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CITE TDCSDB-315/01734-67

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DIST 24 MAY 1967

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 20 AND 22 APRIL 1967

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMERICAN FLIER IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE AND
USE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES

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SOURCE:

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1. [REDACTED], A RICE FARMER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN A PATHET LAO

OFFICER UNTIL ABOUT 1966, TOLD HIM THAT ON 20 APRIL 1967 ONE OF
THREE AMERICANS BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN A CAVE AT KANG LIT IN THE
VICINITY OF VH 366531 HAD DIED. HE KNEW NO DETAILS REGARDING THE
PRISONER'S DEATH. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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2. ON 22 APRIL THE OTHER TWO AMERICANS WERE TAKEN TO BAN NAKAY TEU (VH 192552) TO BROADCAST FOR THE PATHET LAO RADIO.

THE PAST THE THREE CAPTIVES USUALLY MADE THE TRIP EVERY OTHER MONTH. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE THE PRISONERS MAY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO DETAILED QUESTIONING, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY MADE LIVE BROADCASTS SINCE NONE IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE. BROADCASTS HOWEVER COULD HAVE BEEN TAPED FOR FUTURE USE. THE TRIPS USUALLY TOOK TEN DAYS. ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS TALL AND THIN AND APPARENTLY SPOKE LAO.

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3. ON 22 APRIL MASTER SERGEANT CHINGAN, THE CHIEF OF THE PATHET LAO GUARDS DETAILED TO THE AMERICAN PRISONERS, WAS TRANSFERRED TO BAN NAKAY TEU BECAUSE HE APPARENTLY FAILED TO NOTIFY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY UPON DISCOVERING THAT ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS ILL. THE TWO AMERICANS, WHO ARRIVED AT CHINGAN'S HOUSE EARLY ON 22 APRIL ACCOMPANIED HIM TO BAN NAKAY TEU IN ONE VEHICLE THAT EVENING KHAMBAI, A PATHET LAO OFFICER, ARRIVED THE SAME DAY TO REPLACE CHINGAN.

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4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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