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RECORDED PAGE OF THE NEUTRALIST PARTY (CLANDESTINE) IN LAO TO  
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(TEXT) LT. BOUN LOUANE RPT BOUN LOUANE OF THE FOURTH PARATROOP  
BATTALION OF THE NEUTRALIST PARTY IN THE THIRD MILITARY  
REGION AND TWO OF HIS MEN SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING FROM THE PATHET  
LAO PRISON AND JOINING THE FREE ZONE ON SIXTEEN 16 FEBRUARY 1964  
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. IT IS KNOWN THAT LT. BOUN LOUANE AND HIS  
MEN WERE CAPTURED BY THE DRV-PATHET LAO FORCE DURING AN ATTACK  
AGAINST THE NEUTRALIST POSITION AT MUONG PHINE ON SIXTEEN

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IN ABOUT 1963 I HEARD THAT THE CO. WAS HELD IN THE  
WUONG PHINE PRISON. AFTER THAT THE PRISONER, LT. BOUN LOUANE  
TOLD ME HIS ESCAPE. HE SAID THAT HE ESCAPED THROUGH THE  
VILLAGES (NAMES OF VILLAGES INDISTINCT) AND FINALLY ARRIVED AT  
(NAME OF LOCALITY INDISTINCT) WHERE HE ASKED THE INHABITANTS TO  
ACCOMPANY HIM TO (NAME OF LOCALITY INDISTINCT).

ON HEARING OF THE SURVIVORS OF AIR AMERICA COMPANY'S CCC-48  
FORTY-SIX WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE VIET MINH COM FIVE  
5 SEPTEMBER 1963 NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, LT. BOUN LOUANE SAID THAT  
THERE WERE FIVE SURVIVORS; ONE (AMERICAN?), ONE CHINESE, AND THREE  
THAI. THESE FIVE MEN, THE LIEUTENANT SAID, HAVE BEEN KEPT IN A DARK  
CELL IN WUONG PHINE PRISON. LT. BOUN LOUANE STATED THAT HE TRIED ON  
MANY OCCASIONS TO TALK IN THAI WITH THE THAI PRISONERS, AND THEY  
TOLD HIM THAT THEY WERE FIRST KEPT FOR TWO WEEKS IN WUONG PHINE  
AND LATER SENT TO TCHERONE WHERE THEY WERE INTERROGATED BY THE  
DRV-PATROL LAG FORCE. FIFTEEN 15 DAYS LATER, THEY WERE SENT BACK  
TO WUONG PHINE AND HAVE SINCE KEPT IN THE DARK CELL.

THESE PRISONERS OF WAR, THE LIEUTENANT SAID, HAVE NO CHANCE OF  
CLOTHES AND THEY HAVE EACH RECEIVED ONE BLANKET FROM THE  
NVA PARTY. FOR FOOD THEY HAVE HALF A KILO OF SALTED RICE

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REMX PARTY. FOR FOOD THEY HAVE HALF A KILO OF SALTED RICE A DAY  
AND ONE OR TWO PIECES OF CHICKEN A WEEK. THEY ARE ALLOWED ONE  
MEAL A DAY AT 1500 FIFTEEN HUNDRED HOURS. THEY SLEEP ON A  
BENCH AND EACH IS GIVEN FOUR CIGARETTES A WEEK.

THESE PRISONERS OF WAR, APART FROM THEIR SAD MENTAL STATE,  
APPEAR TO BE VERY WEAK BECAUSE OF THE POOR FOOD AND THE POOR  
SANITARY CONDITIONS. THESE PRISONERS OF WAR ARE NOT PERMITTED  
ANYONE TO TALK TO ANYONE AND HAVE NO PAPERS OR LETTERS TO  
WRITE. IN CONCLUSION, LT. COL. LOUANE MAID, THE SENIOR PATRIOT LAG  
HERE IS VERY ANGRY TOWARD PRISONERS OF WAR AND [REDACTED]

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