BECAUSE [redacted] FAMILY (I.E., PARENTS AND WIFE) WERE ENGAGED I ILLEGAL TRADE, SUCH AS THE BUYING AND SELLING OF FOREIGN CURRENCY, BUYING AND SELLING MERCHANDISE FROM STATE STORES FOR FOREIGNERS AND OVERSEAS VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS. THIS ACTIVITY INVOLVED THEM WITH THE GENERALS' SONS. IN RETURN, WHEN [redacted] FAMILY RAN INTO A PROBLEM, [redacted] HAD TO SEE [redacted] FOR HELP. [redacted] SOMETIMES APPEARED IN PAVN UNIFORM WITH THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT; HOWEVER, [redacted] WAS NOT SURE WHETHER [redacted] WAS IN FACT A FIRST LIEUTENANT OR COULD WEAR THE UNIFORM JUST BECAUSE HIS FATHER WAS A MAJOR GENERAL.

5. REGARDING THE SIZE OF THE PRISON, [redacted] IT

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COULD ACCOMMODATE UP TO 200 PRISONERS BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT HELD INMATES OTHER THAN THE 32 AMERICANS. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)(n) (b)(6)
WIFE, [redacted], DID NOT SEE THE PRISONERS. HOWEVER, IT WAS HER GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE STILL BEING HELD THERE IN AUGUST 1982.

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO [redacted]

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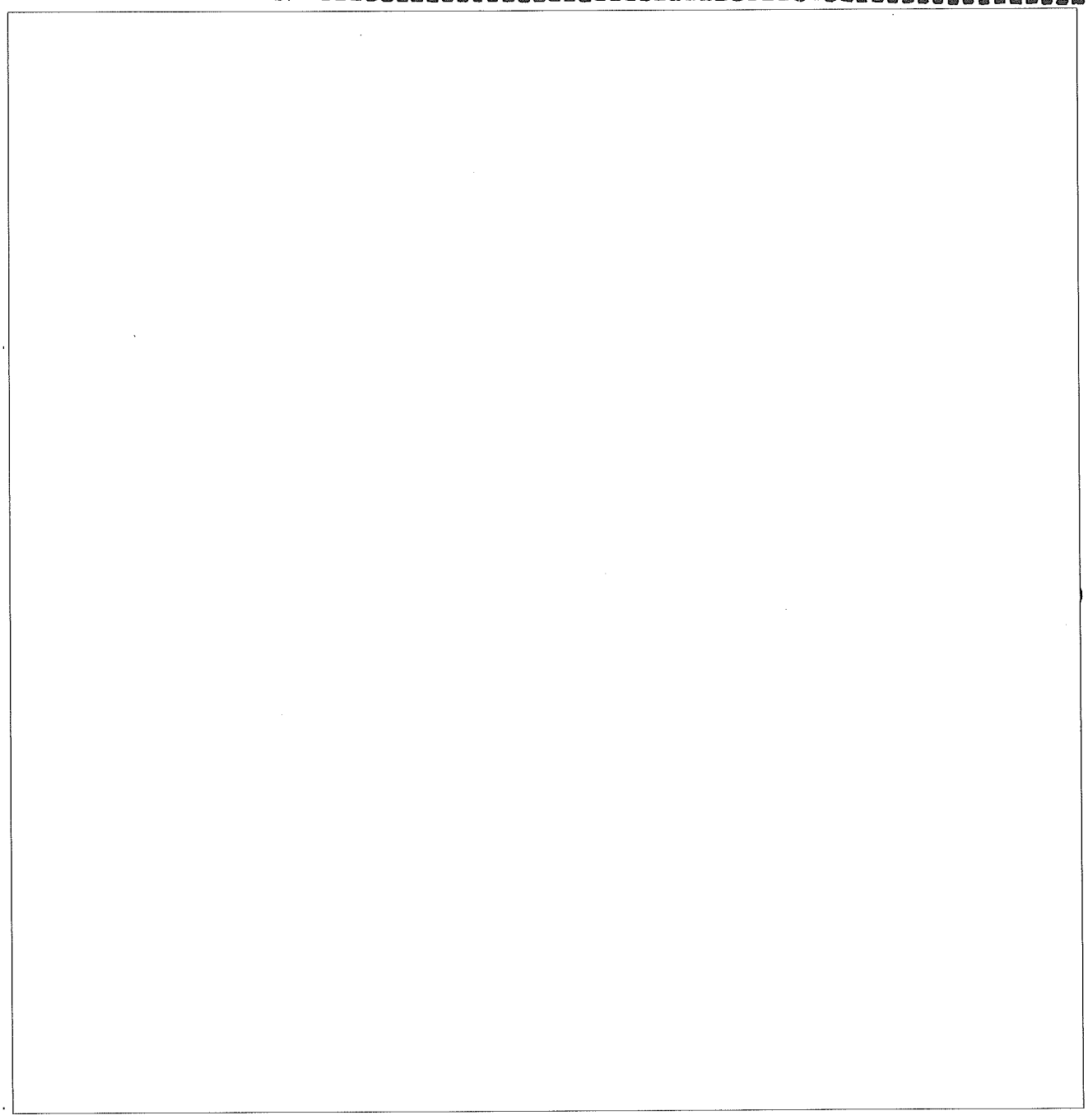

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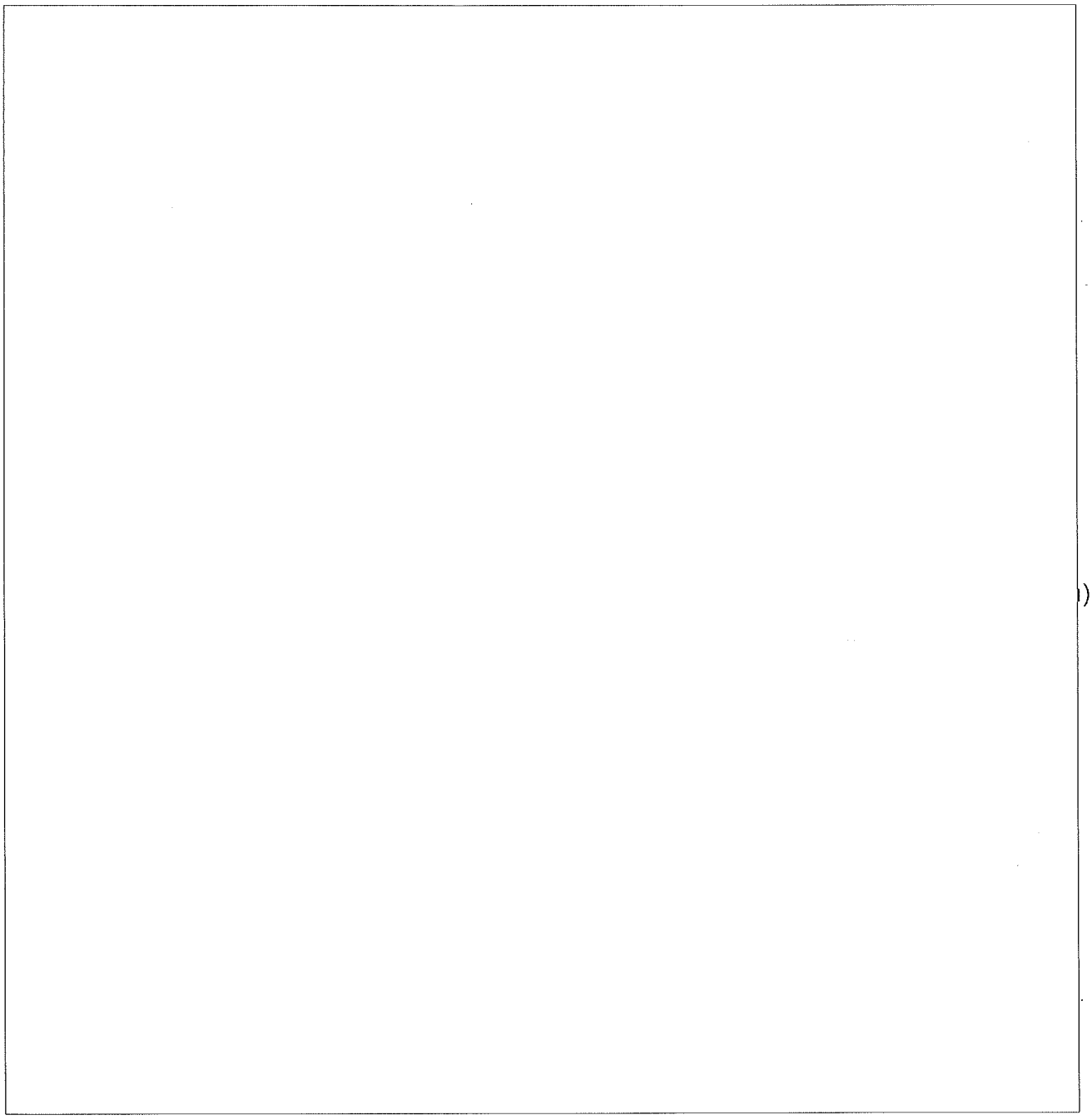

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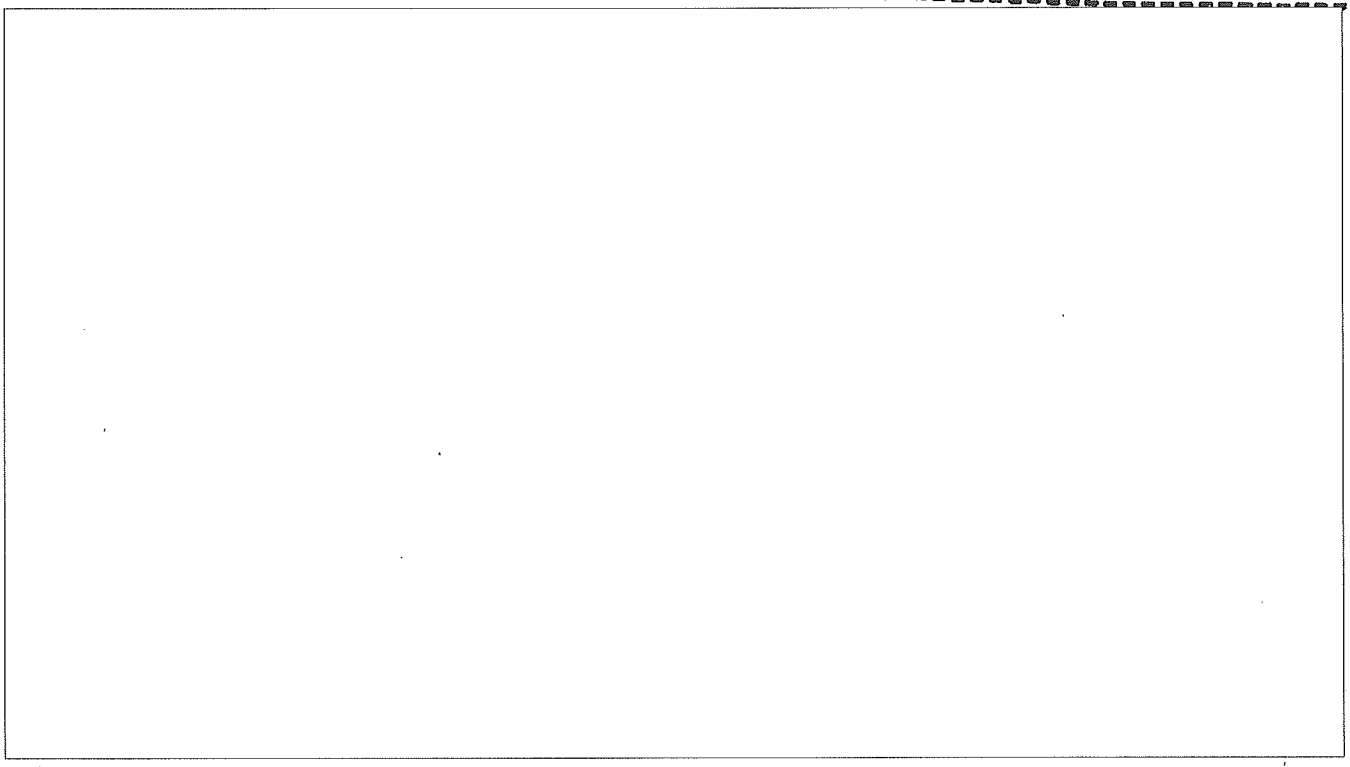

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO [redacted]

WNINTEL

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRISONER SIGHTING

REFS: A. [redacted]

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A. THE PRISONERS WERE NOT DRESSED.

B. SOURCE SAID HE CAME TO THE RESIDENCE OF [redacted] OFTEN TO SEE HIS FRIEND [redacted]

C. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL THE EXACT DATE OF THE SIGHTING. HE COULD ONLY SAY IT WAS ONE DAY IN AUGUST 1982. (b)(1) (b)(3)(n)

D. SOURCE'S FRIENDS DID NOT VOLUNTEER THE REASON WHY THE PRISONERS REMAINED UNDER SRV CONTROL AND [redacted] DID NOT ASK ANY QUESTIONS BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE AN INTEREST IN KNOWING.

E. [redacted] SAID THE JAIL WAS WITHIN VIEW FROM THE FIRST FLOOR OF [redacted] THE [redacted] RESIDENCE. [redacted] THE ENTIRE AREA WAS STRICTLY RESTRICTED. [redacted]

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F. SOURCE WAS TALKING TO [redacted] ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF [redacted] RESIDENCE WHEN HE SAW THE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS. WHEN ASKED WHO THE PRISONERS WERE, BOTH [redacted] SAID THEY WERE U.S. PILOTS AND AIRCREW. SOURCE ASSUMED HIS FRIENDS KNEW THE CAUCASIANS WERE AMERICANS BECAUSE HIS FRIENDS WERE THE SONS OF RANKING ARMY OFFICERS AND SRV OFFICIALS. SOURCE SPECIFICALLY SAID IT JUST HAPPENED AS A ROUTINE MATTER, A MATTER WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANCE AT ALL. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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TO: IMMEDIATE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] POW SIGHTING

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MR. GRANT REQUESTED AN FBI MEMO OF 1 MARCH 1983 ON [redacted]

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SUBJECT: INFO ON POW/MIA

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A. ON 31 OCTOBER 1983, 80 LAO MERCENARIES ARRIVED IN THAILAND WITH THE REMAINS OF FORMER U.S. PILOT NAMED COLONEL (FNU) ((HADI)) (PHONETIC). NO FURTHER INFO. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

B. ON 13 OCTOBER 1983, TWO AMERICAN POWS WERE REPORTEDLY MOVED FROM BAN ADON (UNLOCATED) TO KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LPDR. THE TWO POWS WERE TO TEACH BASIC ENGLISH AND WEAPONS USAGE TO SAPPER STUDENTS BELONGING TO LAO MILITARY AND THAI INSURGENT FORCES IN MAHAXAI DISTRICT. THE POWS WERE DESCRIBED AS PALE AND THIN, HAVING LONG BEARDS AND WEARING NAVY-BLUE CLOTHING WITH NO

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SHOES. THE GUNS WERE TRANSPORTED BY ZIL-130 TRUCK ALONG ROUTE 23. THEY WERE GUARDED BY 25 LAO/VIETNAMESE BORDER POLICE LED BY [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)
THE TRUCK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ARMORED VEHICLES. THE CONVOY STOPPED AT FUEL DEPOT NUMBER FOUR LOCATED AT MUANG PHINE (XD 0927) FOR REFUELING. NO FURTHER INFO.

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SUBJECT: PATHET LAO DEFECTOR

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CLAIMED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM A INDICATING THAT IN OCTOBER 1976 HAD SEEN A GROUP OF AMERICAN PRISONERS BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL PRISON COMPOUND LOCATED IN A MOUNTAIN CAVE ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SARAVAN, LAOS. PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL TRACES ON OR

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TO: DIRECTOR INFO [redacted]

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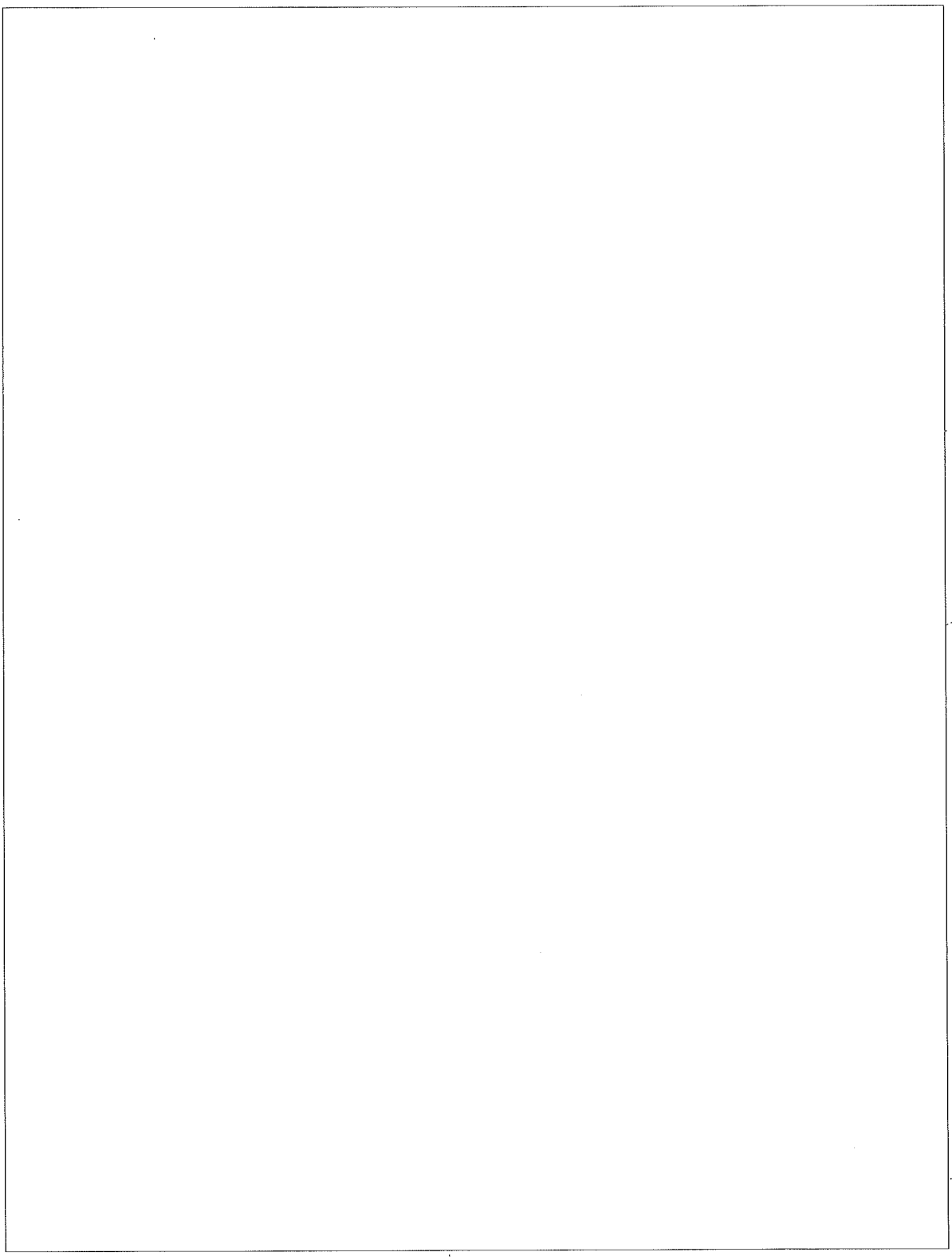

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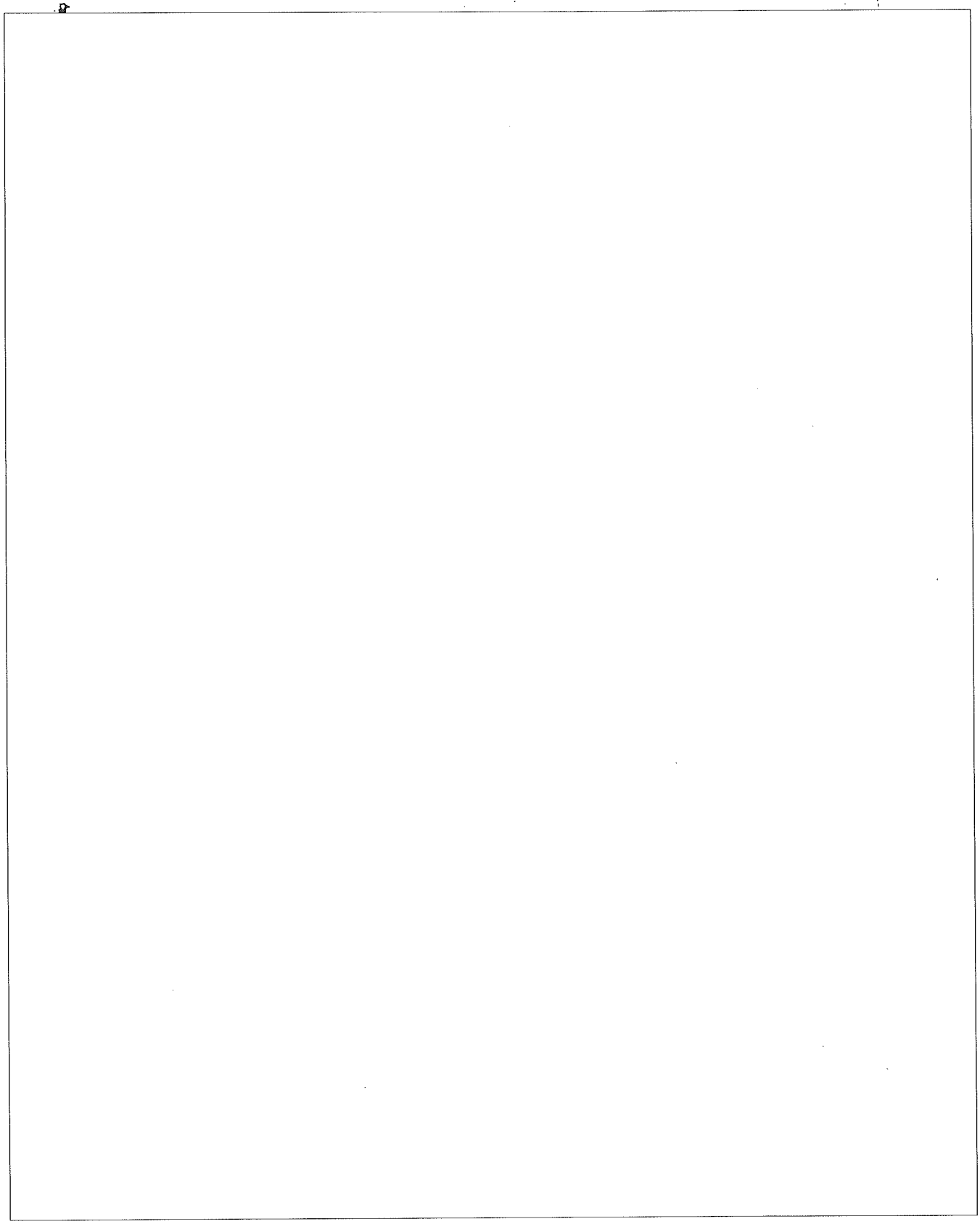

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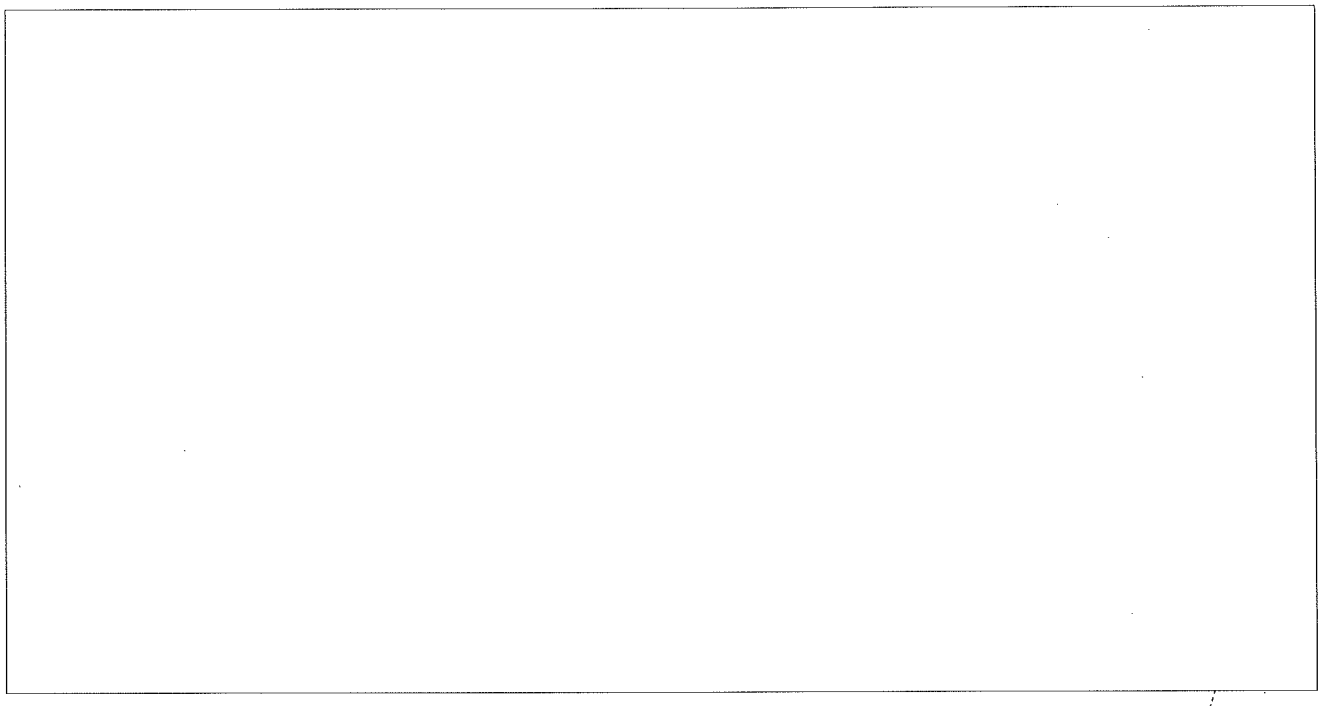

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MIA

1. PLEASE ADVISE IF JAMES R. ((MOORE)), [redacted], US NAVY, IS CARRIED AS MISSING IN ACTION. IN LATE OCTOBER 1983, INTERVIEWED REFUGEE [redacted] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE DISCOVERED A CRASHED U.S. JET FIGHTER (TYPE UNKNOWN) APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 KILOMETERS EAST OF KILOMETER MARKER 128 ON HIGHWAY 20 IN PHU THANH VILLAGE, TAN PHU DISTRICT, DONG NAI PROVINCE. [redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND THE PLANE IN 1977 WHILE GATHERING WOOD NEARBY HIS PARENTS PHU THANH VILLAGE RESIDENCE. AFTER HIS CIRCA MAY 1983 (ON PB 858) ARRIVAL IN BIDONG, [redacted] CLAIMS HE LEARNED OF THE IMPORTANCE IN LOCATING US MIA'S AND WROTE HIS BROTHER [redacted] WHO ALSO RESIDES WITH HIS PARENTS, TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF THE TWO AMERICANS ON THE AIRCRAFT. IN AN APPARENT RETURN LETTER (WHICH WAS SHOWN TO [redacted] CLAIMS THEIR PARENTS WANT TO MOVE THE BONES LEST THE NEIGHBORS/AUTHORITIES DISCOVER WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. [redacted] HAS NOT REPLIED BUT IS WILLING TO SEND ANY DESIRED MESSAGE. HE SUGGESTS HE TELEGRAM [redacted] TO BURY THE BONES FOR THE TIME BEING.

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2. THE LETTER FROM [redacted] IDENTIFIED THE TWO AMERICANS AS MOORE, JAMES R; [redacted] AND [redacted] THE LETTER WAS MAILED THROUGH ANOTHER BROTHER. [redacted] HAS RETAINED THE LETTER.

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3. [redacted] DESCRIBED THE CRASH SITE AS A WOODED AREA AT THE BASE OF A MOUNTAIN (NAME UNKNOWN). HE WAS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE DETAILS ON THE LOCATION OR TERRAIN CHARACTERISTICS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

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4. [redacted] ALSO STATED THAT MEMBERS OF PAVN CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE 600 HAD DISMANTLED PARTS OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR SALVAGE. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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SUBJECT: SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DEBRIEFING OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND DESERTERS

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SUBJECT: RESISTANCE GROUP ATTEMPT TO USE "MIA" ISSUE TO GAIN FINANCIAL AID

2. PRE-SENTED THE IMPRESSION OF KARST'S DOGTAG AND SEVERAL PURPORTED BONE FRAGMENTS OF KARST'S REMAINS. EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN A RESISTANCE GROUP WORKING DIRECTLY FOR HAD ACQUIRED THE REMAINS OF SEVEN U.S. SERVICEMEN AND FIVE OF THEIR DOGTAGS. INTENDS TO USE THESE DOGTAGS TO GAIN FINANCIAL AID FOR HIS BUDDHIST RESISTANCE GROUP. CONTACT WITH IS TO BE THROUGH

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EXPLAINED THAT [redacted] WISHED TO TURN THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS OVER TO AN USG REPRESENTATIVE IN HCMC AFTER BEING PAID AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE SRV GOVERNMENT. THIS OBVIOUSLY SMACKS OF A CON JOB BUT COULD BE ON THE LEVEL. IF KARST IS AN AUTHENTIC MIA, PLEASE ADVISE HOW STATION SHOULD DISPOSE OF THE BONE FRAGMENT. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

3. [redacted] CLAIMED HE WAS RECRUITED BY S IN 1981 AND TOLD TO WORK WITH [redacted] TO DEVELOP RESISTANCE FORCES WITH A JUNGLE BASE. [redacted] SAID HIS GROUP IS INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FINANCES AND RESOURCES AS WELL AS RESTRICTIVE STATE CONTROLS. S WAS REPORTEDLY LOCATED IN THE GIAC MINH PAGODA UNDER THE CLOSE SCRUTINY AND CONTROL OF [redacted] NOW A PRO-COMMUNIST VENERABLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POW/MIA'S IN LPDR

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1. ON 24 SEPTEMBER 1983 MET WITH TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF XEROX COPY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN POW/MIA'S IN THE LPDR REPORTED REF B. CLAIMED TO HAVE ACQUIRED THE XEROX COPY FROM ON 10 AUGUST 83. CLAIMED THAT HE HAS ACCESS TO THE ORIGINAL PHOTOS FROM WHICH THE XEROX WAS MADE, AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE ORIGINAL PHOTOS, AND BIO DATA OF THOSE DEPICTED, TO DURING WEEK OF 25 SEPT. HOWEVER, RECENTLY OBTAINED A CLIPPING FROM AN UNNAMED LPDR MAGAZINE WHICH APPEARS TO BE THE ORIGINAL FROM WHICH THE XEROX WAS MADE. THIS CLIPPING WAS ACQUIRED BY FROM SAID THAT HE OBTAINED THE CLIPPING FROM AN UNNAMED LAO IN A REEDUCATION CAMPMIN NOMMARAT, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, IN JUNE 19869

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2. CLAIMED HE OBTAINED THE ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS ON 4 AUGUST 83 FROM A "RESISTANCE FIGHTER" OPERATING OUT OF NKP, THAILAND. SAID THAN

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ACQUIRED THE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AN UNNAMED LPA LIEUTENANT WHO WORKS AT THE POW CAMP IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE WHERE THE SUBJECTS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE PURPORTEDLY LOCATED. DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE CAMP. THE LPA LIEUTENANT HAD REPORTEDLY TAKEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS HIMSELF CIRCA LATE JULY-EARLY AUGUST 83. SAID ONE OF HIS RESISTANCE COHORTS IS HOLDING THE ORIGINAL PHOTOS AT BAN NOI NONG THON.

3. BEFORE ARRIVED AT THE MEETING. SAID PRIVATELY THAT THE LPA LIEUTENANT WAS DID NOT KNOW THE LIEUTENANT'S NAME. ALSO SIAD, PER THE ALLEGED POW CAMP WAS A CAVE SITE LOCATED ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS NNW OF THAKHEK CITY, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. THE CAMP WAS GUARDED BY PAVN AND LPA TROOPS. HE HAD NO OTHER DETAILS. AS NOTED ABOVE, NEITHER ADMITTED KNOWING THE IDENTITY OF THE LPA LIEUTENANT OR THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP. THEY AGREED TO FIND OUT THIS INFORMATIONA ND REPORT TO C/O WHEN ORIGINAL PHOTOS/BIO ON ALLEGED POW'S WERE TURNED OVER. ALSO AGREED TO OBTAIN BIO DATA ON THAN AND ARRANGE A DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN

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5. IN ADDITION TO PHOTOS, SAID THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM ANOTHER RESISTANCE MEMBER, THAT THE CREW OF A DOWNED "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT WAS IMPRISONED AT A CAVE SITE NEAR MAHAXAI, LPDR. THE CREW CONSISTED OF FIVE MEMBERS LEAD BY LIEUTENANT "ROGER". (HE DID NOT KNOW IF ROGER WAS FIRST OR LAST NAME.) A SIXTH MEMBER OF THE CREW HAD DIED. HE HAD NO FURTHER INFO BUT PROMISED TO CONTACT AND SET UP A MEETING WITH IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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TO: [redacted]

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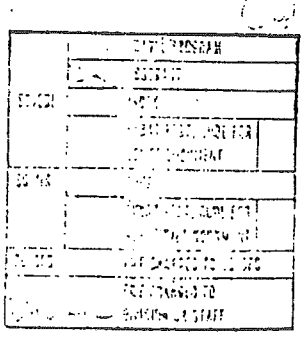

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TO: DIRECTOR [redacted]

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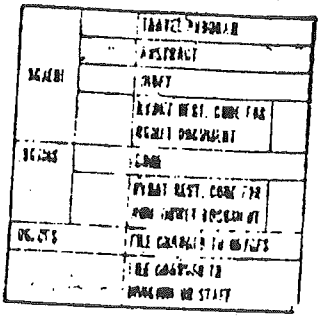

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2. ACCORDING TO [redacted] THE GIST OF THE REPORT IS THAT "14 U.S. PILOTS WERE MOVED FROM PHONG SALY TOWN IN PHONG SALY DISTRICT OF LAOS." IDEN A REPORTEDLY CITED THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AS BEING A [redacted] CITIZEN.

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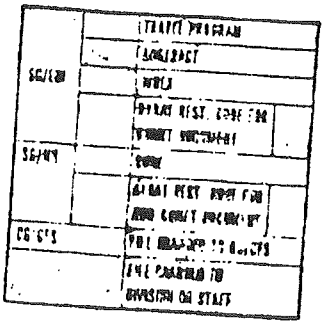

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF U.S. POWS IN LAOS

1. HQS IS IN RECEIPT OF SENSITIVE SOURCE INFORMATION THAT RELATED DETAILS CONCERNING THE REMAINS OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN LAOS. UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES "CONFIRMED" THAT FROM 1972 TO 1973 OR 1974, THERE WERE 26 AMERICANS INCARCERATED AT THE "T1" JAIL. THIS IS REPORTEDLY LOCATED IN LAO TERRITORY OPPOSITE QUANG NAM AND QUANG NGAI (POSSIBLY GIA LAI) PROVINCES OF THE SRV. FIVE OF THE PRISONERS REPORTEDLY DIED AND WERE BURIED 500 METERS WEST OF THE T1 JAIL. THE REMAINING 21 POWS WERE MOVED TO HANOI ON AN UNDISCLOSED DATE.

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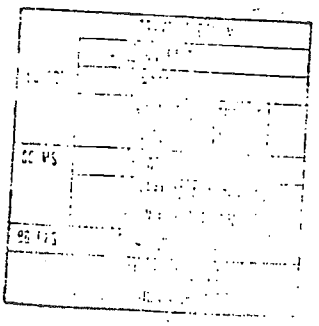

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2. [redacted] THOUGH 11 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME, CLAIMED SHE SAW THE PLANE CRASH, THE TWO PARACHUTES AND THE TRUCKS AHICH PASSED BY DAM #4. SHE AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA

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USED METAL FROM THE PLANE FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES. [redacted] DID NOT SEE THE AIRMEN OR ANY OF THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS. SHE OFTEN RODE BY THE SECOND PILOT'S GRAVE.

3. [redacted] ALSO REPORTED THAT IN 1980 [redacted] A SCHOOLMATE IN HANOI [redacted] ALLEGED TO [redacted] THAT LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE STILL BEING HELD IN THE BASEMENT OF AN UNSPECIFIED FACTORY IN [redacted]

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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF [redacted] INDIVIDUAL IN HCM CITY

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1. IN 1980, EXACT DATE NOT RECALLED, [redacted] WAS IN A PSO VEHICLE TRAVELING NORTH ON LY THUONG KIET APPROACHING THE BAY HIEN INTERSECTION (VIC. YS 81209324) WHEN HIS VEHICLE DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE. HE DIRECTED THE VEHICLE DRIVER TO PULL OVER TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET AFTER CROSSING THE INTERSECTION. THE STREET ENTERING THE INTERSECTION FROM THE SOUTH WAS LY THUONG KIET WHICH BECAME HOANG VAN THU NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION. THE EAST/WEST ROAD WAS "CACH MANG THANG 8". THE THONG NHAT HOSPITAL WAS ON THE SE CORNER, HIGHWAY POLICE POST 70 (DOI CANH SAT GIAO THONG 70) ON THE SW CORNER, AND [redacted] CIVILIAN HOUSES/SHOPS ON THE NW CORNER.

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2. [redacted] VEHICLE PASSED A BLACK MALE STANDING ON THE CURB 15--20 METERS PAST THE INTERSECTION, PULLING OVER 10 METERS BEYOND HIM. [redacted] DRIVER FIXED THE VEHICLE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A YOUNG MALE VIETNAMESE MECHANIC OBTAINED FROM ONE OF THE NEARBY REPAIR SHOPS. [redacted] IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, STOOD ON THE SIDEWALK FOR APPROX 30 MINUTES WHILE THE VEHICLE WAS BEING REPAIRED. DURING THIS TIME HIS ATTENTION WAS ON THE BLACK MALE, MORE OUT OF CURIOSITY. [redacted] COMMENT: HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS FOREIGNERS IN HCM CITY, INCLUDING BLACK INDIVIDUALS, BUT ALWAYS IN SITUATIONS WHERE THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY AFRO-ASIAN MIXTURES OR MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL FOREIGN MISSIONS.)

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3. THE BLACK MALE WAS OVER 30 YOA, APPROX 5 FT 11 INCHES IN HEIGHT, 150--175 LBS., SHORT BLACK, KINKY HAIR, VERY DARK BLACK SKIN, SPEAKING FLUENT SOUTHERN VN DIALECT. HE SMOKED VN CIGARETTES. HE WAS EXTREMELY MUSCULAR AND IN OBVIOUSLY GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. ONE VN WOMAN DID APPROACH HIM ON A BICYCLE, SAYING SHE WAS GOING TO THE MARKET. THE BRIEF CONVERSATION SUGGESTED SHE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL'S WIFE.

4. [redacted] NOTED HCM CITY TRASH TRUCKS STOP AT THE INTERSECTION. SOME STOPPED JUST SHORT OF THE NE CORNER, OTHERS JUST SHORT OF THE SW CORNER. VEHICLE DRIVERS WOULD BRING THEIR VEHICLE TRIP DOCUMENTS OVER TO THE U/I BLACK MALE WHO CHECKED THEIR DOCUMENTS AND THEN MADE NOTATIONS IN A SMALL NOTEBOOK HE CARRIED. VEHICLE DRIVERS THEN WENT BACK TO THEIR VEHICLES. STOPPED AT CHECKPOINT 70, THEN PROCEEDED WEST ON CACH MANH THANG 8 STREET.

5. FROM [redacted] KNOWLEDGE, THE TRASH TRUCKS GOING WEST FROM THE INTERSECTION WERE TRANSPORTING CITY TRASH TO A LANDFILL AT HOC MON NORTH OF TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT. THE FUNCTION THE BLACK MALE WAS PERFORMING WAS CHECKING THE NUMBER

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OF TRIPS INDIVIDUALS WERE MAKING. THIS WAS PROBABLY BEING DONE BECAUSE OF THE THEN ROUTINE PRACTICE OF DRIVERS TO INFLATE TRIPS OR LOADS AND THEREBY OBTAIN EITHER MORE MONEY OR FUEL REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CITY.

6. [redacted] HESITATED TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE NATIONALITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE SAW. IT WAS OBVIOUS THE INDIVIDUAL WAS WORKING AS A GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR, POSSIBLY FOR THE CITY SANITATION OFFICE AND WOULD THEREFORE, IF ORIGINALLY OTHER THAN A VIETNAMESE NATIONAL, WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM THE SRV CONVEYED CITIZENSHIP STATUS POST-1975. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

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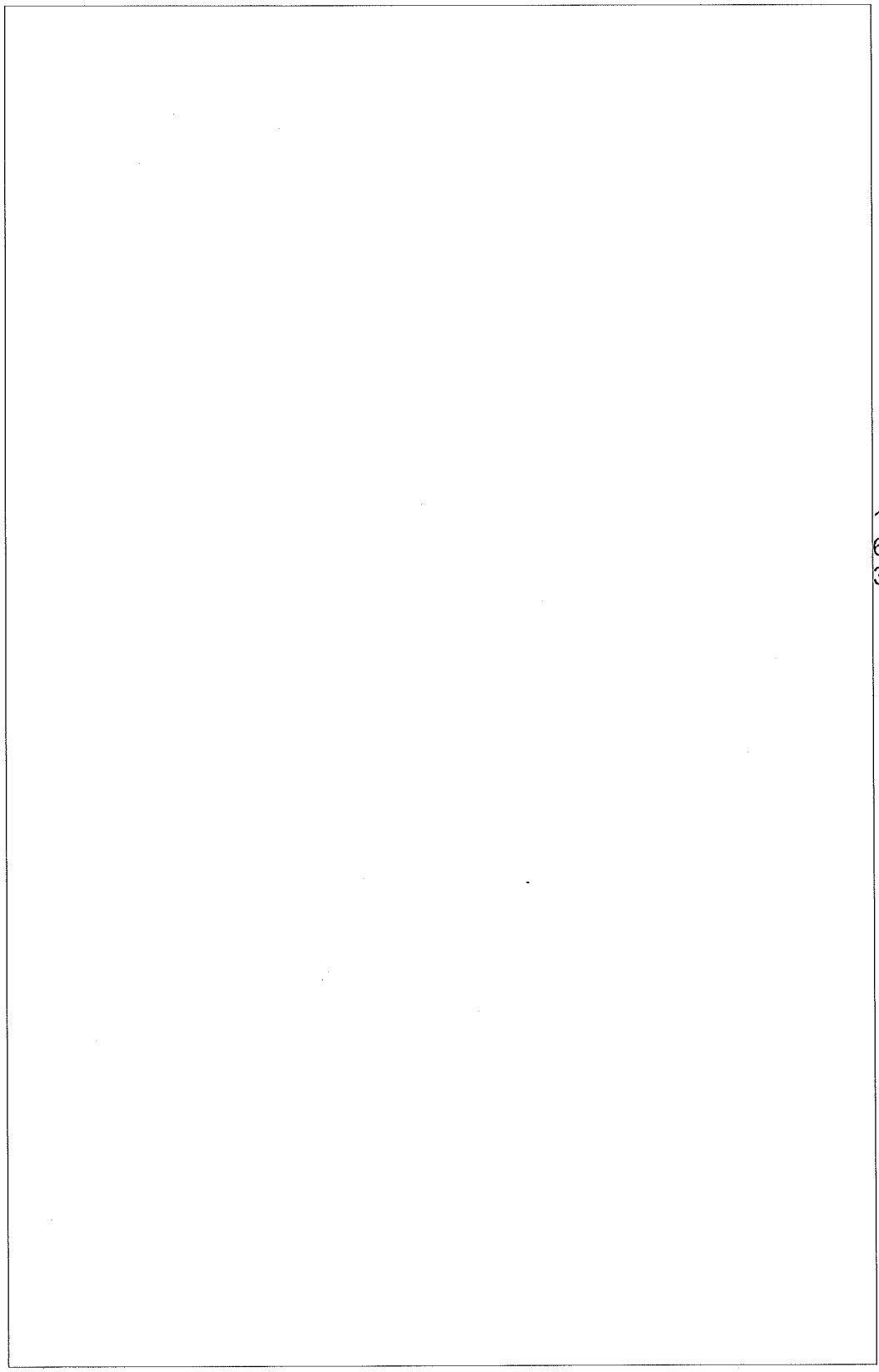

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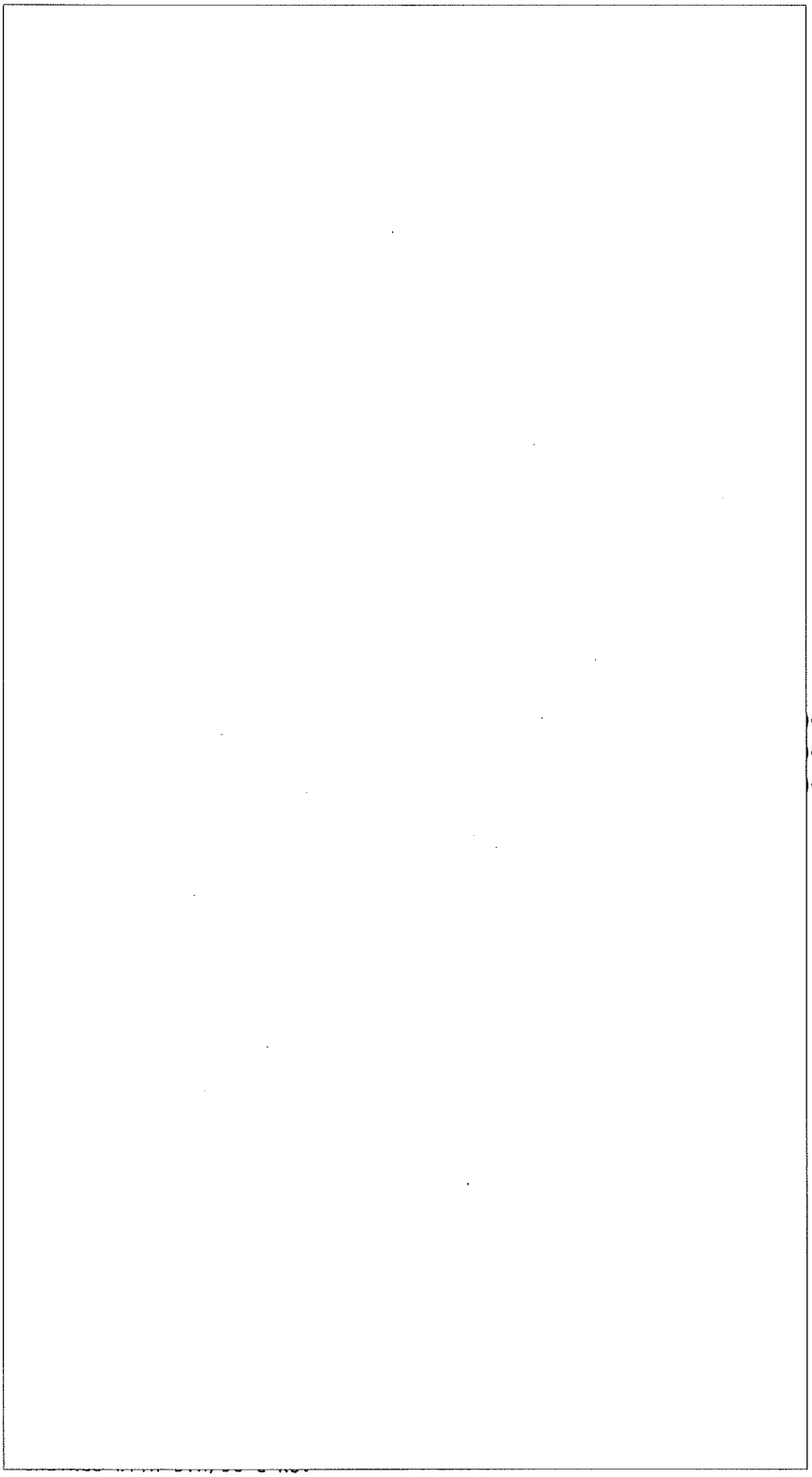

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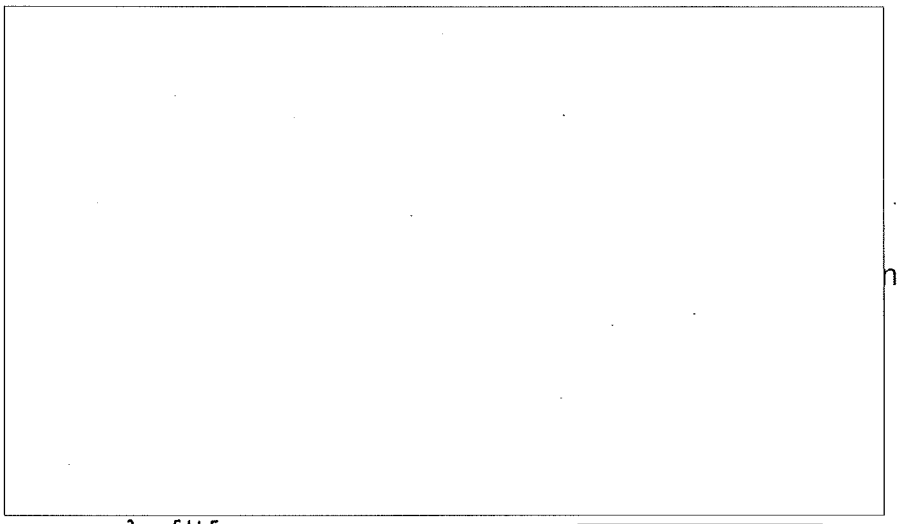

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR,

WNINTEL

SUBJECT: SECOND REPORT OF LIVE AMERICANS BEING HELD IN LPDR

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1. ON 11 AUGUST 1984. SUBJECTS CLAIMED TO BE LAO RESISTANCE MEMBERS AND TO HAVE PERSONALLY MET WITH TWO AMERICAN MIA'S ON RECENT MISSION TO LPDR. THEY OFFERED, FOR 7000 BAHT (US$305) TO BRING THE TWO AMERICANS TO FREEDOM IN THAILAND. STORY WAS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN PLAUSIBLE AND LACKED DETAIL AND EVIDENCE CONSIDERING CLAIM THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH THE TWO AMERICANS FROM 22 JULY TO 9 AUGUST. SAID THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO THE LPDR ON 12 AUGUST TO AGAIN MEET WITH THE TWO AMERICANS. HE WAS GIVEN SPECIFIC TASKING TO OBTAIN FROM THEM THEIR NAME, RANK, SERVICE NUMBER AND DOB AS WELL AS A SHORT HAND-WRITTEN AND SIGNED (BY THE ALLEGED AMERICANS) NOTE STATING THEIR HEALTH CONDITION. SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN THAILAND CIRCA 15 AUGUST AND CONTACT 1/12 PER ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT THE MEETING. WE WILL DEFER ANY PLANS UNTIL/IF SHOWS UP AGAIN AND CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAIL AND/OR EVIDENCE.

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2. WHO DID MOST OF THE TALKING, SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT DON TIEU (TE 5398) VILLAGE SAITHANI DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE. THEY WERE WITH TWO OTHER ALLEGED RESISTANCE MEMBERS; SAID THEY HAD MET THE TWO AMERICANS BY CHANCE ON 22 JULY AT BANG KEUN (TF 4431), THOULAKHOM DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE AND HAD ESCORTED THEM TO DON TIEU VILLAGE FOR SAFE KEEPING. THE TWO AMERICANS HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN CREW MEMBERS OF A TWO-SEAT USAF AIRCRAFT (NFI) SHOT DOWN NEAR BAN VANG HUA (TF 4085) VANG VIENG DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE, CIRCA 1968. KHAMKEO SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD BEEN LIVING WITH THE HMONG AT BAN VANG HUA EVER SINCE. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ON THE ALLEGED AMERICANS:

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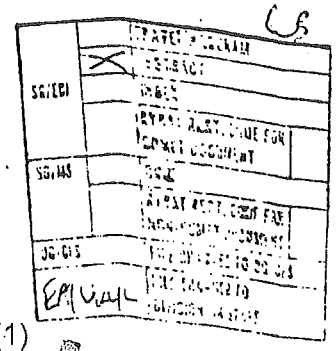

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SUBJECT: REPORTED LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN LPDR

1. ON 7 AUGUST 1984, MET WITH TO FOLLOW UP ON REPORT OF TWO LIVE AMERICAN POWS WHO WERE BEING HELD BY THE ANTI-LPDR RESISTANCE. A LAO REFUGEE RESIDENT OF NAPHO CAMP, RELATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED ON 28 JULY FROM A FELLOW CAMP RESIDENT AND ALLEGED RESISTANCE MEMBER, AND LPA MAJOR THAT HAD SECURED THE RELEASE BETWEEN 26-28 JULY 1984 OF TWO AMERICAN POWS FROM A DETENTION CAMP IN VIETNAM AND WAS HOLDING THEM AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LPDR. WANTS TO REPATRIATE THE PRISONERS IN EXAHANGE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. AND HAD ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING AN U.S.G. OFFICIAL. ALTHOUGH A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF WAS NOT ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS, HE TOLD THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN THEM AT THE DETENTION CAMP BETWEEN 23-26 JULY. NEITHER OR WERE AVAILABLE AT NAPHO FOR QUESTIONING; ACCORDING TO THEY HAD DEPARTED FOR SAVANNAKHET VIA MUKDAHAN MORNING OF 7 AUGUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. SAID THAT HE EXPECTS AND POSSIBLY TO RETURN TO NAPHO CIRCA 10/11 AUGUST.

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2. DID NOT REVEAL TO THE IDENTITIES OR THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE TWO PRISONERS. HE DID SAY HE HAS BIO INFO ON THEM, LETTERS FROM THEM, AND PHOTOGRAPHS. CLAIMS TO HAVE OBTAINED THE RELEASE OF THE TWO PRISONERS BY PAYING A BRIBE IN GOLD WORTH 50,000 BAHT TO A PAVN AND AN LPA OFFICER AT A DETENTION CAMP NEAR DA NANG WHERE THE TWO PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD. SAID THAT HE HAD COME TO KNOW THESE TWO OFFICERS AFTER MANX TRIPS TO DA NANG

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IBJ: SIGHTING OF AN ALLEGED GROUP OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) IN DONG NAI PROVINCE, SRV, PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 1979.

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(T: 1. IN DECEMBER 1979, A GROUP OF MORE THAN TWENTY BUT ;S THAN THIRTY ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS), REE OR FOUR OF WHOM WERE NEGRO AND THE REMAINDER CAUCASIAN,

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ERE OBSERVED ENTERING THE K-4 REEDUCATION FACILITY OUTSIDE
JAN LOC CITY IN DONG NAI PROVINCE. THE GROUP ARRIVED IN A
OCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BO
I AM) (PMD) BUS. ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP WERE THREE OR FOUR PMD
JARD PERSONNEL ARMED WITH AK-47 KALISHNIKOV ASSAULT RIFLES, A
RIVER AND AN INTERPRETER. THE GROUP LEFT THE BUS IN
OUBLE-FILE FORMATION WITH THE ESCORT GUARDS AND TALKING WITH
HE INTERPRETER. [redacted] COMMENT(THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE
DURING THE REEDUCATION FACILITY AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT ALLOWED
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3. THE ALLEGED GROUP OF AMERICAN POWS WERE ALL MALE AND (b)(1)
PPARENTLY "OLDISH," POSSIBLY BETWEEN 30 AND 40 YEARS OF AGE. (b)(3)(n)
OST HAD SCRAGGLY BEARDS AND SPORTED SHORT MILITARY (b)(6)
ECRUIT-STYLE HAIRCUTS. MOST OF THE GROUP WERE TALL BY
IETNAMESE STANDARDS AND THIN. ALL WORE SRV STATE MADE RUBBER
HONGS AND CLOTHING MADE IN SRV STATE ENTERPRISES. THE
LOTHING WAS BAGGY AND UNKEMPT. THE GROUP AS A WHOLE WERE MEEK
ND DOCILE IN APPEARENCE. [redacted] COMMENT: THE GROUP WAS (b)(3)(c)
BSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES. NONE WERE OF ORIENTAL
ACKGROUND. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO DISCERN ANY OTHER CULTURAL,
ACIAL OR PHYSICAL DISTINCTIONS.)

4. THE K-4 REEDUCATION FACILITY IS LOCATED IN DONG NAI
ROVINCE JUST BEYOND XUAN LOC CITY (THI TRAN XUAN LOC) ON THE
IGHTHAND SIDE OF NATIONAL ROUTE ONE APPROXIMATELY TWO
ILOMETERS BEYOND THE RAILWAY CROSSING AND NEAR THE BACK ROAD
EADING FROM XUAN LOC TO ROUTE ONE. K-4 WAS A FORMER
OVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) MILITARY OR POLICE FACILITY AND MAY

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HAVE BEEN USED TO INCARCERATE GVN PRISONERS. THE K-4 AREA FRONTED AN APPROXIMATE 750 METER STRETCH ALONG ROUTE ONE BY A STONE AND CEMENT WALL APPROXIMATELY 2.5 TO 3 METERS HIGH.

[redacted] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE K-4 REEDUCATION FACILITY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A TOURIST CENTER BY OFFICERS SERVING IN REEDUCATION. TOURISTS FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE FREQUENTLY TAKEN ON TOURS OF THE K-4 REEDUCATION CAMP, AN AREA WHICH HAS BEAUTIFUL SCENERY. THE DETAINEES WERE PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR FAMILIES LIVE WITH THEM AND WERE PERMITTED TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT AND NIGHTCLUB.)

5. [redacted] COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT SEE THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POWS LEAVE THE AREA AS HE DEPARTED WITH HUNG AFTER OBSERVING THEM FOR TEN MINUTES. HE, AT NO OTHER TIME, HAD SEEN OR HEARD OF AMERICAN POWS IN THE SRV.)

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TO: DIRECTOR.

WNINTEL

SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH LPDR DOCTOR WHO REPORTEDLY EXAMINED AMERICAN POWS

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1. MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO WAS FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL IN VIENTIANE, TOLD A LAO RESISTANCE MEMBER IN EARLY 1984 THAT HE HAD GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT TO 47 U.S. POWS. (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHEN HE HAD PROVIDE THE MEDICAL TREATMENT.) SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE POWS DURING HIS EXAMINATIONS, INCLUDING THEIR U.S. ADDRESSES. CLAIMED THAT AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENT, THE POWS WERE SHIPPED TO AN UNSPECIFIED CAMP NEAR THE LPDR/SRV BORDER. ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD OBSERVED 23 MARKED GRAVES OF DECEASED AMERICAN POWS AT SAM NEUA, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LPDR (NO DATES GIVEN). THE GRAVE MARKERS REPORTEDLY WERE INSCRIBED WITH THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE DATE HE WAS ARRESTED, AND THE DATE HE DIED. THE CEMETARY WAS REPORTEDLY SURROUNDED WITH BARBED WIRE AND GUARDED BY LPA SOLDIERS.

EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO DEBRIEF IN MORE DETAIL AND TO VERIFY HIS STORY.

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2. ACCORDING TO ARE LONG TIME FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS OF THE SAME LPDR VILLAGE IN NONGBOK DISTRICT (VD 7988), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO RECEIVED MEDICAL TRAINING IN THE SRV. HE IS NO LONGER WORKING AT THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL AND HAS RETURNED TO NONGBOK DISTRICT TO SUPPORT HIS PARENTS. REPORTED MOTIVATION TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION IS A RESULT OF THE ADVICE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND IN THE U.S. WHO SUGGESTED HE DO SO TO HELP THE ANTI-LPDR RESISTANCE.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF TWO LIVE AMERICAN POWS

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AS OF LATE MAY 1985, THERE WERE TWO LIVE AMERICAN POWS BEING GUARDED BY FOUR VILLAGE MILITIAMEN APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BAN HOUAI HOM (TE 2990), NAISAITHONG DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE, LPDR. ALLEGEDLY LEARNED THIS INFORMATION FROM , A VILLAGE MILITIAMAN FROM BAN MAY (TE 3289), SIKHOTTABANG DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO THE TWO AMERICANS, ONE OF WHICH WAS PARALYZED AND HAD TO BE CARRIED, WERE FLEEING FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTHERN SRV PROVINCE. THE POWS WERE BEING GIVEN FOOD BY AND THE OTHER VILLAGE MILITIAMEN. STATED THAT, CIRCA MARCH 1985, THE MILITIAMEN HAD ATTEMPTED TO BRING THE POWS TO THAILAND BY BOAT LEAVING FROM BAN MAY AND ATTEMPTING TO LAND NEAR THE VILLAGE OF BAN THAKATHIN (TE 3388), SI CHAING MAI DISTRICT, NONG KHAI PROVINCE, THAILAND; HOWEVER, THEY WERE FORCED TO TURN BACK AFTER BEING FIRED UPON BY THAI SECURITY FORCES. (ONE OF THE MILITIAMEN WAS REPORTEDLY WOUNDED IN THE EXCHANGE.) THE GROUP THEN RETURNED TO THE LPDR AND HID THE POWS NEAR BAN HOUAI HOM. STATED THAT HE NEEDS BAHT 40,000 AND A MAN TO LEAVE AS A HOSTAGE WITH THE MILITIAMEN IN ORDER TO FREE THE POWS. BAHT 20,000 WAS TO BE PAID UP FRONT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE PAID UPON DELIVERY OF THE POWS. HE WOULD NEED TWO DAYS TO BRING THE POWS TO THAILAND. HE ALSO EXPECTED SECURITY SUPPORT AT THE CROSSING POINT. NFI.

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REVEALED TO SUBJECT THAT SHE KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS OF SOME LIVE AMERICAN POWS. ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION, SUBJECT AND WENT TO AN AREA NEAR NHA TRANG, WHERE THE POWS WERE REPORTEDLY HELD. AFTER A TWO DAY BUS TRIP, THE TWO WENT TO AN AREA ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF NHA TRANG. UTILIZING A TELESCOPIC LENS, WHICH WAS MOUNTED ON A CAMERA, THE TWO SAW ABOUT 100 LIVE CAUCASIANS DRESSED IN PRISONER GARB, WHO WERE ALLOWED IN AND OUT OF A BARRACKS IN GROUPS OF THREE. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT THE POWS APPEARED TO BE ALLOWED TO COME OUT OF THE BARRACK TO GET SOME FRESH AIR. SUBJECT OPINED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE BARRACKS, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME TYPE OF UNDERGROUND DETENTION FACILITY IN THE AREA.

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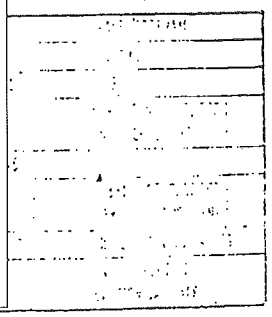

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW/MIA IN THE AREA OF PHOU SONG

DURING JANUARY 1985 AT NAPHO CAMP; SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION ON THE PRESENCE OF 50 LPW/MIA LOCATED IN THE AREA OF PHOU SONG. ((PHOU SONG IS NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER; HOWEVER, THERE IS A PHOU THOU (WE 0594), KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LPDR, WHICH SUBJECT MIGHT BE REFERRING TO.))

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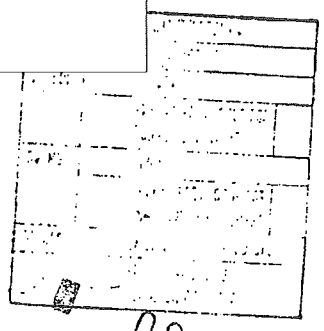

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SUBJECT: INFO REGARDING LIVE AMERICANS IN LAOS

ON THE MORNING OF 28 FEBRUARY 1985, RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM WHO SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO RESISTANCE FIGHTERS IN HIS STORE WHO HAD INFORMATION ON LIVE AMERICANS IN LAOS, AS WELL AS A DOG TAG AND SOME POSSIBLE REMAINS. (b)(1) (b)(6) (b)(3)(n)

PRESENTED WITH A DOG TAG WHICH HE CLAIMED CAME FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A TWIN-ENGINE PLANE WHICH CRASHED IN AN AREA OF SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LPDR, ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BORDER, CIRCA 1968. CLAIMED THAT THE TAG AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE CRASH SITE WERE GIVEN TO HIM HE PERSONALLY DID NOT KNOW SPECIFICS REGARDING THE SITE OR ITS LOCATION.) SUBJECT SAID THAT THE PLANE HAD A FOUR-MAN CREW AND THAT TWO OF THE MEN WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH. DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE FATE OF THE OTHER TWO.) INFORMATION ON THE DOG TAG READS AS FOLLOWS:

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[redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE THREE MORE DOG TAGS IN HIS POSSESSION. HE AGREED TO PROVIDE THE NAMES ON THE REMAINING DOG TAGS [redacted] DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE REFUSED TO GIVE [redacted] DOG TAG TO [redacted] SAYING THAT HE WAS AFRAID HIS "COMMITTEE" BACK IN NAPHO WOULD THINK HE HAD ALREADY SOLD IT. [redacted] THEN PULLED OUT A PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING AN ASSORTMENT OF BONES OF VARIOUS SIZES AND SHAPES TOTALING ABOUT 25-30 PIECES; THE LARGEST BEING ABOUT FIVE INCHES LONG. HE GAVE ONE PIECE TO [redacted] AS A SAMPLE. [redacted] CLAIMED THAT THE REMAINS CAME FROM THE ABOVE CRASH SITE AND THAT THERE WERE MANY MORE AT THE SITE.

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[redacted] ALSO STATED THAT THERE WERE PRESENTLY TWO LIVE AMERICANS ALLEGEDLY LIVING WITH A GROUP OF ETHNIC KHA IN A FORESTED AREA NEAR THE ABOVE CRASH SITE. [redacted] SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY NOT FROM THE ABOVE PLANE.) THE TWO AMERICANS HAD BEEN LIVING WITH THE KHA SINCE CIRCA 1968. [redacted] OPINES THAT THE AMERICANS ARE NOT KNOWN TO THE LPDR GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED IN DETENTION IF THEY HAD BEEN KNOWN.) ORIGINALLY, THERE WERE FOUR AMERICANS LIVING WITH THE KHA, BUT TWO HAD DIED. THE REMAINING TWO HAVE VERY DARK SKIN AND SPEAK KHA. [redacted] SAID THAT HE HAD LEARNED ABOUT THE AMERICANS ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE LAST REPORT REGARDING THEIR PRESENCE ABOUT A MONTH AGO. WHEN QUERIED, [redacted] SAID HE HAD NOT REPORTED THE AMERICANS PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE HE DID NOT KNOW WHO TO CONTACT. [redacted] SAID THAT SOME OF HIS MEN, WHO HAD PERSONALLY SEEN THE AMERICANS, COME TO NAPHO CAMP ABOUT ONCE A MONTH. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ARRANGE A PERSONAL MEETING BETWEEN SUBJECTS AND AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

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