

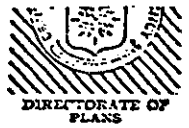
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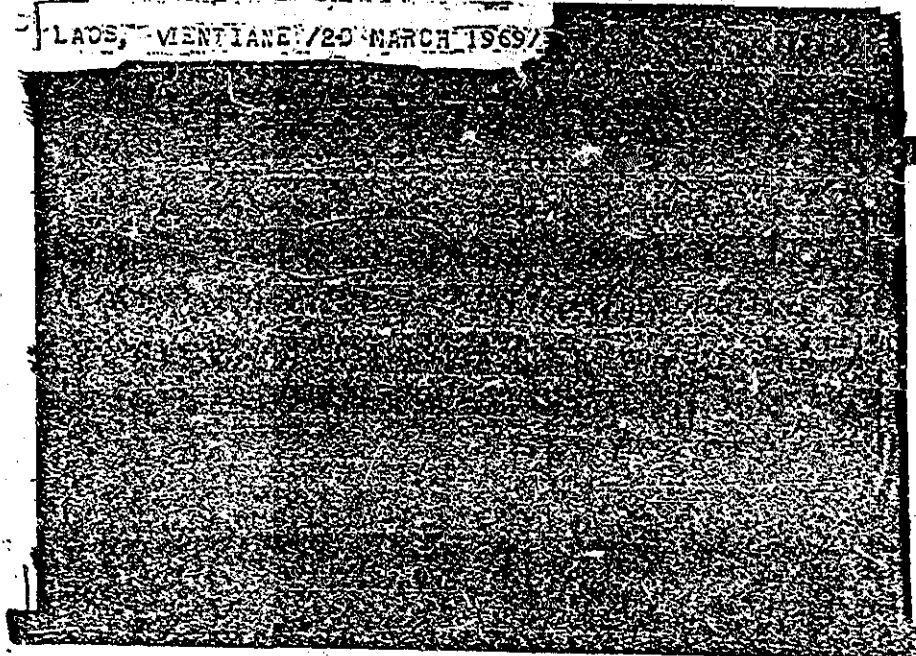
DOI JANUARY - MARCH 1968

SUBJECT CRASH OF TWO U.S. PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT AND SIGHTING OF FILIPINO PRISONER OF WAR IN BAN KAG NOM AREA OF SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE

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1. IN JANUARY 1968, A PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF BAN NAGNOM /WD 7884/ IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS CONDUCTING AIR STRIKES ALONG THE ROAD EAST OF BAN NAGNOM, PRESUMABLY ALONG ROUTE 23, WHEN IT HIT A TREE AND CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS EAST OF THE VILLAGE. THE ENGINE OF THE AIRCRAFT BURNED AND THE FUSELAGE WAS BADLY MANGLED. THE ONLY PILOT IN THE AIRCRAFT WAS KILLED IN THE CRASH, HOWEVER, HIS BODY DID NOT BURN. HE AND OTHER VILLAGERS IN THE AREA DESCRIBED THE PILOT AS AN AMERICAN WEARING A BLuish-GREY ONE-PIECE UNIFORM. [REDACTED] COMMENT- [REDACTED] HAD NEVER SEEN THIS TYPE OF UNIFORM BEFORE AND

IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A VILLAGER WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD WOULD BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE U.S. AIR FORCE FLIGHT SUIT WITHOUT ACTUALLY HAVING SEEN THE PILOT. THE PATHET LAO /PL/ AUTHORITIES LEFT THE BODY OF THE PILOT UNINTERRED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRASH AFTER REMOVING A GOLD NECKLACE AND THREE LAO COINS FROM IT. THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF THE BODY IS UNDETERMINED.

2. IN EARLY MARCH 1968 AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS, A MULTI-ENGINE PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR THE NAY/RIVE/MENG SOUTH OF BAN NAGNOM. THE AIRCRAFT WAS

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APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO TEN METERS LONG WITH WINGS APPROXIMATELY FOUR METERS LONG. THE ONLY PILOT IN THE AIRCRAFT WAS KILLED, HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A TALL, HUSKY AMERICAN WITH A SHARP NOSE. THE PL AUTHORITIES ORDERED THAT THE BODY BE LEFT AT THE CRASH SITE. VILLAGERS REPORTED THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS SUBSEQUENTLY STRIPPED THE BODY OF ALL VALUABLES AND CLOTHING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF UNDERWEAR. THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH AND THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF THE BODY IS UNDETERMINED.

3. IN JANUARY 1968, 30 PL SOLDIERS PROCEEDING NORTH THROUGH BAN NAGNON WERE ESCORTING A PRISONER WHO THEY CLAIMED WAS A FILIPINO CAPTURED AT MUONG PHALANE /WD 6141/ IN DECEMBER 1967. THE PL SOLDIERS SAID THAT THEY INTENDED TO TURN THE PRISONER OVER TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY SEND HIM TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE PRISONER WAS DESCRIBED AS HUSKY, MUSCULAR AND APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET NINE INCHES IN HEIGHT. HE WAS UNINJURED AND APPARENTLY IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE PRISONER WAS BOUND TO ONE OF THE PL SOLDIERS TRANSITTING BAN NAGNON.

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