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DIST 8 APRIL 1967

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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 1 FEBRUARY 1967

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOUPHANOUVONG TO THREE AMERICANS HELD IN A CAVE ON THE HOUEI VONG IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (8 APRIL 1967) [redacted]

SOURCE: [redacted]

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Date 1 MAY 1978

1. ON 1 FEBRUARY 1967 [redacted] ATTENDED A CEREMONY HELD TO WELCOME SOUPHANOUVONG WHO HAD COME TO VISIT THE THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS HELD IN A CAVE NEAR KANG LIT. [redacted] COMMENT: - (NOT YET RECEIVED) [redacted] DATED 5 APRIL 1967, NOT DISSEMINATED ELECTRICALLY BECAUSE IT CONTAINED A MAP OF THE AREA, REPORTED THREE AMERICAN PILOTS IN A CAVE NEAR THE KANG LIT WATERFALL ON THE HOUEI VONG BETWEEN BAN KANG MONG (VH 374475) AND DANE PHAO (VH 369540). THE PILOTS HAD BEEN MOVED THERE FROM BAN NAKAY

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TEU (VX 1955) IN MARCH 1966. IN [redacted] THE SOURCE CORRECTED HIS EARLIER REPORT, DISSEMINATED AS [redacted] (TDCS-314/16404-66) /THAT THERE WERE TWO PILOTS IMPRISONED NEAR THE HOUEI VONG.) THE CEREMONY WAS HELD OUTSIDE OF THE CAVE WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE IMPRISONED. [redacted] ALONG WITH DOME VILLAGERS, HAD BEEN INVITED TO MEET THE AMERICANS.

2. ACCORDING TO [redacted] ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS SMALL, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A LAO. THE SECOND WAS BALD OR BALDING, AND THE THIRD HAD A CREW CUT AND HAIRY ARMS AND CHEST. [redacted] COULD NOT REMEMBER ANY NAMES. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY OF THE AMERICANS IN PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN HIM.)

3. [redacted] SAID THE AMERICANS SEEMED TO BE HAPPY AND CHEERFUL AND IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY WERE NOT TIED OR HANDCUFFED. THEY JOKED AND SMILED WHEN THEY TALKED WITH SOUPHANOUVONG. ONE OF THEM TAPPED [redacted] ON THE BACK AND SHOOK HIS HAND.

4. [redacted] COUNTED 32 KHA GUARDS SURROUNDING THE AMERICANS. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE ARE USUALLY MANY PL TROOPS IN THE AREA AND THAT SOME HAVE VEHICLES. THE ROAD TO THE PRISON IS ROUGH AND PASSES THROUGH WOODS.

5. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR

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