



MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard T. Childress  
Director of Political-Military Affairs  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Execution of U.S. POW's in 1970s

REFERENCE: Your Memo dated 8 February 1985

In response to your query of 8 February 1985, a review of our holdings did not reveal any specific Agency intelligence reports concerning large scale execution of American POW's. The only reference to large scale execution was sourced to a rumor [redacted] contained in a 1974 debriefing report [redacted]

[redacted] that a group of American pilots held in Sam Neua prison camp in Laos were executed by the Pathet Lao. [redacted] did not have any further details on the execution. Our search also revealed two reports, one from DIA (dated August 1976) and one from OJCS-C, Washington, D.C., (dated Oct 80) which refer to the killing of American POW's. Copies of these two reports are attached.

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In view of the August 76 DIA report, it is possible that DIA may have additional reporting concerning the execution of American POW's. You may find it worthwhile to query them on this matter.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

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Attachments

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