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SECTION 1 OF 5
CITE CIA

SUBJECT: LAO, CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE SOURCES ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE

REFS: NONE.

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[REDACTED]

2. AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1987,

[REDACTED]

B. DURING HIS JUNE 1986 VISIT TO [REDACTED] PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION ON U.S. MIA REMAINS. HIS INFORMATION COULD NOT BE EQUATED TO ANY PARTICULAR UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN SINCE HE CLAIMED HE HAD NO NAMES OR DOG TAG IDENTIFYING DATA. HE STATED THAT HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]

CLAIMED HE HAD TWO SETS OF U.S. REMAINS--ONE SET RECOVERED IN MILITARY REGION 4 (MR-4) IN THE NORTHERN SRV AND ONE SET RECOVERED IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE IN THE SOUTHERN SRV. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT GIVE HIM ANY NAMES OF AMERICANS; DID NOT SHOW HIM ANY DOG TAGS BELONGING TO THE TWO REMAINS FINDS; AND DID NOT TELL HIM WHERE THE REMAINS WERE SPECIFICALLY BURIED AND/OR HELD.

C.

[REDACTED]

D.

[REDACTED]

3.

[REDACTED]

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REFS: NONE.

ON 26 OCTOBER 1987,

HE RECEIVED THE "BULLETIN DE L'ASSOCIATION D'AMITE FRANCO-VIETNAMEISE" (AAFV) WHICH PUBLISHED "RESTRICTED" INFORMATION ON U.S. MIA/POW'S IN INDOCHINA. SUBJECT CLAIMED THAT THIS INFORMATION INCLUDED NAMES, LOCATIONS, ETC. HE TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL THIS INFORMATION FOR 2,000 FRANCS.

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PRICE NEGOTIABLE.

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6. [REDACTED] OF FEBRUARY 1987

[REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON AMERICAN MIA'S IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] PRESENTED THREE DOG TAGS WITH ANNOTATIONS OF: FLORENE MCKENNA, USAID/ADPH, O POS, CU CHI; THOMAS E. OAKLEY, RA 11741752, O, METHODIST, PLEIKU; JIMMIE L. JERRELL, AF 14923641, AB POS, METHODIST. [REDACTED] ALSO PROVIDED THE NAMES OF FIVE OTHERS WITH ANNOTATIONS: VITO, LOC MINH HUE QUAN; STEPHANE, CU CHI; BASARABAS, DIVISION 178 CHIBA VO XU; CRUFF JAIME, RO 3130205, A POS, PRESBYTERIAN, PHAU RANG; DAVID A. THORPE.

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REFS: NONE.

8. ON 15 MAY 1987

[REDACTED] PROVIDED SKETCHY INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF U.S. POW'S IN LAOS, AND SAID HE WAS WILLING TO HELP THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THAT REWARD MONEY WAS AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE SOURCES IN THE U.S. FOR ANYONE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF POW CAMPS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN THE ROYAL LAO ARMY HE HAD FOUGHT IN THE SAM NEUA AND XIENG KHOUANG AREAS IN LAOS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD ACCESS IN 1967 TO A POW CAMP BY WEARING A VIETNAMESE UNIFORM WHICH HE SAID WAS READILY AVAILABLE FROM A WAREHOUSE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE CAMP WAS LOCATED IN A CAVE IN A MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF SAM NEUA. THE CAMP WAS LOCATED NEAR THE NAMSIN RIVER ABOUT 80 KILOMETERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE BORDER. HE CLAIMED 23 AMERICANS WERE HELD IN THE CAMP, HAVING COUNTED THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS PLAYING VOLLEYBALL IN FRONT OF THE CAVE.

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[REDACTED] INFORMED HIM THAT THE CAMP HAD BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN SAM NEUA, ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE VIETNAMESE BORDER AND ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS WEST OF THE SONG MA RIVER. [REDACTED] SAID HIS BROTHER DID NOT KNOW THE PRECISE LOCATION BUT MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT. [REDACTED] SAID HIS BROTHER HAD SIMPLY OVERHEARD THE INFORMATION AND HAD NO SPECIFIC SOURCES. [REDACTED] ALSO CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER'S SON WAS IN THE LPA BUT DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLEGED CAMP. THE BROTHER DOES NOT KNOW WHEN THE CAMP WAS MOVED, HOW MANY POW'S REMAINED, OR IF THE CAMP STILL EXISTED.

10. [REDACTED] SAID HIS SUDDEN INTEREST IN THE POW CAMP WAS PROMPTED BY A NEWSPAPER AD WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY IN THE LAO NEWSPAPER "LALINEW SAM NEUA," STATING THAT ANYONE IN INDOCHINA WITH INFORMATION LEADING TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN POW'S WOULD RECEIVE U.S. \$1,000,000. HE SHOWED A CLIPPING OF THE AD ACCOMPANIED BY A PICTURE OF A GROUP OF MEN STANDING IN FRONT OF A TABLE PILED HIGH WITH MONEY. [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT HIS INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO THE MEN IN THE PICTURE TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE INTERESTED.

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[REDACTED]

REEDUCATION CAMP IN THE TRANG LON AREA OF TAY NINH PROVINCE FOR SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO AN AREA NORTHWEST OF TAN LAP, A FEW KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KA MAT IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. WHILE CUTTING LOGS AROUND SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1977 IN THE DAC O AREA ALONG THE CAMBODIA BORDER, HE NOTICED ENGLISH NAMES CARVED INTO THE BARK OF SEVERAL LARGE TREES. SOME OF THE CARVINGS WERE DARK AND APPEARED OLD BUT TO HIS SURPRISE SOME WERE NEWLY CARVED. HE RECALLED SEEING THE NAMES JOHN, JIM, RICHARD, AND SMITHCH. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1977, THREE OF THACH'S CAMP MATES TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD SEEN A TALL, THIN, BEARDED PERSON CUTTING LOGS, THAT THIS PERSON APPEARED TO BE A CAUCASIAN, AND THAT THEY HAD ASSUMED HE MIGHT BE AN AMERICAN POW. ON 22 OCTOBER, [REDACTED] HIMSELF SAW THE TALL THIN CAUCASIAN FROM A DISTANCE IN THE FOREST AND SAW TWO OTHER SHORTER CAUCASIAN LOOKING MALES WITH HIM. [REDACTED] ASKED ONE OF HIS GUARDS ABOUT THE MEN AND WAS TOLD "THEY ARE AMERICAN PRISONERS." [REDACTED] NEVER SAW THEM AGAIN.

11. [REDACTED]

17. [REDACTED]

14. ON 2 FEBRUARY 1988 [REDACTED] THEY BEGAN THEIR STORY BY STATING THAT TWO DAYS EARLIER THE FATHER HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM VIETNAM WHICH PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THREE AMERICANS, ONE DEAD AND TWO LIVING NEAR PLEIKU. THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY A FEMALE NEIGHBOR (NAME REQUESTED BUT NOT GIVEN). [REDACTED] IN HER LETTER, THE WOMAN ASKED [REDACTED] TO PASS HER INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE WOMAN WORKED IN A BAR/NIGHTCLUB BEFORE 1975. THE INFORMATION WHICH WAS PRESENTED DURING THE INTERVIEW WAS BASED ON [REDACTED] HANDWRITTEN NOTES FROM THE LETTER HIS FATHER RECEIVED.

18. [REDACTED]

15. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE LETTER CONTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT:

19. ON 7 MAY 1987, [REDACTED]

- A. WARD STEVENE (POSSIBLY STEVEN WARD): U.S. PILOT WHO DIED IN VIETNAM (UNKNOWN WHEN, WHERE OR HOW). THE LETTER GAVE THREE POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: RA 18985581; FG 23;28; OPOS 531505325; ROMAN CATHOLIC.
- B. JAMES LASY (POSSIBLE JULES BLASSEY), IDENTIFICATION NUMBER H 053495420, ROMAN CATHOLIC, BEING HELD AGAINST HIS WILL NEAR PLEIKU.
- C. PAUL LINDER (POSSIBLE PAUL LINDNER), IDENTIFICATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT, WHO SPOKE FAIR ENGLISH, RELATED THE FOLLOWING. HER BROTHER HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO LAOS WHERE HE WAS GIVEN FINGERPRINTS, DOG TAGS AND INFORMATION ON SEVERAL U.S. SERVICEMEN BY A FRIEND (MFI). APPARENTLY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING WERE REPORTEDLY STILL ALIVE: (A) GATT MORGAN, BORN 2 MAY 1944, USAF SERVICE NUMBER 3195519; (B) (FNU) PANT, USAF SERVICE NUMBER 627 (GARBLED); AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER 398, SHOT DOWN ON 3 FEBRUARY OR 2 MARCH 1970, WIFE LIVES IN BOSTON; AND (C) JEFFERSON DONAHUE (MFI). THEY WERE LOCATED IN OR NEAR SEPON, LAOS. TONY FALTERSER, U.S. MARINE CORPS SERIAL NUMBER 2384608, WAS LOCATED IN OR NEAR CHIENG KHOUANG, LAOS.

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20. [REDACTED]

REFS: NONE.
NUMBER CCA CIP, PROTESTANT, FORMER USAID EMPLOYEE BEING HELD AGAINST HIS WILL NEAR PLEIKU.

16. ON 28 MAY 1987, [REDACTED] COMMENTED ON U.S. MIA/POW'S IN VIETNAM AT THE KIANKU CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SUBJECT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS A FORMER ARVN TRANSPORTATION CORPS MAJOR IN SAIGON. HE WAS SENT TO A [REDACTED]

21. ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1967, [REDACTED] PRESENTED A LETTER WHICH HE HAD BEEN GIVEN FROM [REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD BEFRIENDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM FAMILY FRIEND [REDACTED]

TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"MIDDLE OF 1975 IN PROVINCE OF KHO KONG THE KHMER RULE (COMMUNIST) ARMY STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE HAD CAPTURED ONE OF AMERICAN SHIP MODEL MAYAGUEZ 7, FULL LOAD WITH CLOTHING AND A RADIO MODEL 46. MAYAGUEZ WAS SHIP EAST BOUND AT VAI ISLAND ABOUT 30 TO 50 AMERICAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED RIGHT AWAY AFTER CAPTURED. THE NEXT DAY AT 0700

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REFS: NONE.

THE STRONG FIGHTING BETWEEN U.S. ARMY AND KHMER COMMUNIST BECAUSE OF MAYAGUEZ 7. IN BATTLE, THERE WERE TWO U.S. CHOPPERS HAD SHOT DOWN WITH 15 DEAD. THREE MORE CHOPPERS WERE SHOT DOWN INTO THE SEA. U.S. ARMY HAVE TOOK BACK THE MAYAGUEZ 71 AND SOME OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS AFTER THE SECOND ATTACK. HOWEVER, 50 AMERICAN ARMY WERE LEFT BEHIND. KHMER RULE COLLECTED ALL THE BOODIES AND LET (MY INTELLIGENCE PLATOON) BURY JUST IN ONE PLACE. THAT TIME, MY INTELLIGENCE PLATOON WERE FOOD SUPPLIES. NOWADAYS, THE 50 AMERICAN BOODIES ARE STILL THERE (TANG ISLAND). IF YOU HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH U.S. FOR RESEARCHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE, MY INTELLIGENCE PLATOON ARE WAITING. MY INTELLIGENCE PLATOON HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR KHMER NON-COMMUNIST SINCE 1979. THE BATTLE BETWEEN U.S. ARMY AND K.R. WERE TOOK PLACE AT TANG ISLAND. IF U.S.A. WANTED US TO HELP, WE CAN HELP THEM."

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