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SUBJECT: Estimated Enemy Prison Order of Battle in Laos

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1. As of 25 July 1969, there were an estimated 500 personnel committed to guarding, escorting, and providing support for prisoners of war (POWs) in 54 confirmed enemy camps in Laos. These personnel are reflected as a portion of the command and support personnel for Laos, mentioned in the summary of estimated enemy order of battle for Laos as of 15 July 1969.

2. Living conditions. Generally, POWs receive humane treatment by Asian standards. [comment: Some POWs have stated that they had received unhumane treatment or were subjected to various indignities.] Food, although often reported as minimal, unclean, and unseasoned, is sufficient for existence; however, it often leads to malnutrition and disease which claims a large number of POW casualties. Medical treatment, while not adequate by Western standards, is normally available in primitive form.

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3. POW camps. POW are confined to a cave and/or stockade type structure during the night, but are permitted to go outside sometime during the day for exercise. POW

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camp locations are changed frequently to provide better security. In some cases, all or part of the POWs are allowed beyond the prison confines under light guard to storage for jungle foods. Prison guard forces are usually made up of personnel who due to their age or physical condition are unfit for regular military duty. Pathet Lao soldiers normally make up escort and guard forces. Many POW camps have full or part time North Vietnamese Army (NVA) advisors. NVA interrogators occasionally question POWs.

4. Political indoctrination. The enemy makes a concerted effort to indoctrinate POWs to the Communist cause through long periods of political training ("brain washing"). If and when a POW shows favorable improvement, he is released to become a soldier, a farmer, or often a propagandist.

5. As of 25 July, enemy prisons were confirmed at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Possible nationality and/or number of prisoners</u>
TK 0102	450 to 500 prisoners, complex surrounded by bamboo fence
QD 5118	
QD 6455	
TJ 0134	
TJ 4210	
TJ 7449	300 to 500 Royal Lao Army (FAR) prisoners
TJ 752449	FAR prisoners released
TJ 747500	100 FAR prisoners
VJ 1101	
RC 1290	Political prison
RC 1291	
TH 531773	17 crippled FAR prisoners
TH 6391	31 prisoners in a cave
VH 0157	<u>American prisoners</u>
VH 195545	<u>Possibly 20 American pilots</u>
VH 196556	<u>Prison for American pilots</u>
VH 1362	<u>American prisoners</u>
VH 1965 vic	<u>Possibly two Americans</u>
VH 2048	<u>Possibly 15 Americans</u>

VH 2761	American pilots
UG 1145 vic	
UG 1381 vic	
UG 134542	Over 100 prisoners
UG 147536	
UG 1552	
UG 1553	
UG 1758 vic	
UG 1360	Deuanist prison
UG 2741	Possibly 100 prisoners
UG 2268	
WF 0427	
WE 2125	Possibly 50 FAR prisoners
WE 397316	Possibly 130 prisoners
WE 4401 vic	Possibly in a cave
WE 4032	Possibly 80 prisoners
WE 4131	90 prisoners
WE 4132	
WE 433332	Possibly 80 prisoners
WE 8805	American and Thai prisoners
WD 7884	
WD 8089	
WD 827325	60 FAR prisoners
WD 850820	FAR prisoners
WD 9727 vic	51 FAR prisoners
WD 9829 vic	35 FAR prisoners
XD 0927	
XD 094312	
XD 198757	
XD 3047	



XD 3244	Possibly 145 FAR prisoners
XD 3356	
XD 3357	Over 100 prisoners, possibly four Americans
XD 365508	Over 100 FAR prisoners
XD 366584	Possibly 167 prisoners

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