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FROM: [REDACTED] Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Claimed Sightings of U.S. Personnel
Missing in Action in Laos in the
Period 1969-79

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] provided sketchy information on four past incidents, of
which three involve possible U.S. personnel missing in action.

cc: D/DDI State/EAP DOD NSA
DDI/EAA State/INR DIA

Attachment: Report as stated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTINGS OF U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING
IN ACTION IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79

1. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS IN THE
PERIOD 1969-79 WAS OBTAINED

[REDACTED] 1.2(4)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AN UNIDENTIFIED
OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD
U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN A CAVE IN
HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ALL
OF THESE POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
(SRV) "IN 1979."

[REDACTED] 1.3(4)

2. ABOUT DECEMBER 1971, WHILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF LATSAN (CG 0338)
IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, [REDACTED] AN AIR
AMERICA UH-1 HELICOPTER THAT HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN DESTROYED. THE
COCKPIT OF THE HELICOPTER, WHICH WAS ON A LANDING ZONE BEING
PIRED UPON BY HOSTILE FORCES, CONTAINED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN
PILOT, AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DEAD. [REDACTED] SAID FIRING BY THE [REDACTED]
ENEMY, WHO HAD ALREADY OVERRUN LATSAN, PREVENTED HIM FROM
RECOVERING THE BODY. [REDACTED] 1.3(4)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1970 [REDACTED] THAT A
[REDACTED] AT BOUAMLONG (DG 2585) TOLD [REDACTED] THAT A
BUNKER CONTAINING THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD SUSTAINED A
DIRECT ENERGY HIT AND THAT THESE MEN WERE NOT SEEN TO EMERGE FROM
THE BUNKER. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE EXACT TIME FRAME AND
LOCATION WERE NOT GIVEN NOR WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.)

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5. ABOUT AUGUST 1969 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HEARD THE
DISTRESS CALL OF A DOWNED U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THE
SIGNAL, [REDACTED] LOCATED A U.S. PILOT, PICKED HIM UP, AND TURNED
HIM OVER TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT LOANG PRABANG. (HEADQUARTERS
COMMENT: APPARENTLY NO MIA IS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]