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CAMBODIA: VOK CITES RESISTANCE FORCES' PLEDGE TO FIND MIA'S

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(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE KHMER IN CAMBODIAN #500 GHT 8 NOV 86

((TEXT)) LEADERS OF CAMBODIAN, LAO, AND VIETNAMESE RESISTANCE

GROUPS YESTERDAY PLEDGED TO ASSIST IN FINDING AND FREEING U.S. SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION WHO ARE STILL BEING KEPT PRISONERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

HIS EXCELLENCY SON SANN, CGOK PRIME MINISTER AND KPHLF PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH LEADERS OF RESISTANCE GROUPS FROM VIETNAM AND LAOS, SAID THAT HE HAS ORDERED HIS TROOPS TO LIBERATE U.S. SERVICEMEN STILL BEING KEPT AS WAR PRISONERS, IF THEY EXIST, IN THESE THREE COUNTRIES. A FORMER VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL SAID HE BELIEVES THAT UP TO 400 MILITARY SERVICEMEN FROM THE WAR ARE STILL BEING HELD IN THESE COUNTRIES. GENERAL (KHAMMOU BOUSALAP), PRESIDENT OF THE LAO UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, SAID HE PLEDGED TO ASSIST IN FREEING THESE PRISONERS TO ALLOW THEM TO RETURN HOME AND NOT TO LET COMMUNISTS USE THE PRISONER ISSUE IN EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. HE SAID THIS IS THE FIRST IMPORTANT PROBLEM HE WILL CONSIDER.

HE KNACH THUYI, SUPREME COMMANDER OF VIETNAMESE RESISTANCE FORCES, SAID VARIOUS REPORTS FROM HIS BASE MAKE HIM FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT MANY U.S. SERVICEMEN ARE STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAM. HE WILL STRIVE TO SEARCH FOR AND LIBERATE THEM.