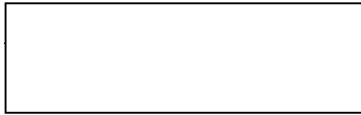


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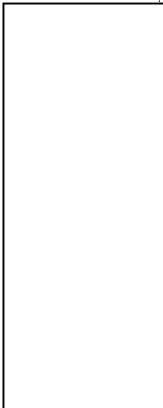


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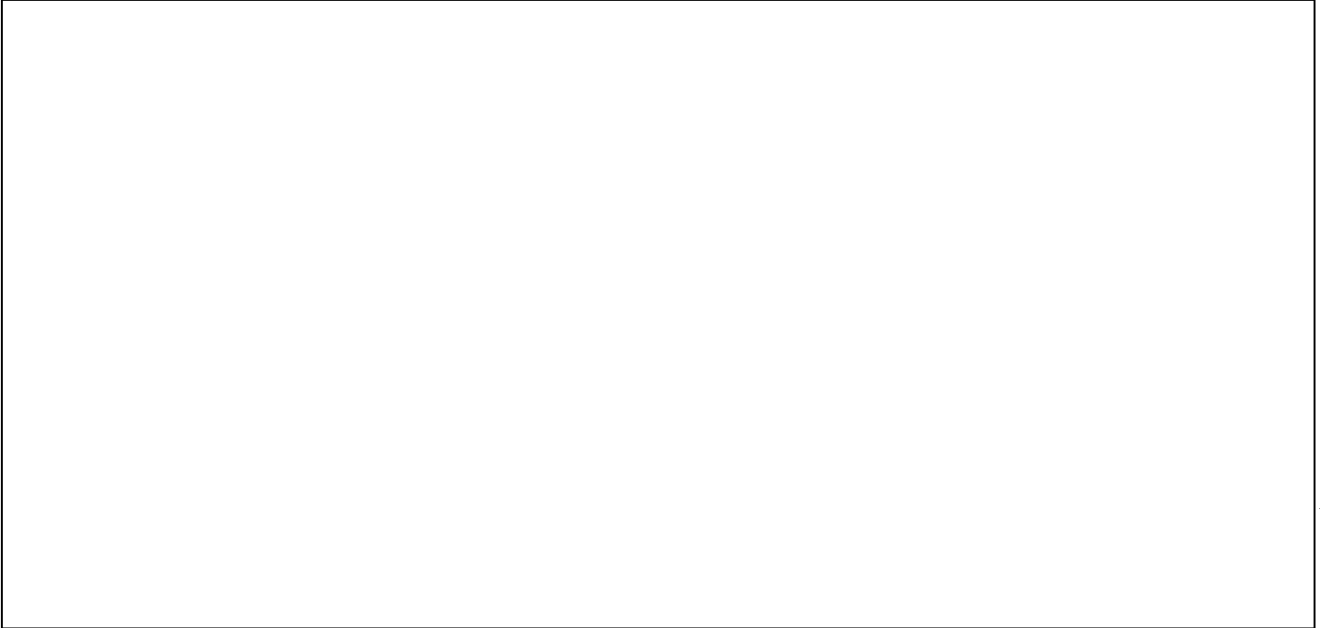


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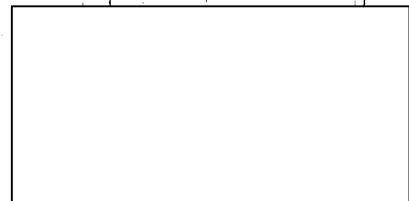
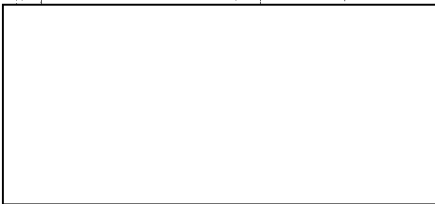
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The Lao Communists on 26 March officially informed the [redacted] that American prisoners captured in Laos would be released to US authorities in Hanoi on 28 March. The spokesman claimed that the Lao Communists hold only the nine US prisoners named on the list released 1 February. The official said the Pathet Lao would cooperate in clarifying the status of US personnel listed as missing in Laos, but that detailed discussions on this matter would have to await agreement on a military protocol for Laos.

No forward movement was reported at the meeting of the political subcommittee in Vientiane on 26 March. Discussions centered on the formation of the Joint National Political Council and the neutralization of Vientiane and Luang Prabang. Following the session, a Communist official said that second-ranked negotiator Phoune Sipraseuth would probably return to Vientiane on 27 March, but had nothing to say about the return of chief negotiator Phoumi Vongvichit.

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