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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 15 MAY 1968

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FOUR AMERICAN PRISONERS ON 15 MAY 1968
WALKING NORTH NEAR BAN NATHON IN SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (1 JULY 1968)

SOURCE:

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1. ON 15 MAY 1968 AT 1100 HOURS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SAW FOUR
AMERICAN PRISONERS AT XD 335562, NEAR BAN NATHON, WHICH IS
13 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF ICHEPONE (XD 3245). THE

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WERE ESCORTED BY 50 TO 60 NORTH VIETNAMESE
ARMY (NVA) TROOPS AND WERE WALKING TOWARD THE NORTH. EACH
PRISONER WAS SEPARATED FROM THE NEXT ONE BY AT LEAST FOUR OR

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[REDACTED]

FIVE NVA TROOPS. THE FOUR AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN NVA CLOTHES, BUT WERE BAREHEADED AND WORE AMERICAN SHOES. THEY WERE NOT TIED UP. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/10191-66) GAVE DETAILS

[REDACTED] OF THE EIGHT PAR SOLDIERS, WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED WEST OF LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM, AND WHO ESCAPED FROM THEIR CAPTORS ON 7 JUNE AND LATER REACHED LAO GOVERNMENT LINES.)

2. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE
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