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COUNTRY LAOS

DOI MID-JUNE 1969

SUBJECT 1. LOCATION OF PRISON HOUSING AMERICAN INMATES
SOUTHEAST OF THE ROUTE 911/9113 JUNCTION
IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE
2. LOCATION OF TWO PRISONS HOUSING LAO INMATES
IN THE AREA

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ACQ. LAOS, VIENTIANE /25 AND 30 JUNE 69/ [REDACTED]

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1. AS OF MID-JUNE 1969, A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN THAPHACHON /WE 8805/, APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE ROUTES 911/9113 JUNCTION IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, HOUSED A TOTAL OF 17 FOREIGN AIRMEN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN WHILE

6-10 Reports indicate prison here since early Jun 67 or least. Prison confirmed by rescued Air America crew member. Sep

July 1961

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FLYING IN SOUTH LAOS, INCLUDING 12 AMERICANS, THREE THAIS AND TWO FILIPINOS.

2. ON 14 JUNE, ACCORDING TO THE SECOND SOURCE, THE BAN THAPHACHON PRISON HOUSED A TOTAL OF 50 PRISONERS, ONLY 10 OF WHOM WERE FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, THAIS, AND FILIPINOS. THESE PRISONERS WERE DETAINED IN A CAVE AREA WHILE GUARDS LIVED IN FOUR BUILDINGS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 10 FEBRUARY 1969 OF THE PRISON AREA SHOWED AN ACTIVE FOOT TRAIL LEAVING ROUTE 911 ALONGSIDE A VEHICLE SLIP AT WE 375048, ROUNDING THE KARST FORMATION, AND PASSING UNDER DENSE TREE CANOPY AT WE 881050. SHORT SEGMENTS OF THE TRAIL WERE VISIBLE THROUGH THE TREE CANOPY AT WE 883051 AND WE 885049. A SHORT SPUR TRAIL LEFT THE MAIN TRAIL AT WE 878051 AND LED TO A PROBABLE CAVE ENTRANCE IN THE BASE OF THE KARST AT WE 878050. AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY WAS VISIBLE ALONG THE BASE OF THE KARST AT WE 889049. GROUND FOLIAGE HAD BEEN CLEARED UNDER THE TREE CANOPY AND ONE POSSIBLE BUILDING WAS VISIBLE. A SMALL PATCH OF ROW CROPPING WAS VISIBLE AT WE 885059. A LARGE PATCH WAS LOCATED AT WE 887051.)

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4. A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN MUONG ANKHAM /XD 1976/, — *L-11 Rptd a*
 APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE ROUTES 911/239, *a PWC camp by*
 JUNCTION IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, HOUSED LAO POLITICAL *rescued Air Americ*
 PRISONERS, INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. A *crew member. S/S*
 PRISON AT BAN KOI /UNLOCATED, BUT POSSIBLY WD 9829/ HOUSED *unknown by*
 LAO PRISONERS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE THAN THOSE DETAINED AT *me. S/S*
 THE BAN MUONG ANKHAM PRISON. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ANALYSIS OF AERIAL
 PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 23 JUNE COULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OF
 THESE BUILDINGS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN CANOPY COVER DURING THE
 RAINY SEASON. HOWEVER, SINGLE POSSIBLE BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED
 AT XD 192761 AND XD 192763. A LARGE PROBABLE BIVOUAC AREA WAS
 OBSERVED WITHIN COORDINATES BOUNDED BY XD 199769, XD 198771,
 XD 203771 AND XD 204768. CURRENT LISTING CONFIRM PRISONS AT
 XD 198757 AND IN THE WD 9829 VICINITY./

5. FIELD DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR USMACV. 7TH AIR FORCE
 CINCPAC PACAF ARPAC PACFLT IFA/WKP [REDACTED]

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