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DIST 11 SEPTEMBER 1974

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COUNTRY LAOS

DOI [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1974 JCIA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF POW EXCHANGE

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1. [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1974 JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCIA) DELEGATES [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) MET FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL POINTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST PRISONER OF WAR (POW) EXCHANGE ON 19 SEPTEMBER AT PHONE SAVANH ON THE PLAIN OF JARS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE LPF HAD AGREED TO A SURVEY FLIGHT

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BY A JCIA HELICOPTER ON 17 SEPTEMBER SHORTLY BEFORE THE TEST FLIGHT ON THE SAME DATE BY A C-123 OR DC-3. [REDACTED] ALSO DISCUSSED AND AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE FLIGHT: THE FLIGHT WILL BE MADE ON THE MORNING OF 17 SEPTEMBER IN A HELICOPTER WITH JCIA MARKINGS; TWO JCIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH SIDE WILL BE ABROAD; ALSO MAKING THE TRIP WILL BE SIX MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION (ICC), TWO TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO INSPECT THE GROUND, RUNWAYS AND PARKING STRIPS AT THE PHONE SAVANH AIRPORT, AND FOUR RADIO OFFICERS. ONCE SATISFIED THAT THE FIELD IS SAFE FOR LANDING BY THE TEST FLIGHT AIRCRAFT, A RADIO MESSAGE WILL BE SENT BACK TO VIENTIANE FOR THE TEST FLIGHT AIRCRAFT WAITING AT WATTAY AIRPORT TO TAKE OFF FOR PHONE SAVANH.

3. [REDACTED] AGREED THAT THAT THE LPF WILL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF THOSE TO BE PRESENT AT THE 19 SEPTEMBER POW EXCHANGE SINCE THE EXCHANGE SITE IS LOCATED IN LPF-CONTROLLED TERRITORY; THE POW'S THEMSELVES, JCIA AND OTHER LAO OFFICIALS, ICC REPRESENTATIVES AND THE JOINT TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POW EXCHANGE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE PRESS WAS NOT MENTIONED DURING THE [REDACTED] DISCUSSION.

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NOR WAS IT EXCLUDED.)

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE LPF AGREED TO THE VIENTIANE SIDE'S HAVING NINE SECURITY TROOPS ON EACH PLANE TO GUARD THE PRISONERS, HAVING BEEN TOLD THAT THE VIENTIANE SIDE HAD INSISTED ON AT LEAST TEN GUARDS ABOARD EACH PLANE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AT THE [REDACTED] MEETING BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND HIS VIENTIANE SIDE COUNTERPART, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE VIENTIANE SIDE PLANNED TO HAVE 15 SECURITY TROOPS ON EACH PLANE, TO WHICH [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT TEN GUARDS TO BE SUFFICIENT.) IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE TROOPS WOULD BE ARMED [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] AGREED THAT THE JOINT POW EXCHANGE TEAM, RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THE POW EXCHANGE ON 19 SEPTEMBER, WILL HAVE FIVE MEN ON EACH SIDE. THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TEAM WILL BE EXCHANGED ON 17 SEPTEMBER AT THE SAME TIME AS THE NAMES OF THE POW'S TO BE EXCHANGED. ON ARRIVAL AT PHONE SAVANH AIRPORT, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH SIDE OF THE EXCHANGE TEAM WILL MEET, EXCHANGE COPIES OF THE LISTS OF POW'S TO BE EXCHANGED AND THEN EXCHANGE THE POW'S, CHECKING EACH OFF BY NAME. ONCE THE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN COM-

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PLETED AND THE NAMES CHECKED OFF, THE HEAD OF EACH SIDE OF THE TEAM WILL SIGN A DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THAT THE POW'S LISTED THEREON BY NAME AND NATIONALITY WERE EXCHANGED.

COMMENT: DURING THIS MEETING THERE WAS NO MENTION OF NATIONALITIES NOR OF NUMBER BY NATIONALITY.)

6. [REDACTED] AGREED THAT ON 19 SEPTEMBER A JCIA HELICOPTER WILL FIRST TRANSPORT JCIA REPRESENTATIVES AND NECESSARY TECHNICIANS TO PHONE SAVANH. ONCE THE GROUND, LANDING STRIP AND AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA HAVE BEEN RECHECKED, A RADIO MESSAGE WILL BE SENT BACK TO VIENTIANE FOR THE OTHER AIRCRAFT WAITING AT WATTAY AIRPORT TO TAKE OFF FOR PHONE SAVANH.

7. [REDACTED]

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