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COUNTRY LAOS

REPORT NO.

SUBJECT LOCATION OF U.S. PRISONERS IN LAOS

DATE DISTR. 9 AUGUST 1962

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. JUNE 1962

REFERENCES IN 42278

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

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1. IN JUNE 1962, THE SECOND PARACHUTE BATTALION OF KONG LE WAS LEADING A CONVOY OF MATERIALS FROM MUONG SEN IN NORTH VIETNAM TO XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS.

WHEN THE CONVOY STOPPED OVERNIGHT IN NONG HET, NEAR THE LAO-NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER, SAW FOUR AMERICANS AND TWO FILIPINOS WHO WERE BEING HELD PRISONER BY PATHET LAO FORCES. ALL OF THE PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, EXCEPT FOR THE AMERICAN MAJOR, WHO HAD ONE ARM CUT OFF AT THE SHOULDER. THE PRISONERS WERE BELIEVED TO BE SURVIVORS FROM A DC-3 WHICH HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY GROUND FIRE;

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IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE MAJOR'S ARM WAS INJURED IN THE CRASH.)
 [REDACTED] GAVE THE PRISONERS SOME CIGARETTES AND MEAT FROM THE
 CONVOY SUPPLY, SINCE THESE ITEMS WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN NONG HET.
 AMONG THE PRISONERS WERE ALSO THREE LAO FROM GENERAL PHOUMI NOSAVAN'S
 FORCES WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PATHET LAO.

2. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, CINCPAC, PACFLT, ARPAC, PACAF.

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