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1. THIS IS A LAOS SITUATION REPORT PREPARED AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 29 DECEMBER 64 BY CAS.

2. THE TENSION IN VIENTIANE BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICE AND LAO ARMED FORCES OF THE FIFTH MILITARY ZONE, WHICH WAS AGGRAVATED BY THE POLICE ARREST OF THE SIENG MAHASON EDITOR ON 24 DECEMBER BUT HAD SEEMED TO DIMINISH SUBSEQUENTLY, HAS TODAY INCREASED AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS ARMY TROOP MOVEMENTS INCLUDING THOSE OF MOBILE GROUPE 17 IN THE VICINITY OF VIENTIANE. NATIONAL POLICE FORCES IN VIENTIANE ARE ON FULL ALERT AS ARE FORCES OF THE FIFTH ZONE. BOTH SENIOR MILITARY AND POLICE

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COMMANDERS SHOW SIGNS OF EXTREME NERVOUSNESS. EACH SIDE ACCUSES THE OTHER OF PLOTTING , BUT BOTH SIDES DISCLAIM ANY INTENTION OF STARTING TROUBLE ALTHOUGH THEY ADMIT THEY ARE PREPARED TO REACT IF THE OTHER MOVES.

3. AMONG DISTURBING REPORTS ARE SEVERAL ALLEGING THAT POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL SIHO LANPHOUTHAKOUL HAS REQUESTED T-28 SUPPORT FROM LAO AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL MA AT SAVANNAKHET. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT GENERAL PHOUMI NOSAVAN HAS ASKED MAJOR GENERAL KHAMKHONG BOUDDAVONG, COMMANDING GENERAL OF MILITARY ZONE TWO, TO MOVE HIS TROOPS TOWARD VIENTIANE. SIHO REFUSED TO ATTEND TWO MEETINGS CONVOKED IN THE PAST FOUR DAYS BY\*(PORTION GARBLED - BEING SVCD) PURPOSE OF RESOLVING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES, AND NO SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE LAO KING ARRIVED AT VIENTIANE AIRPORT TODAY.

4. UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SLIGHTEST INCIDENT COULD PROVOKE A FULL-SCALE CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES. HOPEFULLY THE KING'S PRESENCE IN VIENTIANE MAY ACT\*(PORTION GARBLED - BEING SVCD)

5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAID CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC (ALSO SENT SAIGON, [REDACTED])

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6. \* HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MISSING PORTION WILL BE DISSEMINATED ONLY IF IT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE SENSE OF THIS REPORT.

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