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DATE: 22 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: PRISONER SWAP REPORTEDLY SET IN LAOS

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THE LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO BEGIN THE LONG-DELAYED EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS-OF-WAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NON-COMMUNIST SIDE OF THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT--THE COALITION AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING PRISONER REPATRIATION--TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 12.

NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE NATIONALITIES OF THE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED, ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT LAO WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST TO BE SET FREE. MORE THAN 100 NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HELD BY THE NON-COMMUNIST SIDE.

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