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OCTOBER 1967

COUNTRY: LAOS
DOI: SEPTEMBER 1967
SUBJECT: CRASH OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIRPLANE IN XIENG
KHOUANG PROVINCE

ACQ: [REDACTED]
SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] A RESIDENT OF BAN SALA (UG 4473), HAD SEEN THE WRECKAGE OF A CRASHED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIRPLANE AT UG 493723, BETWEEN BAN KHONG (UG 4872) AND BAN THA THANG (UG 4973), THREE TIMES WHILE EN ROUTE TO THE COOPERATIVE STORE AT BAN NA THANG. HE SAW THE CRASH SITE FIRST IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1967, THEN AGAIN TEN DAYS LATER, AND FOR A THIRD TIME ABOUT FOUR DAYS AFTER THAT. THE VILLAGERS TOLD HIM THAT ONE MAN HAD TRIED TO JUMP, BUT HIS PARACHUTE HAD NOT OPENED; TWO OTHERS HAD STAYED WITH THE AIRPLANE. THE

[REDACTED]

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VILLAGERS HAD FOUND PORTIONS OF BODIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE CRASH. THE CREW WAS BURIED ABOUT TEN METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE PATHET LAC TOOK ONE HUNTING KNIFE, ONE DAMAGED PISTOL AND ONE WRISTWATCH FROM THE BODIES.

2. THE PLANE WAS APPARENTLY HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM UG 497731. THREE BOMBS IN THE AIRPLANE EXPLODED WHEN THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE GROUND. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ALTHOUGH NO DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS AVAILABLE, PROBABLY IT WAS AN A-26 THAT CRASHED ON 22 AUGUST. THE A-26 HAD A CREW OF ONLY TWO MEN.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE
CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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