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COI: MID-SEPTEMBER 1987

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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TEXT: 1. LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR) VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER ((SOUBANH)) SALITTHILAT SAID IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1987 THAT
THERE SEEMS TO BE A CHANGE IN UNITED STATES (U.S.) GOVERNMENT
THINKING REGARDING THE SEARCH FOR THE REMAINS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN
MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS. THE U.S. NOW APPEARS READY TO TIE
ECONOMIC AID TO REQUESTS TO EXCAVATE ADDITIONAL CRASH SITES IN LAOS.
IF THE AMOUNT OF U.S. AID IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE, THE LPDR WILL ALLOW
THE U.S. TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SEARCHES. IN THIS REGARD, AFTER
ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ((BOUNKEUT)) (FNU),
LPDR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR DEPARTMENT III, WHICH
DEALS WITH NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, WILL RETURN
TO THE LPDR TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A FUTURE U.S. TECHNICAL SEARCH.

2. ACCORDING TO SOUBANH, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE LPDR GOVERNMENT
TO LOCATE SPECIFIC CRASH SITES WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL
INHABITANTS WHO WITNESSED THE CRASHES. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE
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LOCALS ARE NOT WELL DISPOSED TO HELP IN SUCH AN ENDEAVOR, ESPECIALLY
THOSE IN THE SOUTH WHO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED U.S. BOMBINGS. IF THE
AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID OFFERED BY THE U.S. IS LARGE ENOUGH, HOWEVER,
THE LPDR GOVERNMENT WILL BE MOTIVATED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH
INTRANSIGENT LOCAL INHABITANTS TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL CRASH SITES.
(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: WHETHER SOUBANH IS REFERRING TO AID FROM NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OR DIRECT U.S. GOVERNMENT AID IS UNKNOWN.)
ACQ: LATE SEPTEMBER 1987.

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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