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Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoners of War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director For Collection Management
Department of Defense-
Principal Advisor For Prisoner of War Missing In Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
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SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoners of War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a Lao refugee who obtained the information while working in southern Laos. The refugee observed an apparent detention camp in Saravane Province, Laos, which a local village militia chief told him contained 23 American Prisoners of War.

2. This very sensitive information is for your background use only. There will be no further distribution of this report and additional dissemination or extraction of this information requires prior approval from this Agency. DIA is authorized to pass this information to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) and its representatives in Bangkok.

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Clair E. George
Deputy Director For Operations

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Attachment: Report as stated

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TEXT: 1. Circa March 1983, [REDACTED] a militia chief

[REDACTED] claimed that there is a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp located at the foot of Ngoua Mountain (NCA), approximately 25 kilometers south of Kadon Village. According to [REDACTED] there were 23 American prisoners of war (POW's) detained in the camp. Prior to 1975 the camp contained 25 American POW's, but two had since died. [REDACTED] said that Kadon Village is responsible for growing food for the camp and insisted that he had personally seen the POW's on numerous occasions while escorting food convoys to the camp. [REDACTED] added that the militia forces of Chavan Village (YB 2197) were actually responsible for security at the camp.

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escorted him to the top of Ngoua Mountain and pointed out the camp to him. According to [REDACTED] the camp consisted of four buildings and was surrounded by a fence and a canal. [REDACTED] did not claim to see any of the POW's. Both Chavan and Kadon Villages have been under the influence/control of the Communist Pathet Lao since circa 1954.)

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3. [REDACTED] account is the first believable story on the possibility of five American POW's in the LPDR that has been heard since 1975.) [REDACTED]

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