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1. HQS AWARE SITUATION EXPRESSED PARA 1 REF.
2. FYI: [ ] MEMO TRANSMITTED [ ] AND [ ] 12 OCT. STATING IN

GENERAL AS FOLLOWS:

A. AMBASSADOR YOST'S CONCERN POSSIBILITY FRENCH WITHDRAWAL AIR SUPPORT PRESENTLY FURNISHED LAO ARMY IN EVENT EMERGENCY SITUATION AND HIS REQUEST THAT [ ] EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR LAOS.

B. GIST INFO CONTAINED REF.

C. HIGHLY CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE [ ] DURING SURGE DIEN BIEN PHU.

D. [ ] HAS CAPABILITY PROVIDING LAO GOVT UNDER CONTRACT 12 C-46 PLANES WITH CREWS FULLY QUALIFIED IN AIR DROP OPS OF BOTH PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY. SIX PLANES ARE FULLY PREPARED MOVE TO OP SITE ON 24 HOUR NOTICE WITH REMAINDER POSITIONED WITHIN SIX DAYS. PLANES WOULD BE

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CAPTAINED BY AMERICANS WITH AMERICAN OR CHINESE CO-PILOTS. TEAMS WOULD INCLUDE COMPLETE LINE MAINTENANCE FOR SUSTAINED OPS AWAY FROM MAIN BASE.

[ ] WOULD REQUIRE OVERT CONTRACT WITH LAO GOVT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE USUAL TERMS COMMERCIAL CONTRACT PLUS LAO GOVT INNEMIFICATION [ ] AGAINST WAR RISKS AND FINANCIAL LOSSES RESULTING FROM COMBAT CONDITIONS.

E. REQUESTING [ ] AND [ ] TO PROVIDE [ ] WITH GUIDANCE RE DESIRABILITY PLACING [ ] IN POSITION OF READINESS, ON STANBY BASIS, TO MOVE TO LAOS ON MOMENT'S NOTICE (IF THIS DEEMED DESIRABLE, WOULD INVOLVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN [ ] AND SELECTED LAO NEPS CONCERNING TERMS OF APPROPRIATE CONTRACT) AND DESIRABILITY [ ] TAKING OVER ALL OR PART OF PRESENT SUPPORT RENDERED BY CHARTERED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SINCE THERE INDICATION LAO GOVT NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH PRESENT SUPPORT AND THAT COMMERCIAL SUPPORT IS UNDULY EXPENSIVE. [ ] CAN POSITION ONE OR TWO AIRCRAFT IN LAOS IMMEDIATELY AND IT FELT IF THESE POSITIONED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, [ ] WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ASSUME FULL SUPPORT IN EVENT SERIOUS EMERGENCY.

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3. NO ACTION REQUESTED AT PRESENT EXCEPT:

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

EQS WILL ADVISE ADDRESSEES RE [redacted] REFLEX.

4. FORWARD SOONEST RESULTS SURVEY MENTIONED PARA 4 REF, CABLE SUMMARY.

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