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Memorandum to [redacted]  
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1. The Laotian Prime Minister has stated that unless negotiations produce real results by the middle of March, he plans to clean the Pathet Lao out of Sam Neua and Phong Saly provinces. Our Army attache in Vientiane doubts the Laotian Army's capability to accomplish this task.

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2. The British [redacted] has noted an improvement in the training, equipment, and discipline of the Pathet Lao troops in the Sam Neua-Phong Saly area. Their strength is now estimated at 10 infantry battalions and one support battalion. Though the British consider the fighting capabilities of the Government to be negligible, they do not believe that Communist military action in Laos is likely until the Vietnam election situation takes clearer shape.

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