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COUNTRY : Laos

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SUBJECT : Pathet Lao Prison in the Vicinity
Muong Ngoi in Luang Prabang Province

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ACQ : Laos, Vientiane (3 and 11 Jul 69) [REDACTED]

SOURCE : [REDACTED]

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2. The prison was about a three-hour walk from Muong Ngoi (TH 5992). The cave itself was about 60 meters deep, five meters wide, and eight meters high. The entrance was walled with wood and had one door and no windows. Inside the first door was a step down, then a second door and wooden wall. There was no light in the cave.

3. The prisoners were not allowed to talk to each other and were let out of the cave once a day to relieve themselves. They were fed rice twice a day, and some salt was included. The cave was guarded by 20 Pathet Lao soldiers armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles. One guard was on duty at all times at the cave entrance, while the remaining guards were quartered in a nearby tent. Other caves in the area reportedly held additional Pathet Lao and also North Vietnamese troops.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] could not read a map, and all locations are approximate. [Analysis of photography dated 28 May reveals] cave entrances at TH 620904 and TH 624902. Trails run from both entrances to a main trail which goes from Muong Ngoi to an unnamed viillage at TH 625896. There are no structures or tents in the immediate vicinity of the cave entrances. Villages at TH 609902 and TH 621898 are abandoned. [There is a probable] cave at TH 601905. Several buildings are under trees along the north bank of a stream between TH 602905 and TH 605905. [No cave] of unusual activity was noted in the immediate vicinity of TH 6591.

5. According to Pathet Lao soldiers, a large cave in the vicinity of the junction of the Nam (river) Nga and the Nam Ou in the TH 4978 area housed a hospital. [REDACTED] Comment: [Analysis of 28 May photography reveals] a cave entrance at TH 495775. The cave is on a slope facing the Nam Ou [and would probably be visible from the river]. A light to moderately-used trail runs west through the abandoned village of Ban Pak Bak (TH 486777). Several buildings in the village [appear] intact and may be used for storage.)

6. Field Dissem: State Army Air USMACV 7th Air Force
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