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This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Socs. 793 and 774, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. PAGE 1 OF 3 THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE CS-311/01685-69 REPORT NO. DATE DISTR. 2 25 January 1969 CUSTODY & Estimated Enemy Prison Facilities CONTROL OFF FOR AFFAIRS OFF STRAT PLANS OFF

Laos, Vientiane (3 February 1969)

As of 25 January 1969, there were an estimated 500 personnel committed to guarding, escorting and providing support for prisoners of war (POW) in enemy camps in Laos. These personnel are reflected as a portion of the command and support personnel in the total estimated enemy personnel for Laos. Comment: Command and support personnel were mentioned in the summary of Estimated Enemy Order of Battle for Laos as of 15 January 1969).

2. Generally, POW's receive humane treatment. Food, although often reported as insufficient, unclean and unseasoned, is probably adequate for existence. Medical treat-ment, while usually not adequate by Western standards, is normally available in primitive form. POW's are normally confined to a cave and/or stockage type structure during the night, but they are permitted to go outside for exercise during the day. In some cases, part or all

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of the POWs in a camp are allowed to go beyond the confines of the prison under light guard to forage for jungle foods. POWs are often used as a source of labor for construction projects and to carry supplies and perform housekeeping chores.

3. As of 25 January, enemy prisons were confirmed at the following locations:

Location	Possible Nationality and/or Number of Prisoners
TK 0102	PL prison containing 460 to 500 prisoners.
QD 2344	Local prisoners.
QD. 5118	
TJ 752449	Royal Lao Army (FAR) prisoners, released.
TJ 7449	300-500 FAR enlisted men.
TJ 7550	FAR non-commissioned and junior officers.
TJ 747500	Approximately 100 FAR prisoners.
RC 0188 vicinity	
RC 1290	Political prisoners.
RC 1291	
TH 531773	17 crippled FAR prisoners.
VH 0157	American prisoners.
VH 195545	American pilots (possibly 20).
VH 1955	American pilots.
VH 193564	American pilots (possibly 5 in a cave).
VH 125631	Forty-eight pro-government personnel.
VH 1362	American prisoners.
VH 1965 vicinity	American prisoners.
VH 2048	Approximately 15 American prisoners.
VH 2761	Prisoners in cave (possibly Americans).
UG 134542	Over 100 priseners.
UG 147536	

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UG 4972

VF 9926 vicinity

WE 2125

50 FAR prisoners.

WE 378364

WE 397316

Approximately 130 prisoners.

WE 4032

WE 4131

Ninety prisoners.

WE 4132

WE 433332

(Possibly American prisoners)

WE 4434

WE 7842

(Possibly American pilot)

WD 850520

FAR prisoners.

WD 9727 vicinity

Fifty-one FAR prisoners.

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WD 9829 vicinity

XD 0927

XD 094312

XD 3357

Over 100 prisoners.

XD 365508

Over 100 FAR prisoners

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