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TEXT: 1. THE U.S. MISSION TO HANOI IN LATE MAY 1987 WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE CURRENT LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR) POSTURE ON PRISONER OF VAR/MISSING IN ACTION (POW/MIA) NEGOTIATIONS. LPDR OFFICIALS SUCH AS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ((SOUBANH)) SALITHILATH WHO HANDLE THIS AREA ARE PREDCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS, AND THE LPDR WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS LINKED TO NEW UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (U.S.) INITIATIVES SUCH AS SOME OFFER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AID AND UPGRADING OF RELATIONS. THE VIETNAMESE WILL PROBABLY NOT DO MUCH ON THE MATTER UNLESS THEY ALSO RECEIVE SOME ADDITIONAL OFFER (S) FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR SOME INDICATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT WILLINGNESS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. THE LPDR AND VIETNAM HAVE BEEN MOST IRRITATED BY THE RECENT PRIVATE OFFERS OF U.S. ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR ANY GUARD THAT VOULD DEFECT WITH A LIVE POW. LPDR OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT NO SUCH POWS EXIST IN LAOS,

AND PROBABLY NOT IN VIETNAM, AND THAT SUCH AN OFFER MERELY SERVE CAST DOUBT ON LAD/VIETNAMESE GOOD FAITH AND FURTHER EXACERBATES

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