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DIST 10 JANUARY 1967

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 7-8 JANUARY 1967

SUBJECT: FREED OF PRISONERS HELD IN A PATHET LAO PRISON, IN  
KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE

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SOURCE:

1. A LAO GUERRILLA TEAM USING CARBINES AND HAND  
GRENADES ATTACKED THE PATHET LAO (PL) PRISON AT VE 425325 AT  
2030 HOURS ON 7 JANUARY 1967 AND FREED ALL 57 PRISONERS HELD  
THERE IN THREE BUILDINGS. ONE PL GUARD WAS KILLED, AND THE REST  
ESTIMATED TO BE EIGHT, FLED.

2. THE TEAM AND THE FREED PRISONERS LEFT THE PRISON  
AREA IMMEDIATELY, STRIKING OUT FOR FRIENDLY HELD TERRITORY. THEY

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MOVED THROUGH BAN NA DENE (WE 433332), WHICH WAS DESERTED, TO ROUTE 12 AND WALKED ALONG ROUTE 12 FOR ABOUT 18 KILOMETERS TO WE 495452 ARRIVING THERE AT 0300 HOURS ON 8 JANUARY. THEY THEN LEFT ROUTE 12 AND HEADED NORTH ACROSS THE RIDGE OF PHOJ (MOUNTAIN) AX. THE TEAM WITH 28 OF THE FREED PRISONERS ARRIVED AT A FRIENDLY OUTPOST AT WE 5258 AT 1700 HOURS ON 8 JANUARY. DURING THE NIGHT OF 7/8 JANUARY, 29 OF THE PRISONERS HAD LEFT THE ACCORDING TO THE TEAM, MANY OF THE 29 WERE CRIMINALS WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM LAO GOVERNMENT PRISONS AND WERE AFRAID TO RETURN TO LAO ARMED FORCES (FAR) HELD TERRITORY.

3. AMONG THE 28 FREED PRISONERS REACHING THE OUTPOST WERE THREE FAR OFFICER CANDIDATES (ASPIRANTS) AND A RADIO OPERATOR [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PL IN JULY 1966, AND A THAI NATIONAL, PHISIT INTORATAT, WHO HAD BEEN A KICKER FOR AIR AMERICA AND HAD BEEN ON AN AIR AMERICA C-46 THAT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1963 NEAR BAN NA SANG (XD 2548).

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAID USMACV SAIGON. 7TH AIR FORCE SAIGON AND UDON CINCPAC PACFLT ANPAC PACAF [REDACTED]

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