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COUNTRY LAOS  
 SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF QUINIM PHOLSENA  
 DATE OF INFO. 1 APRIL 1963  
 PLACE & DATE ACQ. LAOS, VIENTIANE (2 APRIL 1963)  
 APPRAISAL 3  
 REPORT NO. FOY 6641

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1. [REDACTED] SOUKAN VILAYSARN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LAO PENG KANG PARTY, ADVISED THAT QUINIM PHOLSENA WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY ONE OF THE KONG LE GUARDS, ASSIGNED TO GUARD HIS HOME. THE GUARD SHOT HIM AS HE GOT OUT OF HIS CAR WITH A BURST OF AUTOMATIC FIRE. QUINIM WAS RETURNING FROM A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION THE SALLE DE FETES AT APPROXIMATELY 2130 HOURS LOCAL TIME 1 APRIL.
2. SOUKAN ADVISED THAT QUINIM WAS SHOT ON ORDERS OF KONG LE.
3. AT THE RECEPTION, 1 APRIL, SOUKAN ADVISED AT APPROX 2145 HOURS THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAD JUST BEEN MADE ON QUINIM. HOWEVER, HE TENDED TO DISCOUNT IT, SAYING THAT IF IT HAD OCCURED "IT WAS NOT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN." HE DID NOT

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ELABORATE ON "THE PLAN." WHEN ASKED THE FOLLOWING MORNING REGARDING THE APPARENT CHANGE IN PLAN, HE MERELY SHRUGGED OFF THE QUESTION.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AN AMERICAN OBSERVER WHO VISITED THE SCENE OF CRIME APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AFTER SHOOTING HAD BEEN REPORTED, NOTED THAT ALL WAS QUIET. THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING IS ON THE CORNER OF ONE OF THE BUSIEST INTERSECTION IN VIENTIANE. MANY PERSONS IN THE AREA NO MORE THAN 100 YARDS AWAY FROM THE SCENE REPORTED HEARING TWO QUICK BURSTS OF AUTOMATIC FIRE, BUT THEY OBSERVED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. TRAFFIC, BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR, CONTINUED NORMAL. GUARDS AT THE HOUSE WHERE THE SHOOTING OCCURRED WERE DOUBLED SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRING WAS HEARD. EVERYONE IN THE AREA SEEMED TO THINK A GUARD HAD FIRED AT AN IMAGINEA RY INTRUDER. THE AREA WAS KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 0100 HOURS ON 2 APRIL. NO CARS MOVED IN OR OUT OF THE YARD OF THE HOUSE WHERE THE SHOOTING OCCURRED. WE CONCLUDE THAT QUINIM WAS PROBABLY SHOT INSIDE THE HOUSE.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE ARMY USAID CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF.

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