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DIST 14 AUGUST 1966

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: LATE JULY 1966 EXCEPT AS STATED

SUBJECT: FRAGMENTARY REPORT OF IMPRISONED AMERICAN PILOTS AND PATHET LAO HEADQUARTERS IN THE SAM NEUA ...A OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACQ: [redacted]

SOURCE: [redacted]

1. A FORMER PATHET LAO [redacted] DEFECTED TO A FRIENDLY GUERRILLA UNIT IN THE VICINITY OF PHOU PHA LANG (VH 138429) IN LATE JULY 1966. HE SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS AND A PL HEADQUARTERS:

[redacted]

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Evil 47 (S-47,601/OB-4H)

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A. CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS WERE BEING HELD IN A CAVE AT NA KAY (VH 194566), 18 KM EAST OF SAM NEUA. THE PILOTS WERE IN GOOD HEALTH AND WERE NOT UNDER MAXIMUM SECURITY GUARDS.

B. THE CAVE AT NA KAY WAS ALSO USED FOR THE PL CHIEF OF STAFF.

2. [redacted] COMMENT: THE PL [redacted] DID NOT INDICATE THE TIME HE LAST SAW THE PILOTS. HE IS AN UNTESTED SOURCE ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE HAS GIVEN ON ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA CHECKS OUT WITH PHOTOGRAPSY OF THE SAME AREA. CHECKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS HAS NOT REVEALED THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE CAVE MENTIONED. MANY REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON THE LOCATIONS OF PL/ NORTH VIETNAMESE HEADQUARTERS IN CAVES IN THIS FOUR KM NORTH/SOUTH STRETCH BETWEEN VH 1958 AND VH 1954. (SOME OF THE PREVIOUS REPORTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT ARE [redacted]) ALTHOUGH THE PL [redacted] THAT THE PILOTS WERE LOOSELY GUARDED, OTHER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY HIM, OBSERVATION FROM FRIENDLY GUERRILLA UNITS OPERATING IN THE AREA AND AERIAL READOUTS [redacted]

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INDICATE SECURITY OF THE AREA IS TIGHT DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY DEPLOYED IN THIS REGION. THE FOLLOWING ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS AREA:

(A. A CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS CONSISTING OF 200 MAN FORCE IS IN THE VICINITY OF VH 197546.

(B. REPORTEDLY FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE BATTALIONS WITH A TOTAL OF 2,500 TO 3,00 MEN ARE STATIONED APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF KM SOUTHEAST OF THE CAVE FROM VH 207558, VH 206552, VH 201550 TO VH 202547.

(C. PREVIOUSLY, THE ESTIMATED ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE BY FUNCTION FOR LAOS AS OF 1 JULY CARRIED THE 912TH PL/NORTH VIETNAMESE BATTALION AT VH 1560 AND AN UNIDENTIFIED PL ARTILLERY BATTALION, POSSIBLY THE 605TH, AT VH 1263 AND AN UNI PL ARTILLERY BATTALION AT VH 2165.

(D. OTHER LATE ORDER OF BATTLE LISTINGS REFLECT ARTILLERY BATTERIES AT VH 1755, VH 1955 AND VH 1958.)

3. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USIS CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ~~ARPAC USMACV-SAIGON 7TH AIR FORCE-SAIGON AND UDORN~~ [redacted]

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4. ([redacted] COMMENT: THE REFERENCED REPORTS IN PARA 2 OF PAGE TO ARE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS: [redacted] (TDCSDB-315/04026-65), [redacted] (TDCSDB-315/04216-65), [redacted] (TDCS-314/00624-66), [redacted] (TDCS-314/00699-66), [redacted] (TDCS-314/03997-66) [redacted] (TDCS-314/04249-66), [redacted] (TDCS-314/04279-66), [redacted] (TDCS-314/05668-66) AND [redacted] (TDCS-314/05734-66).)

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