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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR POW/MIA CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ENTIRE FY 94 SCHEDULE.

(2) WE ALSO BELIEVE THE TEAM CHIEFS MUST HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE, SURVEY OR EXCAVATE OPPORTUNE CASES ENCOUNTERED IN THE FIELD WHICH MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE WORK PLAN. SECONDLY, AS THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS BECOMES INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO EXCAVATE SITES IMMEDIATELY WHERE COMPELLING EVIDENCE SUGGESTS WE MIGHT FIND

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REMAINS. DELAYED EXCAVATIONS COULD RESULT IN FURTHER SITE DEGRADATION AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF REMAINS OR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

H. THE FIRST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR 15 OCTOBER 1993 IN XEKONG AND SALAVAN PROVINCES EMPLOYING TWO INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY TEAMS. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS THE DETAILED WORK PLAN FOR JFA 94-1L. WE ASK YOU TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS TO LTC KENDALL BEFORE THE FIELD ACTIVITIES BEGIN. WE ASK YOU SEND THE ADVANCE TEAM TO COORDINATE THE FIELD ACTIVITY WITH XEKONG AND SALAVAN PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(1) WE ALSO ASK YOU ALLOW LTC KENDALL AND MR. GADOURY TO ACCOMPANY YOUR ADVANCE TEAM TO ASSIST IN LOCATING APPROPRIATE LANDING ZONES AND BASE CAMP SITES FOR THE FIELD TEAMS.

(2) IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING ANY TEAM MEMBER, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR THE TEAM CHIEFS TO EVACUATE THE INDIVIDUAL IMMEDIATELY. IN THE CASE OF AN INJURED LAO MEMBER, IF THE AMERICAN DOCTOR OR MEDIC ON-SITE DETERMINES EVACUATION FROM LAOS IS MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE AND THE SENIOR LAO OFFICIAL ON-SITE CONCURS, DETACHMENT THREE WILL ARRANGE EVACUATION WITH MFA. IN THE CASE OF AN AMERICAN TEAM MEMBER, OUR OFFICE IN VIENTIANE

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WILL ARRANGE EMERGENCY EVACUATION WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. WE RECENTLY SAW IN VIETNAM HOW VITAL IT IS THIS SYSTEM WORK PROPERLY.

I. DURING JFA-2L IN DECEMBER 1993, WE AGAIN PLAN TO HAVE TWO INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY TEAMS. AS DISCUSSED DURING THE TRILATERAL MEETING IN HAWAII, ONE TEAM WILL CONDUCT FIELD OPERATIONS IN A CORRIDOR ALONG THE BORDER IN SAVANNAKHET, SALAVAN AND XEKONG PROVINCES AS PART OF THE TRILATERAL ACTIVITY. THIS TEAM WILL REGULARLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH ITS COUNTERPART TEAM ON THE VIETNAM SIDE. THE THREE OTHER TEAMS (ONE INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY) WILL INVESTIGATE AND EXCAVATE OTHER CASES. THIS IS THE WORK PLAN FOR JFA 94-2L.

J. FOR JFA 94-3L, TWO INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY TEAMS WILL OPERATE IN SAVANNAKHET AND KHAMMOUAN PROVINCES DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1994. HERE IS A COPY OF THE WORK PLAN.

K. TURNING TO LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS,

(1) WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR'S (LSI) VISIT TO THE NONG HET AREA EARLIER THIS MONTH. WE COUNT THIS INVESTIGATION AS ONLY A PARTIAL SUCCESS SINCE WE DID NOT FULFILL THE ENTIRE REQUIREMENT.

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WE WELCOME YOUR DECISION TO ALLOW OUR INVESTIGATOR TO RETURN TO VISIT THE ADDITIONAL AREAS AT NONG HET SEPARATELY FROM THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

(2) WE CURRENTLY HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION. OUR TWO TOP PRIORITIES ARE:

(A) A VILLAGE IN SALAVAN PROVINCE WHICH IS THE LOCATION OF A RECENT UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORT, AND

(B) A VILLAGE IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE WHICH IS THE LOCATION OF A WARTIME UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORT.

(3) WE ALSO HAVE THREE "AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST" WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEY ARE:

(A) THE PRISON NEAR NHOMMARATH IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. THIS SITE IS AN "AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST" BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS. THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THE INFORMATION RELATING TO NHOMMARATH WAS THE MOST COMPELLING OF ALL REGARDING POSSIBLE CAPTIVE AMERICANS. A VISIT COULD ANSWER MANY OF THE COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS.

(B) PHOU PHA THI IS ALSO AN AREA OF SPECIAL

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INTEREST. SINCE 11 AMERICANS FROM THIS INCIDENT REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR, IT IS CLEARLY A HIGH PRIORITY SITE. DURING THE RECENT JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, MAJOR SIKHAI INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GO TO HOUAPHAN PROVINCE TO COORDINATE THE PHOU PHA THI INVESTIGATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT OF HIS VISIT.

(C) LASTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE AREA OF VIENGSAY IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. OUR INTEREST IN THIS SITE STEMS FROM THE STATEMENT MADE BY A LAO OFFICIAL IN NOVEMBER 1985 THAT U.S. POWS WERE HELD IN THE CAVES AT VIENGSAY. TO DATE, YOU HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED EITHER THE NAME OR NUMBER OF AMERICANS HELD AT

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THAT SITE. PRIOR TO ANY INVESTIGATION, WE RECOMMEND YOU RESEARCH YOUR WARTIME OR RELATED ARCHIVES TO IDENTIFY ALL AMERICANS WHO WERE EVER HELD AT VIENGSAY. WE ASSURE YOU THAT THE FAMILIES AND NEXT OF KIN OF AMERICANS MISSING IN LAOS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE, WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE KNOWING THIS INFORMATION.

(4) AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR ALLOWING THE LSI TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION IN NONG HET, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TIMELY RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE TWO ADDITIONAL LSI CASES. WE ALSO REQUEST YOUR PROMPT

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CONSIDERATION AND RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE THREE "AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST". THESE INVESTIGATIONS CAN TAKE PLACE INDEPENDENTLY OF THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

L. THE VISIT TO THE NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE ON 1 SEPTEMBER WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE; THE STAFF WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL. WE BELIEVE THE NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE CONTAINS INFORMATION WHICH COULD HELP SHED LIGHT ON THE FATE OF AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN LAOS. WE REPEAT OUR PROPOSAL TO HAVE ONE RESEARCHER, ACCOMPANIED BY A LINGUIST, FOLLOW LTC KENDALL'S VISITS. OUR RESEARCHER COULD WORK WITH YOUR STAFF TO HELP COMPLETE THE REVIEW OF RELEVANT FILMS.

M. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT OUR RESEARCHER VISIT OTHER MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES IN VIENTIANE AND OUTLYING AREAS. MEETING THE MUSEUM STAFFS, AND EXAMINING ACCESSION RECORDS AND ALL RESEARCH ITEMS, INCLUDING THOSE NOT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY, MAY UNCOVER INFORMATION OF INTEREST. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD LIKE OUR RESEARCHER TO VISIT THE PHON KENG MILITARY HEADQUARTERS MUSEUM, AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MUSEUM IN VIENTIANE. AFTERWARDS, HE COULD MOVE TO OTHER HISTORICAL PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN OUR TALKS IN JUNE 1993. DET THREE WILL SUBMIT DETAILS FOR AN INITIAL VISIT TO ASSESS RESEARCH

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