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COUNTRY LAOS

DATE OF INFO.

MID-SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 1965 EXCEPT AS STATED DISTR. 18 JANUARY 1966

SUBJECT

PATHET LAO DEFECTOR'S ACCOUNT OF HAVING HEARD THAT AMERICAN PILOTS WERE STILL BEING HELD IN THE SAM NEUA AREA AS OF 1 OCTOBER 1965

VH 2054

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

LAOS, VIENTIANE (17 JANUARY 1966)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ON 23 DECEMBER 1965, [REDACTED] ADDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO HIS PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF DOWNED AMERICAN FLYERS IN THE AREA: ON 1 OCTOBER [REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED] CANTON CHIEF [REDACTED] WHO HAD ATTENDED MEETING AT THAM SADET (VH 2054), 19 KILOMETERS EAST SOUTHEAST OF SAM NEUA, IN MID-SEPTEMBER WITH OTHER CANTON CHIEFS IN THE AREA.

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COMMENT: IN

[REDACTED] SAID FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS WERE BEING HELD AT THAM SADET, IN EARLY AUGUST. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (THAO) MA, TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS WHAT TO DO WITH THE AMERICAN JET PILOTS HELD AT THAM SADET. MA THEN ASKED THESE OFFICIALS FOR THEIR OPINIONS ON THE MATTER AND, AFTER CONSULTING AMONG THEMSELVES, THEY TOLD MA THROUGH A SPOKESMAN THAT THE PILOTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE CANTON CHIEFS BELIEVED THAT RELEASING THE PILOTS WOULD BRING A HALT TO THE AIR RAIDS IN THE AREA. MA LISTENED TO THE IDEAS OF THE CANTON CHIEFS AND MADE NO COMMENT BEFORE DISMISSING THE MEETING. [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE PILOTS WERE STILL AT THAM SADET ON 1 OCTOBER.

[REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAID CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC USMAMV-SAIGON 2ND AIR DIVISION-SAIGON [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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