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26 KILOMETERS EAST OF BAN HEGA /VH 8526/ IN MOUA PHAN PROVINCE. TWO OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE A MAJOR AND A LIEUTENANT COLONEL WHO WERE SHOT DOWN WITH THEIR F105 JET NEAR BAN LONG KOU IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY MAY 1965. THE PLANE WAS PUT ON EXHIBITION AT LONG KOU. IN LATE 1965, FIVE OF THE ABOVE PRISONERS WERE MOVED FROM THE LONG KOU COMPLEX TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. /FIELD COMMENT- THERE ARE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF PRISONS AT VH 8157 AND VH 8156 IN WHICH AMERICAN PILOTS, POSSIBLY SIX, ARE INCARCERATED.

2. ALL OF THE AMERICAN, THAI, AND PHILIPPINO PRISONERS WERE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THEY RECEIVED THE SAME FOOD RATIONS AS PATKAI LAO /PL/ FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AND WERE GIVEN BREAD TO EAT IN PLACE OF RICE.

3. ALL FLIERS SHOT DOWN IN LAOS ARE KEPT IN LAOS AND NOT SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM. VERY FEW FLIERS HAVE BEEN DOWNED AND CAPTURED IN SOUTH LAOS AS PL FORCES IN SOUTH LAOS HAVE VERY LITTLE ANTI-AIRCRAFT /AA/ CAPABILITY WITH WHICH TO DOWN PLANES. /FIELD COMMENT- THE ABOVE STATEMENT PROBABLY DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSIDERABLE AA DEFENSES FOUND ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTES IN SOUTH LAOS. / THE 16TH PL AA BATTALION /BN/

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WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN AN F4U JET AND AN F105 JET ON THE SAME DAY IN EARLY JANUARY 1968 NEAR THE BOM DESTROYED XI /RIVER/ BANG KIENG/ ROUTE 23 BRIDGE AT XC 825996. THE CREWS OF BOTH PLANES WERE KILLED.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMENT- THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE F4U/F105 INCIDENT AT SOUTH LAOS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS /HQ/. /FIELD COMMENT- CURRENT ORDER OF BATTLE LISTINGS CARRY THE PL 16TH AA ARTILLERY BR WITH 220 MEN AT XD 8329./

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4. AS OF MARCH 1968 FOCK PRISONERS IN SOUTH LAOS HOLDING MILITARY INMATES WERE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS. FIFTY GUERRILLA AND LAO ARMED FORCES PRISONERS WERE INCARCERATED NEAR MAHAXAY /VE 2125/. ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILITARY INMATES WERE IN A PRISON NEAR AMO KHAM /UNLOCATED, POSSIBLY BAR AMO KHAM XD 3847/. ONE HUNDRED PRISONERS WERE NEAR NUONG PHINE /XD 8927/. TWENTY MILITARY PRISONERS WERE HELD AT THE SOUTH LAOS REGIONAL HQ PRISON NORTH OF NUONG PHINE.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMENT- THE ABOVE FIGURES REPRESENT ONLY MILITARY PRISONERS AND NOT CIVILIANS WHO ARE OFTEN INTERNED IN THE SAME PRISON WITH MILITARY INMATES. THE FIGURES CAME FROM SUPPLY REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO SOUTH LAOS REGIONAL HQ DURING MARCH 1968. /FIELD COMMENT- THE PRISON NEAR MAHAXAY MAY

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BE IDENTICAL TO ONE OF THE PRISONS IN THE BAN HADEN /VE 43332/-
BAN BATHAN /VE 395311/ SECTOR, WHERE PRISONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AT
VE 378344 AND VE 4832. A PRISON WITH MORE THAN 100 INMATES IS
CONFIRMED AT XD 4357 AS IS ANOTHER DETAINING OVER 100 FAR SOLDIERS AT
XD 365588. A PRISON WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 PRISONERS AND 34 PL
GUARDS IS LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTH LAOS REGIONAL PL HQS AT XD 8987./

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