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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR POW/MIA CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN SCHOOL OR RECONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS BRIDGE. THE INFORMATION IN THIS FOLDER PRESENTS OUR RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES YOU RAISED ABOUT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

S. WE ARE STILL AWAITING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR MEDICAL CHECKUPS FOR YOUR JOINT TEAM PERSONNEL. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE, WE WILL ADVISE YOU.

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T. IN OTHER AREAS:

(1) IN JULY 1993, A JOINT U.S.-VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION TEAM INVESTIGATED AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE LOSS OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT NEAR THE VIETNAM-LAO BORDER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE JOINT TEAM OBTAINED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT. THE ONLY TANGIBLE LEAD LEFT FOR INVESTIGATION IS A HEARSAY REPORT FROM A VILLAGER LIVING IN THAILAND. THE VILLAGER REPORTED THAT MR. PHET, A 27 YEAR OLD LAO, CLAIMED TO RECOVER REMAINS FROM AN F-105 AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. THE VILLAGER SAID MR. PHET LIVES AT "PONCHENG MILITARY CAMP," VIENTIANE DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE. SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY LEAD WE HAVE ON THIS CASE, WE ASK YOU TRY TO LOCATE AND MAKE MR. PHET AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

(2) DURING OUR FIELD OPERATIONS IN XIANGKHOANG WE RECEIVED TWO REPORTS, WHICH WE REQUESTED YOUR GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATE (VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTES 516 AND 517, DATED 23 AUGUST 1993). THE FIRST REPORT INVOLVED AN ETHNIC LAO WHO PROVIDED THE NAMES AND MILITARY IDENTIFICATION TAG INFORMATION CONCERNING 15 UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. THE MAN INDICATED HE CONTACTED PERSONS WHO HAD SOME OF THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LISTED

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INDIVIDUALS. THE SECOND REPORT INVOLVED HEARSAY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF BAN PHATEK. THE VILLAGE CHIEF SAID HE WAS TOLD IN 1986, BY AN ASSOCIATE FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO A
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NEO LAO HAK XAT UNIT, THAT THE ASSOCIATE WITNESSED THE EXECUTION OF AN AMERICAN PILOT. THIS ASSOCIATE REPORTEDLY LIVES IN VIENTIANE. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THESE TWO REPORTS?

(3) WE REQUEST YOU CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED THE JOINT TEAM WITH INFORMATION POSSIBLY CONCERNING THE REMAINS BELIEVED ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1463 (FALLON). THE LAO CITIZEN, REPORTEDLY A TRAVELING SALESMAN, WOULD NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF. CAPTAIN ONCHANH WAS PRESENT DURING THE DISCUSSIONS AND INDICATED HE WOULD FOLLOW-UP.

(4) WE RECEIVED A REPORT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT AN OFFICIAL FROM THE LAO RE-EDUCATION CAMP (ALSO KNOWN AS VINKO RE-EDUCATION CAMP), LOCATED IN EASTERN SAVANNAKHET NEAR GRID COORDINATES XD6457, MAY HAVE RECOVERED REMAINS FROM A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE IN NOVEMBER 1979. INMATES FROM THIS CAMP REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED THE CRASH SITE WHILE OUT FISHING IN A NEARBY STREAM. SUBSEQUENTLY, LIEUTENANT BOONPHENG, THE CAMP'S CHIEF OF SECURITY,

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SENT A GUARD TO VIEW THE WRECKAGE. THE GUARD ALLEGEDLY RETURNED WITH A QUANTITY OF REMAINS AND TURNED THEM OVER TO LIEUTENANT BOONPHENG. WE ASK YOU LOCATE LIEUTENANT BOONPHENG AND MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

(5) IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE 346, DATED 9 JUNE 1993, WE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MR. PAO LEE AND MR. TENG CHANG WHO REPORTEDLY HAVE REMAINS OF UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. MR. PAO LEE REPORTEDLY WORKS FOR THE LAO DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION. HIS NEPHEW, MR. TENG CHANG, RECEIVES MAIL AT BOX 2271, VIENTIANE. HAVE YOU LOCATED THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS? WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW THEM.

(6) DURING OUR JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM, SOME WITNESSES REPORTED THAT U.S. POW'S WERE BURIED IN A CEMETERY NEAR THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM MILITARY HOSPITAL V-211. THIS LARGE, 500-BED HOSPITAL, WAS LOCATED IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA. WE UNDERSTAND THE HOSPITAL MOVED FROM LAOS TO CAMBODIA AT LEAST ONCE. WE BELIEVE THIS HOSPITAL IS SIMILAR TO THE BT-70 HOSPITAL PREVIOUSLY VISITED BY OUR FIELD TEAM IN SAVANNAKHET. ADDITIONAL PAVN HOSPITALS WERE LOCATED IN OTHER PROVINCES SUCH AS SALAVAN. WE REQUEST YOUR EXPERTS

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COORDINATE WITH VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS IN ADVANCE TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS OF THESE FORMER HOSPITALS. WE ALSO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GAINING ACCESS TO THESE FORMER HOSPITAL SITES ONCE THEIR LOCATIONS ARE KNOWN.

U. AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WHICH WE RAISED AT THE JUNE 1993 MEETING:

(1) WE ASKED YOU LOCATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 14TH BATTALION WHO MAY HAVE WITNESSED THE CRASH OF AN AMERICAN HELICOPTER IN FEBRUARY 1971.

(2) WE PROVIDED YOU AN ARTICLE FROM A 28 MAY 1992 LAO

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RADIO BROADCAST WHICH MENTIONED THE CAPTURE OF FIVE PILOTS IN 1965 AND ASKED YOU PROVIDE THE NAMES OF THE FIVE PILOTS. WE ALSO ASKED YOU TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW MR. BOUALAPHA THINDOI, THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE.

(3) WE ASKED FOR A REPORT OF THE ALLEGED CONFISCATION OF REMAINS BY LAO OFFICIALS IN LOUANGPHRABANG PROVINCE AND REQUESTED YOU PROVIDE US THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION.

(4) WE REQUESTED YOU LOCATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ANY FORMER CADRE WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO INTERNATIONAL LIAISON GROUP 101 AND ANY OTHER LIAISON UNITS, ESPECIALLY

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PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN PLANNING THE ATTACK ON PHOU PHA THI. WE PROVIDED YOU A LIST OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW.

(5) WE GAVE YOU A LIST OF PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR POW/MIA'S AND REQUESTED YOU ARRANGE FOR THEIR INTERVIEW. COLONEL KHAMLA AND COLONEL THONGKHAM WERE TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THAT LIST.

(6) WE ALSO PROVIDED YOU A LIST OF WARTIME POW CAMPS IN LAOS AND REQUESTED YOU LOCATE CADRE AND RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CAMPS. WITNESSES INTERVIEWED IN VIETNAM HAVE REPORTED THAT U.S. POW'S CAPTURED IN VIETNAM AS EARLY AS 1963 WERE MOVED INTO LAOS AND HELD IN THE AREA OF THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE B-3 FRONT. WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING POW CAMPS IN THE B-3 FRONT AREA AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. PERSONNEL MOVED FROM VIETNAM INTO LAOS.

(7) AS DISCUSSED DURING OUR TRILATERAL TALKS IN HANOI, DR. LE CAO DAI OF MILITARY HOSPITAL 108 IN HANOI INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO LOCATE COLLEAGUES FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO PAVN HOSPITALS IN LAOS. WE REQUEST YOUR MILITARY ATTACHE IN HANOI, LTC SYPHAI, COORDINATE WITH THE VIETNAMESE TO LOCATE THESE

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