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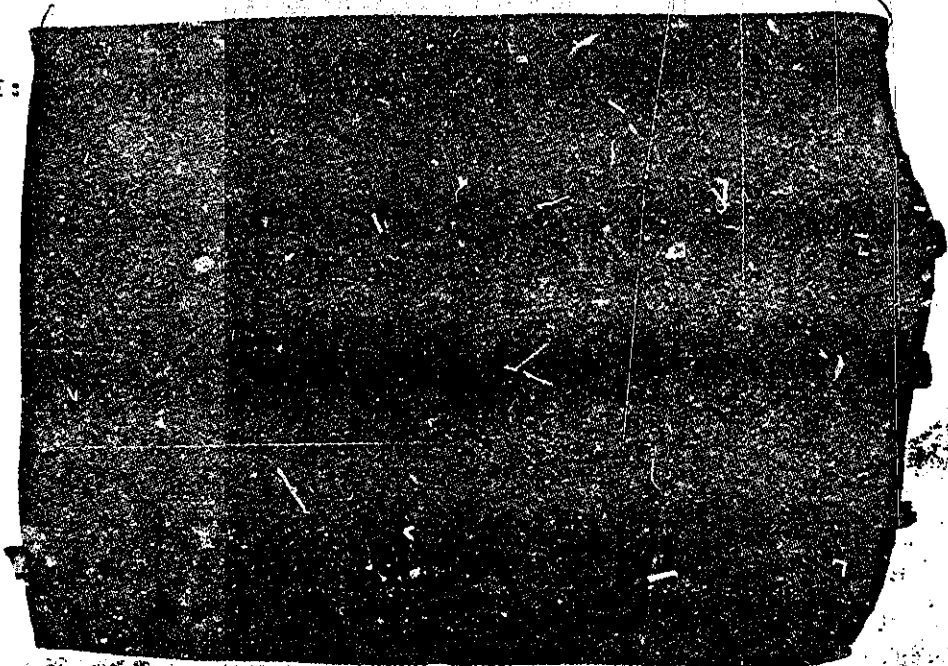
COUNTRY: LAOS

DCI: MARCH - 25 NOVEMBER 1966

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AN AMERICAN PILOT HELD NEAR BAN NA KAY  
AND MOVEMENT OF TWO OTHER AMERICAN PILOTS TO A  
NEW LOCATION NEAR THE LAO/NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER

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1. ACCORDING TO A PL [REDACTED] IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, IN MARCH 1966 ONE OF THE THREE AMERICAN PILOTS HELD AT BAN NA KAY DIED OF STOMACH TROUBLE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS TALL, HEAVILY BUILT, AND BALDING. ALSO IN MARCH THE TWO OTHER AMERICAN PILOTS HELD AT BAN NA KAY WERE MOVED TO A CAVE WEST OF THE HOUEI (STREAM) VONG IN THE VICINITY OF VH 366534, 36 KM. EAST OF SAM NEUA AND SIX KM. SOUTH OF THE LAO/NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER. THE TWO AMERICAN PILOTS WERE BOTH DESCRIBED AS SHORT AND STOCKY, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND DRESSED IN GREEN FATIGUES. [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/14211-66)

COMMENT: [REDACTED] CONTAINED AN ACCOUNT OF THREE AMERICAN PILOTS THAT WERE HELD IN A CAVE AT BAN NA KAY. ONE OF THE PILOTS HAD DIED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT EAT. [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/16078-66) (REPORTED THAT THE AMERICAN PILOTS HELD IN THE BAN NA KAY VICINITY HAD DIED AROUND OCTOBER 1966.)

2. A LAO TRUCK DRIVER WHO MOVED SUPPLIES FOR THE PL [REDACTED] BETWEEN SAM NEUA AND BAN NA KAY AGREED WITH THE PL [REDACTED] THAT ONE AMERICAN PILOT HAD DIED IN MARCH AND THE OTHER TWO [REDACTED]

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PILOTS HAD BEEN MOVED TO THE LOCATION NEAR THE LAO/NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER. ON ABOUT 25 NOVEMBER 1966 THE TRUCK-DRIVER VISITED HIS PARENTS [REDACTED] DURING THE VISIT TO HIS PARENTS, HE WENT TO [REDACTED] 35 KM. EAST OF SAM NEUA, TO VISIT A FRIEND. HE SAW THE AMERICAN PILOTS IN THE VICINITY OF VH 366534. TWENTY GUARDS, COMMANDED BY POLICE CAPTAIN KHANPHAN, PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE PILOTS. ONE GUARD WAS ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY AT THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE AND ONE GUARD WAS ASSIGNED TO FOLLOW THE PILOTS WHEN THEY WERE PERMITTED TO EXERCISE OUTSIDE THE CAVE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] REVEALED AN INCREASED VEHICULAR ACTIVITY IN THE VH 378477 AREA, FIVE KM. SOUTH OF THE REPORTED LOCATION OF THE PILOTS AND NEAR ROUTE 65. ON AVAILABLE MAPS A TRAIL RUNS NORTHEAST FROM ROUTE 65 PARALLEL TO THE HOUEI VONG TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER.
4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV SAIGON 7TH AIR FORCE SAIGON AND UDORN CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF [REDACTED]