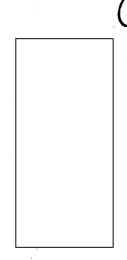
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| The Communists have informed the US that they        |
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| need additional information in order to respond to   |
| questions about the fate of the US pilot of a con-   |
| tract aircraft that crashed in Pathet Lao territory  |
| earlier this month. Senior Lao Communist negotiator  |
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| not begin a search for MIAs until a new coalition    |
| government is formed. The Communists are dissembling |
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