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POW/MIA CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN VIENTIANE//

ANTICIPATE AMBASSADOR OR DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION WILL LEAD U.S. SIDE

AND PRESENT OPENING REMARKS. THE FOLLOWING CASES ARE DISCUSSED IN

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THE TALKING POINTS: 0018 (DEBRUIN), 0079 (SHELTON), 0084 (HRDLICKA),

0233 (WOOD), 0339 (JENSEN, TAPP, PRESTON, REILLY, THOMPSON, WILLIAMS,

MCKENNEY, MADISON), 0950 (KOONCE), 1053 (HAYDEN, KRAVITZ, WONN,

THURMAN, DAWSON, ASHBY, COONS, MARTIN, DONATO), 1108 (BOYER,

BROWN, HUSTON), 1341 (DUGAN, MCGOULDRIK), 1342, (BARRAS), 1643

(BELL, DEAN, JENKINS, SCHANEBERG, GOEGLEIN), 1644 (SANDERS), 1700

(STEWART), 1786 (POYNER, THOMAS) AND 1983 (SPITZ, BOLLINGER,

MELTON, PRIMM, CRESSMAN, MATEJOV, BRANDENBERG). JTF-FA WILL

REVISE THESE TALKING POINTS TO REFLECT INFORMATION RECEIVED AFTER

RELEASE OF THIS MESSAGE. REQUEST REVIEWING COMMANDS CLEARLY MARK

OR OTHERWISE INDICATE CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO FACILITATE

REVISING THE FINAL SCRIPT. SINCE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM WILL LEAVE

HAWAII 29 MAY 93, REQUEST APPROVED SCRIPT BY 28 MAY 93.

2. CJTF-FA ACKNOWLEDGES DIA/POW-MIA POSITION TO HAVE A FULL-TIME

LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR IN VIENTIANE BUT HAVE NOT INCLUDED IT

IN THE TALKING POINTS. CJTF-FA BELIEVES THE LAO WILL NOT CHANGE

THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE BUT BELIEVES LIVE SIGHTING

INVESTIGATIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ON A TDY BASIS AS IN CAMBODIA.

3. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOLLOW:

A. MR. DBNE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LAO DELEGATION. WE ARE

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PLEASED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AGAIN OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FATE OF AMERICANS MISSING IN LAOS.

B. WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY BRIEFLY REVIEWING THE FIELD ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FROM OCTOBER 1992 THROUGH MARCH 1993. OUR JOINT TEAMS HAVE CONDUCTED FOUR JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES IN KHAMMOUAN, SAVANNAKHET, XEKONG AND ATTAPU PROVINCES. DURING THESE FOUR PERIODS, OUR TEAMS EXCAVATED 4 CRASH OR GRAVE SITES AND INVESTIGATED OR SURVEYED 58 CASES. REMAINS WERE FOUND AT THE FOUR SITES. WE WILL PROVIDE OUR ANALYSIS OF THESE REMAINS LATER. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE FIELD ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FIELD ACTIVITY WHICH WAS COMPLETED A FEW DAYS AGO.

C. WE COMMEND YOU FOR ALLOWING THE TEAMS TO REMAIN IN THE FIELD THREE TO FOUR WEEKS TO COMPLETE WORK ON CASES AGREED UPON. WE ALSO APPRECIATED THE UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN SAVANNAKHET AND XEKONG PROVINCES SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR OVER 25 DAYS IN OCTOBER 1992. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME WE HAD TEAMS WORKING IN TWO PROVINCES AT THE SAME TIME.

D. IN JANUARY 1993, WE HAD ANOTHER FIRST WHEN THREE TEAMS OPERATED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ATTAPU AND XEKONG PROVINCES. WE

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APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE AND YOUR UNILATERAL EFFORTS THAT WENT INTO MAKING THE SURVEY POSSIBLE. VICE MINISTER SOUBANH'S PERSONAL PARTICIPATION DURING THE ADVANCE COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS IN XEKONG AND ATTAPU PROVINCES CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY TO THE SUCCESSFUL WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE TEAMS AND DEMONSTRATED YOUR GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO GREATER COOPERATION IN POW/MIA AFFAIRS.

E. DURING OUR PRESENTATION OF THE 1993 WORK PLAN, WE REQUESTED YOUR GOVERNMENT TO GRANT THE TEAM CHIEFS AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE, SURVEY, AND IF APPROPRIATE, EXCAVATE OTHER SITES WHICH THE TEAMS MIGHT ENCOUNTER DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR FIELD OPERATIONS. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO EXCAVATE IMMEDIATELY SITES WHICH MAY YIELD PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT LOCAL VILLAGERS OFTEN SCAVENGE SITES BEFORE WE CAN RETURN TO EXCAVATE.

F. DURING THE MARCH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, THE TEAMS ENCOUNTERED TWO SITUATIONS WHERE WE BELIEVE THE TEAM CHIEFS SHOULD HAVE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON UNSCHEDULED EVENTS ENCOUNTERED IN THE FIELD.

G. DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEY OF CASE 0950 IN

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VILABOULI DISTRICT, THE TEAM LOCATED A PROBABLE BURIAL SITE. THE TEAM DUG A TEST PIT AND RECOVERED THE MISSING PILOT'S MILITARY IDENTIFICATION TAG AND A PIECE OF CLOTHING. OUR TEAM CHIEF ASKED FOR AUTHORITY TO EXCAVATE THE SITE IMMEDIATELY. THE LAO TEAM CHIEF HAD TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM HIGHER AUTHORITIES IN VIENTIANE, AND EVENTUALLY THAT PERMISSION WAS DENIED.

H. ANOTHER SITUATION OCCURRED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0339 IN VILABOULI DISTRICT. WHILE TALKING TO VILLAGERS IN BAN THONGLOUANG, THE TEAM OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT A PRISONER WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE HOUAI HET PRISON IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE IN 1966. HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN AN ABANDONED HUT NEAR THE VILLAGE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED BY TWO VILLAGERS. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE OF THE TWO MEN WHO BURIED THE BODY. THE WITNESS STATED THAT HE KNEW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE BURIAL SITE AND WAS CERTAIN THE REMAINS HAD NOT BEEN DISTURBED SINCE BURIAL IN 1966. THE LAO TEAM CHIEF FORWARDED THE U.S. REQUEST TO SURVEY THE GRAVE SITE TO HIS SUPERIORS IN VIENTIANE, BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

I. WE NOTE THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECENTLY APPROVED OUR REQUEST TO EXCAVATE CASE 1108 IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. WE APPRECIATE THE FLEXIBILITY SHOWN IN THIS INSTANCE.

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FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS, WE ASK PERMISSION FOR THE TEAM TO EXCAVATE SITES WITHIN THE SAME DISTRICT WITHOUT FURTHER AUTHORIZATION. WE SUPPORT VICE MINISTER SOUBANH'S INITIATIVE TO HOLD A CONFERENCE WITH PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS CONCERNING POW/MIA OPERATIONS. WE ASK U.S. OFFICIALS BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE SO THEY CAN LEARN FROM THE CONFERENCE AND PROVIDE OUR PERSPECTIVE. THIS CONFERENCE CAN ASSIST IN ADVANCE COORDINATION FOR FIELD OPERATIONS.

J. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS OUR UPDATED WORK PLAN. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE WET SEASON, WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTIES IN ADVANCE COORDINATION, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND PHYSICAL MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, WITH CAREFUL PLANNING AND, WITH YOUR HELP, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES.

K. OUR NEXT JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR 23 JUNE THROUGH 21 JULY 1993 IN XIANGKHOANG AND HOUAPHAN PROVINCES WITH THREE TEAMS. WE ASK YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THE TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE, SURVEY OR EXCAVATE OTHER CASES WHICH ARE NOT LISTED IN THE WORK PLAN BUT WHICH THE TEAMS MAY ENCOUNTER IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE

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FIELD ACTIVITY 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED START DATE.

L. OUR LAST FIELD ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1993. TWO TEAMS WILL OPERATE IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

M. WE PROPOSE TO HOLD A CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON 13-14

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SEPTEMBER 1993 TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE FIELD ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND THE WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994.

N. THE TRILATERAL MEETING IN HANOI GAVE US A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES IN THE ACCOUNTING PROCESS. WE HAD A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL MATTERS WHICH WERE BEST ADDRESSED IN THAT FORUM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING FROM YOU AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM THE UPDATED MAPS WITH AN ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THE BORDER. THIS WILL IMPROVE OUR PLANNING PROCESS. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE SIMULTANEOUS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM AND LAOS PROPOSED FOR DECEMBER. DURING OUR MEETING IN HANOI, WE SUGGESTED A CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER TO COORDINATE OUR TRILATERAL EFFORTS. WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER HOSTING THE TRILATERAL COORDINATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN OUR THREE GOVERNMENTS 16-17 SEPTEMBER 1993 IN VIENTIANE. YOUR INVITATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION. WE BELIEVE THIS TRIPARTITE EFFORT HOLDS GREAT PROMISE FOR RESULTS. WE WILL UNDERWRITE THE EXPENSES FOR THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING ADVANCE PAYMENT TO COVER THE REQUIRED PREPARATIONS.

O. DURING OUR PRESENTATION IN NOVEMBER, WE DISCUSSED THE

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IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AN INVESTIGATOR AVAILABLE IN VIENTIANE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS IN LAOS WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE. WE IDENTIFIED VIENGSAY, PHOU PHA THI AND NHOMMARATN AS AREAS THAT A SMALL TEAM COULD INVESTIGATE WITH EASE.

P. VIENGSAY WAS MENTIONED BECAUSE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE HELD THERE. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT CAPTAINS SHELTON AND HRDLICKA WERE HELD AT VIENGSAY UNTIL THEY DIED. THE NAMES OF THE OTHER AMERICANS HELD AT VIENGSAY ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE. AN INVESTIGATION SHOULD HELP DETERMINE HOW MANY AMERICANS WERE HELD THERE.

Q. THE PHOU PHA THI INCIDENT IS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL MISSING AMERICANS. TO ADDRESS THIS CASE, WE PROPOSE A SMALL TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, FLY TO THE TOP OF PHOU PHA THI AND CONDUCT THE INITIAL SURVEY. WE RECOMMEND SCHEDULING THIS ACTIVITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE INCIDENT AND THE RELATED INDIVIDUALS AND RECORDS.

R. AS WE WAITED FOR YOUR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT THESE INVESTIGATIONS, WE RECEIVED YET ANOTHER LIVE SIGHTING REPORT FROM A SOURCE CLAIMING THAT LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE HELD IN A

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VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN LAOS. WE RECOMMEND ALLOWING THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR TO FOLLOW-UP THIS REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

S. DURING THE NOVEMBER 1992 MEETING, WE PROPOSED A JOINT HISTORICAL PROJECT TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK OUR JOINT TEAMS ARE ACCOMPLISHING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. IN MANY CASES, RESEARCH MAY PRODUCE LEADS WHICH OUR FIELD TEAMS CAN PURSUE DURING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYS. TO DATE THE FIELD TEAMS HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM YOUR ARCHIVES OR RECORDS WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE OPERATIONS. WE FEEL THAT SUCH INFORMATION EXISTS AND THAT IT SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR EVIDENCE RELATIVE TO AMERICANS WHO REMAIN MISSING. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1966 A NEO LAO HAK XAT UNIT REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ITS HEADQUARTERS: "THE DOWNED AMERICAN PILOT HAS BEEN FOUND DEAD. THE CORPSE OF THE AMERICAN PILOT, HIS DOCUMENTS, AND IF POSSIBLE, THE AIRCRAFT WERE TO BE SENT TO KHANG KHAY." THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY A PROGRAM TO RETAIN REMAINS, DOCUMENTS AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. IS ANY OF THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN KHANG KHAY TODAY? IN 1966, GENERAL SINGKAPO WAS THE NEO LAO HAK XAT COMMANDER IN THE REGION. HE WOULD BE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR OUR ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS AGAIN MOMENTARILY.

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(1) WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN OUR HISTORICAL PROJECT BY VISITING THE STATE CINEMATOGRAPHIC COMPANY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE IN VIENTIANE. THESE ARCHIVES REPORTEDLY INCLUDE FOOTAGE OF DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A NEO LAO HAK XAT PROPAGANDA FILM SHOWED THE IDENTIFICATION CARD OF USAF PILOT DON C. WOOD WHO IS AN UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN IN NORTHEASTERN LAOS. THAT FILM COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO CAPTAIN WOOD. WE UNDERSTAND THE STATE CINEMATOGRAPHIC COMPANY ALSO HAS AN OFFICE IN LOUANG PHABANG. WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE STATE CINEMATOGRAPHIC COMPANY TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN MAKE JOINT USE OF THE FILM ARCHIVES. WE HAVE RAISED THIS MATTER SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST. WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY AND ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY.

(2) NEXT, WE PROPOSE AN ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM. WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW FORMER CADRE WHOSE WARTIME ASSIGNMENTS MAY HAVE INCLUDED THE HANDLING OF OR KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. POW'S. THIS INCLUDES CADRE ASSIGNED TO AREAS OR CAMPS WHERE U.S. POW'S WERE HOSPITALIZED OR DETAINED DURING THE WAR. IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE LEADS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE IMPORTANT

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DISCREPANCY CASES, WE BELIEVE OUR EXPERTS SHOULD MEET WITH SOME OF YOUR CADRE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO JOINT ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING ANY FORMER CADRE WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO INTERNATIONAL LIAISON GROUP 101, THE LAO LIAISON ELEMENT THAT PERFORMED DUTIES WITH THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP 6, OR PERSONNEL OF ANY OTHER LIAISON UNITS, ESPECIALLY ANY PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN PLANNING THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. RADAR SITE ON PHOU PHA THI DURING MARCH 1968. OUR INTERVIEWS WOULD BE LIMITED ONLY TO SEEKING INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS A LIST OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW.

(3) FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO MUSEUMS AND OTHER INSTITUTES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WARTIME INCIDENTS OF SHOOT DOWN AND/OR CAPTURE OF AMERICANS. ANY WARTIME RECORDS, HOWEVER LIMITED IN QUANTITY, WOULD BE OF KEEN INTEREST TO OUR SPECIALISTS. ADDITIONALLY, AS AMBASSADOR SALMON PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH YOU, WE ARE INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH THE NATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE ON JOINT HISTORICAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE HISTORY OF EVENTS FROM 1973 TO 1975.

(4) WE ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN THE HISTORICAL PROJECT AT A

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MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE. WE RECOMMEND OUR SPECIALISTS BE ALLOWED
 TO WORK WITH YOUR SPECIALISTS UNTIL THE SPECIFIC PROGRAM IS
 COMPLETED. WE BELIEVE THE HISTORICAL PROJECT CAN PROCEED AT THE
 SAME TIME AS THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES.

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T. WE WILL NOW DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF OUR EXCAVATIONS AND
 OTHER FORENSIC MATTERS.

(1) DURING OUR JANUARY AND MARCH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES,
 WE HAD SUCCESSFUL EXCAVATIONS IN BOTH XEKONG AND SAVANNAKHET
 PROVINCE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUMMARIZE THOSE RESULTS FOR YOU
 TODAY.

(2) WE SURVEYED THE SITE OF CASE 1983, AN INCIDENT
 INVOLVING SEVEN UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL IN XEKONG PROVINCE, IN
 NOVEMBER 1992. DURING THIS SURVEY, WE DISCOVERED PORTIONS OF TWO
 FLIGHT SUITS AND A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION TAG FOR SGT MATEJOV.

(3) IN JANUARY 1993, WE EXCAVATED THE CRASH SITE AND
 RECOVERED IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR TWO OTHER CREWMEN, A TOOTH
 PORTION AND APPROXIMATELY 30 SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS. THE TOOTH
 PORTION HAD A RESTORATION, AND MATCHES THE DENTAL RECORDS FOR ONE
 OF THE AIRMEN LOST IN THIS INCIDENT. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT
 THE TOOTH BE SO IDENTIFIED. SINCE THE BONE FRAGMENTS ARE
 UNIDENTIFIABLE AND CANNOT BE CLEARLY CATEGORIZED AS HUMAN, THE
 OTHER SIX MEN IN THE INCIDENT PROBABLY CANNOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR AS
 THE RESULT OF THIS RECOVERY.

(4) WE COMPLETED THE FOURTH AND FINAL PHASE OF THE

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EXCAVATION OF CASE 1053 IN MARCH 1993. THIS FINAL EXCAVATION
 RESULTED IN THE RECOVERY OF FOUR BONE FRAGMENTS AND TWO RESTORED
 TEETH, IN ADDITION TO SOME PERSONAL EFFECTS AND IDENTIFICATION
 CARDS. THE REMAINS FROM ALL FOUR OPERATIONS ARE NOW UNDERGOING
 FINAL PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS. WHEN COMPLETED, WE EXPECT TO
 IDENTIFY THREE OF THESE REMAINS BY DENTITION. THE OTHER MEN IN
 THE INCIDENT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR AS GROUP REMAINS.

(5) CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CASE 1053 EFFORT, WE EXCAVATED
 THE SITE OF CASE 0955. WE RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY 136 BONE
 FRAGMENTS AND A DENTAL BRIDGE. THESE REMAINS ARE STILL
 UNDERGOING PROCESSING. WE WILL ADVISE YOU ON THIS CASE AT OUR
 NEXT MEETING.

(6) WE THEN MOVED ON TO THE ISOLATED BURIAL SITE
 ATTRIBUTED TO CASE 0018. SKELETAL AND DENTAL REMAINS OF ONE
 PERSON WERE RECOVERED. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE TEETH ARE RESTORED,
 WE HAVE THUS FAR NOT BEEN ABLE TO MATCH THEM WITH MR. DEBRUIN'S
 DENTAL RECORDS. WE WILL HAVE MORE FOR YOU ON THIS CASE AT OUR
 NEXT MEETING.

(7) DURING A SURVEY OF THE SITE ATTRIBUTED TO CASE 1341,
 WE DISCOVERED FOUR BONE FRAGMENTS. NONE OF THESE HAVE ANY

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IDENTIFICATION VALUE; IN FACT, WE DO NOT KNOW IF ALL THE
FRAGMENTS ARE HUMAN.

(8) LAST NOVEMBER, WE ADVISED YOU THAT THERE WAS NO
CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 1342
AND 1786. WE HAVE NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON THOSE REMAINS TODAY.
OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0414 BE
IDENTIFIED AS THOSE OF CAPTAIN BURNS WAS APPROVED AND THE REMAINS
WERE RETURNED TO HIS FAMILY FOR BURIAL. WE ALSO RECOMMENDED
IDENTIFYING THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1391 AS THOSE OF
CAPTAIN PEARSON. (NOTE: THE AF HAS VISITED NOK AND IS AWAITING
THEIR DECISION. IF ID IS ACCEPTED BY NOK AND BY AFIRB PRIOR TO
THE MEETING, IT WILL BE SO NOTED.)

(9) ANOTHER SUBJECT WE PRESENTED WAS OUR DESIRE TO RETURN
TO YOU THE REMAINS OF 13 MONGOLOIDS THAT ORIGINATED IN LAOS.
REFUGEES TOOK 12 OF THESE REMAINS OUT OF LAOS BELIEVING THEY
WOULD DERIVE SOME BENEFIT IF THE REMAINS WERE THOSE OF
UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. THE OTHER SET OF REMAINS IS ONE OF
THOSE YOU UNILATERALLY RECOVERED IN SARAVAN PROVINCE AND TURNED
OVER TO OUR EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY 1988. WE PASSED A LIST OF THE
REMAINS TO YOU LAST NOVEMBER FOR YOUR REVIEW, AND I HAVE ANOTHER

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COPY OF THAT LIST FOR YOU TODAY.

(10) WE PROPOSE TO RETURN THESE REMAINS TO YOU AT THE
BEGINNING OF OUR NEXT JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, AND I WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER DURING THE COURSE OF
THIS MEETING.

U. IN DECEMBER 1991, OUR OFFICE IN HANOI RECEIVED
INFORMATION FROM A FORMER PAVN SOLDIER CONCERNING TWO INCIDENTS,
BOTH INVOLVING AIRCRAFT, WHICH OCCURRED IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.
THE INFORMATION CORRELATED TO CASES 1643 AND 1644. IN MARCH
1993, OUR JOINT TEAM VISITED LA-AN SUBDISTRICT, XEPON DISTRICT,
AND LOCATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1643, BUT OBSERVED
NO REMAINS. THE TEAM COULD NOT SURVEY ANOTHER CRASH SITE BECAUSE
IT WAS LOCATED IN LA-KO SUBDISTRICT AND A VISIT THERE HAD NOT BEEN
COORDINATED BEFOREHAND. THE TEAM PROPOSED TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE
DURING THE NEXT VISIT TO XEPON DISTRICT. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS THE
INFORMATION WE RECEIVED. THE INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL IN PREPARING
FOR THE NEXT INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE.

W. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION,
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING A TEAM MEMBER, WE EXPECT THE
TEAM CHIEFS TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN VIENTIANE

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IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION. IN THE CASE OF
AN AMERICAN TEAM MEMBER, OUR OFFICE IN VIENTIANE HAS INSTRUCTIONS
TO WORK WITH YOU TO EVACUATE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM A SUITABLE
AIRFIELD CLOSE TO THE WORK SITE. WE REQUEST YOUR ASSURANCES THAT
YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL EXPEDITE APPROVAL FOR SUCH A FLIGHT.

X. SOMETIMES VISA APPROVALS FOR OUR FIELD TEAMS ARRIVE AT
THE LAST MINUTE. WE ASK THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
FORWARD THE VISA APPROVAL NOTIFICATIONS EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE LAO
EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. QUITE OFTEN, WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DELAYS IN
OBTAINING VISAS BECAUSE YOUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS NOT RECEIVED
THE VISA APPROVAL NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Y. SINCE DECEMBER 1992, WE HAVE INCLUDED ONE LAO-AMERICAN
LINGUIST ON EACH JOINT FIELD OPERATION. WE NOW ASK YOUR
GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF
LAO-AMERICAN LINGUISTS ALLOWED PER JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. THE
LAO-AMERICANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FIELD TEAMS OVER THE PAST
YEAR HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT EFFORTS. THEY
PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING FOR THE OTHER

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TEAM MEMBERS AND THE DOCTOR. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LAO-AMERICANS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL WHEN WE HAVE MULTIPLE TEAMS WORKING IN DIFFERENT AREAS AT THE SAME TIME. LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF LAO-AMERICANS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD OPERATIONS

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 WOULD BE ANOTHER DISPLAY OF INCREASED LAO COOPERATION ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE.

Z. TO ENCOURAGE LAO CITIZENS TO RELINQUISH REMAINS, WHICH MAY BE IN THEIR CUSTODY, WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING A PUBLIC MEDIA PROGRAM. WE SUGGEST PLACING ARTICLES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS DETAILING THE JOINT ACTIVITIES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN VARIOUS PUBLIC FORA, INCLUDING NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS. HERE IS A STATEMENT YOU COULD USE AS A MODEL FOR WHATEVER PUBLICATIONS OR MEDIA OUTLETS YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE.

AA. WITH REGARDS TO SEMI-ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE LAO TEAM MEMBERS, YOUR REQUEST HAS BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON WITH A FAVORABLE ENDORSEMENT FROM HEADQUARTERS USCINCPAC. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE HEALTH OF BOTH THE LAO AND U.S. TEAM MEMBERS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE WILL RELAY TO YOU WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT. WE UNDERSTAND CAPTAIN ONCHAN WILL BE TREATED IN VIENTIANE AFTER THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IN KHAMMOUAN AND SAVANNAKHET PROVINCES. WE ASK YOU INFORM COLONEL KENDALL OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

BB. WE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

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(1) DURING THE JUNE 1992 MEETING, WE ASKED YOU TO CONDUCT A UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION OF A LAO RESIDENT REPORT CONCERNING HIS OBSERVATION OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE NEAR BAN NONG DE, NGHE AN PROVINCE, IN EARLY 1983. WHEN HE ENTERED THE VILLAGE, HE SAW A PHOTOGRAPH OF A CAUCASIAN POSTED ON THE SIDE OF A BUILDING. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TOLD HIM THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS DISPLAYED EVERY YEAR DURING THE ANNUAL LUNAR YEAR CELEBRATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE INVESTIGATED THIS REPORT. HERE IS A COPY OF THE REPORT.

(2) IN AUGUST 1992, A JOINT TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1700. THE TEAM DID NOT LOCATE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE SITE. LOCAL VILLAGERS STATED THE 14TH NEO LAO HAK XAT BATTALION AND VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN STATIONED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CRASH SITE. THE U.S. TEAM LEADER REQUESTED YOU LOCATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 14TH BATTALION WHO MAY HAVE WITNESSED THE CRASH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE LOCATED ANY WITNESSES.

(3) IN JUNE 1992, WE PROVIDED YOU A REPORT OF AN ARTICLE FROM A 28 MAY 92 LAO RADIO BROADCAST WHICH RELAYED INFORMATION

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PERTAINING TO FIVE PILOTS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN 1965. THIS IS ANOTHER COPY OF THE REPORT. WE ARE INTERESTED IN IDENTIFYING THE FIVE PILOTS. WE ASK YOU TO INVESTIGATE THIS REPORT AND PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THESE FIVE PILOTS. WE ASK YOU MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW MR. BOUALAPHA THINDOI, THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE.

(4) DURING THE LAST CONSULTATIVE MEETING, WE ASKED YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED CONFISCATION OF REMAINS BY LAO OFFICIALS IN LOUANG PHABANG PROVINCE. MR. JIA HOA SAE YANG, ALSO KNOWN AS PA HOUA YA, WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED IN LOUANG PHABANG. HERE IS ANOTHER COPY OF THE REPORT. WE ASK YOU PROVIDE US THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION.

CC. AT THIS TIME, WE WISH TO PASS TO YOU GENERAL CHRISTMAS'S THANKS FOR AFFORDING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE FIELD OPERATIONS IN SAVANNAKHET AND KHAMMOUAN PROVINCES AND TO MEET WITH VICE MINISTER SOUBANH. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE COOPERATION AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE FIELD TEAMS. HE GAINED A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OUR JOINT TEAMS DO AND HOW WELL THEY WORK TOGETHER. WE HOPE OTHER SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS CAN VISIT THE FIELD SITES SO THAT THEY CAN SEE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF

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THE JOINT TEAMS. I EXTEND AN INVITATION TO MR. SOUBANH AND OTHER LAO OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE FIELD TO SEE HOW CLOSELY OUR JOINT TEAMS ARE WORKING.

DD. ~~IN CONCLUSION, I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT~~ COOPERATION ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN LAOS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE. BOTH THE LAO AND U.S. TEAM MEMBERS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER DILIGENTLY THROUGH BAD WEATHER AND DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS. WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED COOPERATION WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS YEAR THE MOST PRODUCTIVE IN POW/MIA AFFAIRS.

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