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APRIL - JUNE 1965

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SUBJECT

PATHET LAO [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT ACCOUNT OF HIS WITNESSING THE INTERROGATION OF A DOWNED AMERICAN PILOT

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

[REDACTED]

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] PATHET LAO (PL) [REDACTED]

WHO WAS STATIONED IN HOUA PHAN (SAM NEDA) PROVINCE UNTIL JUNE 1965. CLAIMED DAVID L. HEDLICKA SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT OF HIS CAPTIVITY AT PL HEADQUARTERS IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BAN (CHITTA), [REDACTED] (KM) EAST OF SAM NEDA, APPROXIMATELY VH 19994. THE NEXT DAY, BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO CAVES WHERE PRISONERS WERE HELD, HEDLICKA WAS INTERROGATED IN FRONT OF A PL SCHOOL IN THE VICINITY OF VH 19996 THAT WAS IN SESSION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] (TDCSDB-315/04226-6)

GAVE THE PRELIMINARY [REDACTED] ON HEDLICKA AND CHARLES [REDACTED]

STATE/INR DIA ARMY/ACSI NAVY AIR JCS SECDEF NSA NIC [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SHELTON'S CAPTURE AND INTERNMENT. [REDACTED] LATER [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF HRDLICKA AS ONE OF THE TWO PILOTS UNDER ARREST IN THE NUONG NGA (VH 1559) AREA. [REDACTED] CS-311/01444-6, PARAGRAPH 4, REPORTED A PL SCHOOL AT PHOU KHE, ONE KM FROM XIENG SU (VH 1953). THE LOCATION OF THIS SCHOOL REPORTED BY [REDACTED] IS APPROXIMATELY TWO KM NORTH OF XIENG SU. (THE TWO SCHOOLS ARE PROBABLY IDENTICAL.)

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] INVITED HIM TO GO TO THE SCHOOL AND [REDACTED] WAS PRESENT FOR THIS INTERROGATION OF HRDLICKA. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERROGATED HRDLICKA IN ENGLISH [REDACTED] MOST OF THE QUESTIONS WERE OF A POLITICAL/PROPAGANDA NATURE AND HRDLICKA ANSWERED ONLY THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT POLITICS. QUESTIONING LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR.

3. [REDACTED] SAW SHELTON ON TWO OR THREE OCCASIONS BY LOOKING IN HIS CAVE. [REDACTED] TDCSDB-315/04026-65 REPORTED THE CAVES WHERE PRISONERS WERE HELD ARE APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS NORTHWEST OF BAN NA KAY TAY (VH 1953), 10 KM SOUTHEAST OF SAM NEUA. ANOTHER PL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
ON 25 DECEMBER REPORTED THAT THE ENEMY HAD A COMMAND POST IN A CAVE AT VH 191555G, 500 METERS NORTH OF BAN NA KAY TEU AND THAT AMERICAN PILOTS WERE HELD IN PEAR OF A CAVE NEAR THIS COMMAND POST. ON AMS 1:0,000 SCALE MAPS THERE IS LESS THAN ONE KM DIFFERENCE IN THE LOCATION OF THE CAVES WHERE PRISONERS WERE HELD, SO IT IS PROBABLY THAT BOTH ARE IDENTICAL. THE COMMAND POST IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO PL HEADQUARTERS MENTIONED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.)

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAID CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF  
ARPAC USMACV-SAIGON AND AIR DIVISION-SAIGON [REDACTED]

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