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SHOT DOWN IN LAOS IN MARCH 72, AND WHOSE SERIAL NUMBER IS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE GIVEN IN I.1 ABOVE. JCRC CONCLUDES THAT "MR. DAERON THOMASO" IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO ((DAFFRON)), THOMAS CARL, SERIAL NUMBER 323368914 (NOTE SLIGHT VARIATION) WHOSE F-4C WENT DOWN IN LAOS IN FEB 70. ADDITIONALLY, JCRC BELIEVES THAT "MR. SARIDINE" IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO CHARLES ((DEAN)), A U.S. CIVILIAN CAPTURED BY THE PATHET LAO IN SEPTEMBER 74. NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE THAT DEAN WAS ALIVE AND IN PATHET LAO HANDS DURING 74-75 TIME FRAME.

CITE:

MANUALLY REVIEWED SECRET INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
INVOLVED

SUBJECT: POW INFORMATION

1. [REDACTED] OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION WHICH CONCERNS AMERICAN POWS IN LAOS AND VIETNAM:

A. "ON 5 SEPT 83,

[REDACTED] CROSSED INTO LAOS
HE REPORTED

TEAM HAD SIGHTED TWO AMERICANS NAMELY:

"1.1: MR. PAUG SCHNER (BASED ON LAO SPELLING), TYHL 507 308140, D. POS. CUTH RAN, WHO IS MARRIED TO A LAOTIAN GIRL FROM THE KHAMU TRIBE. THEY HAVE ONE CHILD. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FARM IN THE AREA OF BAN PHU MUT.

"1.2: MR. DAERON THOMASO, 323 368944, TR. O. POS. BARZIST, WHOSE PLANE CRASH LANDED IN MUANG SIPHON, KHWAENG SAKKAMAKHET, IN AUGUST 1971. HE IS MARRIED TO A LAOTIAN GIRL FROM THE KHAMU TRIBE. THEY HAVE ONE CHILD. HE IS NOW WORKING ON A FARM IN BAN PHU MUT.

[REDACTED] ADDED THAT THERE ARE STILL NINE MORE AMERICAN POWS DETAINED IN THE AREA OF PHU MUT. ONE OF THEM IS KNOWN AS MR. SARIDINE, AN AMERICAN TOURIST, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 15 JUN 1974, IN MUANG PAK KHAMMUN, KHWAENG KHAMMUN.

B. "IN ORDER TO GET TO THE AMERICAN POWS IN ITEMS I.1 AND I.2 ABOVE, MONEY MUST BE PAID TO THE VILLAGE HEADMAN AND THIS CAN BE DONE ONLY BY THROUGH [REDACTED] HE IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VILLAGE HEADMAN OF BAN PHU MUT.

C. "IN MAY 1984, [REDACTED] CROSSED INTO THAILAND AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH CONTROLS THE AMERICAN POWS AT A DETENTION CAMP IN VIETNAM LOCATED CLOSE TO THE LAO BORDER. HE CLAIMED THERE ARE 180 AMERICAN POWS IN THE CAMP, WHICH ARE CONTROLLED BY 40 SOLDIERS - 20 PAVN TROOPS AND 20 LAOTIAN TROOPS - FROM THE KHAMU TRIBE.

D. [REDACTED] WANTED A REWARD FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND CLAIMED THEY SAW A [REDACTED] AFTER GIVING HIM A RING FROM AN AMERICAN POW. HE GAVE THEM 16,000 BAHT, AN ENGLISH BIO DATA FORM FOR AMERICAN POWS, AND A CAMERA. THESE ITEMS WERE TO BE HANDLED OVER TO [REDACTED] IN ORDER THAT THE AMERICAN POWS COULD FILL OUT THE FORMS AND HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN.

"IN AUGUST 84, [REDACTED] WITH THE COMPLETED BIO DATA FORM AND PICTURES OF 10 MEN. HE DEMANDED 16,000 BAHT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP. BECAUSE [REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY HIM, HE RETURNED TO LAOS WITH THE DOCUMENTS.

E. "ON 5 SEPT 84, [REDACTED] AND STATED THAT IF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE POWS, HE WILL SEND [REDACTED] BACK TO LAOS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO TAKE ACTIONS AFTERWARD" (SIC).

JCRC BELIEVES THAT "MR PAUG SCHNER" IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO ((PAULSON)), MERLYN LE ROY, WHOSE F-105 WAS

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1. NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

5. [REDACTED] NOT SECRET BY

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of the Soviet intelligence report.
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