

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OUTGOING

PAGE 01
 ROUTINE -- MSS # 8777
 REFERENCE FROM DIA WASHINGTON DC//DI-7C//
 ROUTING ASSIGNED BY MSS: GENSER MESSAGE -- 1455 CHARACTERS
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 FM DIA WASHINGTON DC//DI-7C//
 TO RUMTBK/USDAO BANGKOK TH//JCRC-LNO//
 RUMJFS/AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE LA
 INFO RUMHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3//
 RUHOBPA/CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI
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FINAL SECTION OF 02

E283:
 E284:
 E285:
 RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR MOVEMENT IN VIENTIANE, REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT TO
 CONTACT MANIVONG VORASARN, WHO RESIDES ON BAN DONG STREET (NFI)
 VIENTIANE, LAOS. -3c CLAIMS TO BE HER SON, SONKOTH. HE CLAIMS
 BIRTH IN VIENTIANE IN 1956 DATE UNRECALLED. HE CLAIMS THREE
 BROTHERS NORAKOTH, VILAKOTH, CHANTHAKOTH AND THREE SISTERS
 LADDAVANH, THCK, TOJMO. ADVISES THAT VORAKOTH AND VILAKOTH
 RESIDE NOW IN FRANCE AND THAT LADDAVANH RESIDES IN CANADA WITH HER
 THAI HUSBAND KHAMPHAO. THRUST OF YOUR INQUIRY IS OBVIOUSLY WITH HER
 RELATIONSHIP OF TO VORASARN FAMILY. UPON RECEIPT, REQUEST YOU
 ADVISE YOUR ABILITY TO CONTACT MANIVONG. IF YOU FEEL PROBABILITY IS
 GOOD, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH OF 5c WE WILL
 PROCEED IMMEDIATELY THROUGH OTHER SOURCES TO VERIFY 5c CLAIMED
 FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH STATE.
 REQUEST YOU RESPOND TO DI-7C.

BT
 E286:
 ACTION DI-7C (P) DIA (P)
 INFO DR (P) DD (P) CS (P) NMIC (I) DB-2C (P)
 #4461
 NNNN
 E287:

OUDOMSAI CLUSTER ANALYSIS

FIRST-HAND HEARSAY

5 24

TOTAL: 29 SIGHTINGS

BREAKDOWN BY LOCATION

MUONG KHOUA	3	0
MUONG SAI	1	7
MUONG NGOY	0	3
PHONG SALI	1	14
TOTALS	5	24

MUANGSAI(LOUDOMSAI) SIGHTINGS

FIRST-HAND

9081 1 PW AT HOUAY LENG 1978 FABRICATION
 13347 3 PILOTS IN LOUDOMSAI 1971 UNDER ANALYSIS
 5169 8 PWS AT MUONG KHOUA 1977 NON-US
 995 5-6 PWS AT MUONG KHOUA 1978 NON-US
 13867 4 PWS IN CAVE IN LOUDOMSAI 1989 UNDER ANALYSIS

HEARSAY REPORTS

LOUDOMSAI

3693 2 US IN CAVE 1983
 6356 21 PWS IN LOUDOMSAI 1986
 CIA 3 PILOTS FROM LOUDOMSAI TAKEN TO PAK BENG TO FIX
 ENGINES 1986
 CIA 4 PILOTS IN LOUDOMSAI 1987
 10435 20 PWS IN LOUDOMSAI 1989
 3 UNDATED

MOUNG NGOY

5345 CIA 3 PWS 1986
 5343 CIA 16 PWS 1986
 5993 CIA 7 PWS AT NAM BAC 1986

CIA OPERATION TO CHECK INDICATED THE AREA ENCOUNTERED

- A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS
- UNUSUAL SECURITY
- FOLLOW-UP INDICATED 16 PWS PRESENT AS OF 15 DEC 1986

IN LOUANGNAMTHA. THAT RELATIVE IS A PATHET LAO STATIONED WITH A MILITARY UNIT IN LOUANGNAMTHA. BUT IN MID 1986, HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MUANG UDOMXAI CITY AS A PRISON GUARD. *SS* RELATIVE TOLD HIM: AT THE MUANG UDOMXAI SEMINAR PRISON, HE SAW THAT THERE ARE STILL 21 AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO ARE HELD SEPARATELY. THEY ARE FORCED TO WORK FROM MORNING UNTIL EVENING AS ELECTRICIANS AND REPAIR OLD MACHINES OF EVERY TYPE. THEY ARE VERY WEAK BECAUSE THEY WORK HARD AND DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FOOD.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE MILITARY MEN AND AMERICANS ARE PROBABLY STILL AT THE SEMINAR PRISON AT MUANG UDOMXAI. THE OPL IS REPORTING THIS MATTER SO THAT ALL PARTIES CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS. IF THE UNITED STATES FEELS IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO DO ANYTHING QUICKER THAN THIS, PLEASE COME TO MEET WITH ME. BUT YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FIRST.

END TRANSLATION

3. COMMENT: IN REF A, SOURCE PROVIDED A TIP TO US CONCERNING POW/MIA INFORMATION REPORTED TO HIM BY *NAME*. SOURCE ALSO COOPERATED IN ARRANGING AN INTERVIEW WITH *NAME*, SOURCE OF REF B.

4. WE WILL CONTACT SOURCE TO TRY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO. A COPY OF SOURCE'S LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQ JCRC AND DIA/VO-PW.

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FM JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH

TO RUHQBPA/CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI

INFO RUHQHQA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J36//

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RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC//OASD-ISA/PW-MIA//

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RUEADWW/WHITEHOUSE WASHDC//NSC/MR CHILDRESS//

RUMJFS/AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

BT

EZ1:

LIAISON BANGKOK 27889

3412 JUN 87

CITE:

EZ2:

SUBJECT: JCRC RPT T87-163A, LAO RESISTANCE OFFER TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN POWS

REF:

A. JCRC-BKK 290246 APR 87 (T87-163)

B. JCRC-BKK 220219Z APR 86 (T86-142)

C. JCRC-LNB LTR RPT, DTD 2 SEP 86 (T86-381)

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(NOTAL)

1.

REF A REPORTED A LETTER FROM

SC

SD

SD

IN

WHICH HE REPORTED RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM ONE OF HIS AGENTS ABOUT 21 AMERICANS BEING HELD IN A PRISON IN UDOMXAI CITY, LAOS.

2. ON 28 MAY 87, *SC* IN THE COMPANY OF *NAME* AND *NAME*

SOURCE OF REFS B AND C) VISITED JCRC-LNB TO DISCUSS THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICAN PRISONERS MENTIONED IN HIS LETTER. *SC* STATED THAT HE WISHED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INFORMATION OBTAINED TO DETERMINE IF THE CLAIM OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS IS TRUE. HE STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ORGANIZE A TEAM TO GO TO UDOMXAI, BUT REQUIRED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE US GOVERNMENT TO DO SO. *SC* STATED THAT HE WOULD NEED VARIOUS MATERIALS, CITING THE LONG DISTANCE

TO BE TRAVERSED, TWO OR THREE SETS OF DETAILED MAPS OF THE AREA, AND RADIOS TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS.

3. WE EXPLAINED TO SC WHY IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR JCRC OR ANY OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT REQUESTED, ADVISED HIM THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MAY RECEIVE CONCERNING MISSING AMERICANS WOULD BE WELCOME. SC STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR EXPLANATION OF THE NECESSARY SEPARATION OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE FATE OF MISSING AMERICANS AND OTHER POLITICAL/MILITARY MATTERS. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY POW/MIA INFORMATION HE MAY RECEIVE.

4. COMMENT: SC SPOKE IN HMONG, WITH NAME TRANSLATING TO LAO. AFTER THE DISCUSSION WITH SC, NAME STATED THAT A RELATIVE, SS, WHO LIVES IN SD

HAS INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN PRISONERS IN LAOS. NAME SAID SS SAW THREE AMERICANS IN A CAVE IN UDOMXAI PROVINCE LAOS IN 1986. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT OFFERED TO TRAVEL WITH JCRC REP TO TALK WITH HIS RELATIVE. WE SUGGESTED THAT HE FIRST CONTACT SS TO OBTAIN HIS EXACT ADDRESS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HE AGREED TO DO SO AFTER WHICH HE WOULD RECONTACT JCRC.

BT
#7889
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5/22/87

NAME 3:

AKA 16:

BOAT NUMBER 34:

ENTRY LOCATED 23:

ENTRY REPORTED 10:

TYPE SIGHTING 46:

LST SIGHTING 42:

SUBSOURCES 27:

ACTIONS 51:

CURRENT ACT 45:

REMARKS 36:

DATE RECEIVED 8:

ACT DATE 38:

ORIGIN CODE 17:

POLYGRAPH CATEGORY 53:

POLYGRAPH RESULTS 24:

TH STATE/CITY 15:

LA

POW-HSY

SS

SS

SEMINAR PRISON

870429 JCRCL T87-163 MSG

870429 JCRCL DTG 290246Z

FOLREQ 21 PW'S-MUANG UDOMXAI

DATE OF INFO: 35-8608

ADDRESS 25:

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RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC//VO-PW//
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EZ1:
//NO3460//

EZ2:
SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT T87-163
NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS
A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 290246Z APR 87
ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY *sc*, SOURCE OF
1. REVEALS NO CORRELATION TO DATA IN JCRC FILES.
2. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION AND NOT A FINAL
EVALUATION. EVAL - A/

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY - ADJUTANT GENERAL

NAME 3	ID # 2
AKR 16	CONFIDENTIALITY 37
BOAT NUMBER 40	CONTACTED 32
CNTRY LOCATED 23	TH STATE/CITY 15
CNTRY REPORTED 10	LA STATE/CITY 15
TYPE SIGHTING 46	POM-HSY
1ST SIGHTING 42	11 12
SUBSOURCES 27	99
ACTIONS 51	SEMINAR PRISON 870429 JCRC L 197-163 NSG 870429 JCRC L DTG 290246Z
CURRENT ACT 45	CAPTIVITY 39
REMARKS 36	FOLREQ 21 PW'S-MUANG UDOMXAI, ANALYST 13
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ACT DATE 38	ADDRESS 25
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POLYGRAPH CATEGORY 53	
POLYGRAPH RESULTS 24	

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY - AGENT REPORT

SUBJECT (S) PHOMMACHAN, SOMDY, Civ SD		DATE 16 March 1988
REPORT OF FINDINGS: The following relevant questions were asked during the second polygraph examination with SUBJECT's responses as indicated:		FILE NUMBER (S)
<p>D. Did you conspire with Lao Resistance to provide false information about U.S. PWs to any Americans? Ans: No</p> <p>E. Are you now cooperating with the Lao communists about U.S. PW information? Ans: No</p> <p>F. Were you directed or suggested by anyone to provide false information about U.S. PWs to Americans? Ans: No</p>		
<p>A review of the polygrams collected during the second examination disclosed that SUBJECT's responses to relevant question F indicated deception. There was insufficient physiological criteria at relevant questions D and E, and they were deemed inconclusive.</p> <p>Following the second polygraph examination, SUBJECT was informed of the deceptive results of HIS polygraph examination concerning the story of NAMES. SUBJECT admitted that HE did not see any of the incidents previously reported concerning NAMES. The story was told to HIM by a prisoner HE had met while in Houay Leng prison. The former prisoner, SS, related the story to SUBJECT in March 1984 in Vientiane, Laos. SUBJECT related HE had been disembarking from a bus in Vientiane when HE saw SS and his unidentified friend. They went to a restaurant where they were joined by a fourth individual who claimed to be from Thailand seeking information about American PWs. During this meeting, SS related the story concerning NAMES at Houay Leng prison. SUBJECT and some of HIS family later escaped from Laos and while in a Thai refugee camp saw SS. Having forgotten the names of N, N, HE approached SS and was again provided the names Nelson and N as the individuals described by SS as having been in Houay Leng prison. SUBJECT stated that HE had not personally seen NAMES, but had no reason to think SS was being untruthful.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the interview, SUBJECT apologized for lying on the polygraph examination. HE volunteered to return the following day and for as long as necessary to facilitate verification of HIS most recent story as being truthful.</p> <p>On 15 Mar 88, VO-PW personnel attempted to contact SUBJECT to drive HIM to the polygraph location. SUBJECT could not be located. A person in contact with SUBJECT stated HE had recanted the above confession story and would not cooperate any further with the investigation of this matter.</p>		
AN		SIGNATURE

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340

DIA EVALUATION OF INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY LAO REFUGEE
Source (5169)

SUMMARY: A Lao refugee has reported seeing seven Caucasians and one Black in Phongsaly Province in March 1977.

DETAILS: Lao refugee Source, now living in [redacted], has reported seeing seven Caucasians and one Black board a boat at Muang Khoua, Phongsaly Province, and travel down the Nam Ou River. The individuals arrived at the river in a truck, escorted by four LPDR policemen; none of the individuals were restrained in any manner. Source stated that at the time of the sighting he was on a work detail from the Houay Leng Seminar camp, and that the LPDR police guard of his detail told him that the individuals were American PWs who had been held in Muang Oudomsai, to the west of Muang Khoua.

ANALYSIS: There is no evidence that Source observed American PWs. There are two possibilities as to whom Source observed in Phongsaly Province in 1977. For example, at that time there were seven Chinese prisoners and one Malaysian detained in the Houay Leng seminar camp, of which Source was an inmate; and a 10-man Soviet advisory team assigned to the Phongsaly province headquarters at Muang Khoua. Several seminar detainees from the Houay Leng camp indicated during interviews in Thailand that the Chinese prisoners had been moved to southern Laos for detention, while the Malaysian had been moved by boat from the camp to a point south on the river, and beaten to death by the guards.

The Soviets at Muang Khoua reportedly arrived routinely by helicopter in four-man teams, and the team at Muang Khoua consisted of as many as 10 Soviets; the teams travelled by Molotov truck from Muang Khoua, escorted by armed Lao personnel. The Soviet teams travelled from Muang Khoua to various locations in northern Laos to assist provincial authorities, and were known to have worked throughout the area from 1976 through 1983.

EVALUATION: It is doubtful that the individuals Source observed were the Chinese and the Malaysian prisoners from Houay Leng camp since he was also an inmate there and could be expected to recognize them as such. It is highly probable that the Caucasians and Black observed were actually the Soviets moving from Muang Khoua on another mission in the area. Had the Caucasians been prisoners as Source was told, restraints should have been evident. The fact that the Caucasians were not restrained and that they appeared more to be under escort rather than under guard, is good indication that the individuals sighted were moving about freely within the province, and that they were not American PWs. Source stated that he had heard that the prisoners had been moved from Oudomsai; this statement can be questioned since the Lao resistance has long had access to Oudomsai and American prisoners would not have been held in any area accessible to the Lao resistance.

DATE OF EVALUATION: May 1989

PW-MIA CATEGORY: Nationality not determined, not U.S.

PROJECT ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

DATE: 8 May 1986

DUE DATE: 30 May 1986

TITLE: REQUEST FOR METHOD OF MUANG KHOUA, LAOS

PROBLEM: To obtain METHOD of Muang Khoua area, Laos, for the purpose of METHOD

Special Instructions:

1. Lao refugee ^{Source} has reported seeing eight Americans whom he was told were U.S. PWs. The sighting occurred in March 1977 in the area of the Houay Leng Seminar Camp, Phongsali Province, Laos. This is the same general area in which Lao refugee ^{Subsource} says he saw six American PWs in 1978.

2. Request ^{Method} of the area along the Houay Leng River TJ 4143 (2111N/10230E) in an effort to locate the Houay Leng seminar camp. No sketch map of the camp is available as of this date.

3. If the Houay Leng seminar camp is located, request ^{Method} for VO-PW files. Based upon the layout/description of Houay Leng VO-PW anticipates returning to ^{Source} and ^{Subsource} for further information.

PAI #: -0511

Originator: VO-PW, ANALYST

Signature: NAME

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EZ1: SECTION 01 OF 02

EZ2:

C-0157/VO-PW

SERIAL: 6-014-0013-88

PASS: NONE

COUNTRY: LAOS (LA) VIETNAM (VM)

SUBJECT: IIR 6-014-0013-88/SOVIET TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN NORTHERN LAOS

WARNING: THIS IS AN INFO REPORT NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.

DOI: 880208 (RO)

REQS: J-VOP-43468

SOURCE: A LAO SD WHOSE REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

SUMMARY: SOVIET TECHNICAL ADVISORS TRAVELED BY TRUCK AND MI-8 HELICOPTER THROUGHOUT NORTHERN LAOS DURING 1976-84.

TEXT:

1. IN MID 1979 SOURCE WAS RELEASED FROM THE OU TAI PRISON ((2207N-10148E)) LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 25 KM WEST OF PHONG SALLY CITY, PHONG SALLY PROVINCE. WHILE AT THE OU TAI PRISON SOURCE SERVED AS THE HERBAL DOCTOR FOR PRISON INMATES THERE. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON HE WAS RECRUITED BY VIETNAMESE FIELD DOCTORS ASSIGNED TO AN EIGHT MAN MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM PROVIDING GENERAL HEALTH CARE TO CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF PHONG SALLY PROVINCE. LATER IN 1979 THE EIGHT MAN VIETNAMESE MEDICAL TEAM, THEN BASED AT PHONG SALLY CITY, RELOCATED TO THE NEW PROVINCIAL SEAT FOR PHONG SALLY PROVINCE ESTABLISHED AT MUONG KHOUA TOWN ((2105N-10231E)), PHONG SALLY PROVINCE. MUONG KHOUA WAS AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR THE NEW PROVINCIAL SEAT BECAUSE IT WAS LOCATED SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CHINESE BORDER AND WAS CLOSE TO LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO NORTHERN

VIETNAM.

2. WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED AT MUONG KHOUA THE VIETNAMESE MEDICAL TEAM ESTABLISHED THEIR OFFICES IN THE PHONG SALLY PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL LOCATED NEAR A HELIPAD AT MUONG KHOUA. SOURCE WAS NOT AWARE WHEN THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL WAS BUILT BUT IT HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO SOURCE'S ARRIVAL THERE. IN 1980 SOURCE ACCOMPANIED THE VIETNAMESE MEDICAL TEAM WHEN IT MOVED TO MUONG MAI SEMINAR CAMP ((2110N-10243E)) WHERE IT PROVIDED MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1000 SEMINAR INMATES, PRIMARILY FORMER ROYAL LAO ARMY MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO MILITARY REGION I. SOURCE RETURNED TO MUONG KHOUA ROUTINELY TO PICK UP MEDICINE FROM THE MUONG KHOUA HOSPITAL WHICH SUPPLIED MEDICINE TO SEMINAR CAMPS SUCH AS MUONG MAI. SOURCE REMAINED IN THIS AREA UNTIL LATE 1983 WHEN THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM PHONG SALLY PROVINCE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPORT TO FORMER LAO ARMY OFFICER INMATES AT THE DAK CHUNG SEMINAR CAMP, SARAVAN PROVINCE. THE TEAM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM LAOS IN MARCH 1984 FOR ASSIGNMENT IN CAMBODIA. SOURCE SUBSEQUENTLY FLED LAOS TO THAILAND IN DEC 84 WHILE AT VIENTIANE CITY PICKING UP MEDICINE TO TAKE BACK TO PAKSE FOR ISSUE TO THE DAK CHUNG SEMINAR CAMP.

3. STARTING IN 1976 A MILITARY COLORED MI-8 BEGAN FLYING IN TO THE AIRPORT AT OU TAI. FOUR CAUCASIAN MALE SOVIETS NORMALLY CAME ON EACH FLIGHT, STAYING AT OU TAI FOR PERIODS FROM ONE DAY TO ONE WEEK. AIRCRAFT PILOTS WERE VIETNAMESE. PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS UNKNOWN.

4.) WHEN SOURCE FIRST ARRIVED AT MUONG KHOUA IN MID 1979 HE FOUND A TEN MAN SOVIET TEAM OPERATING AT THE PHONG SALLY PROVINCIAL HQ AT MUONG KHOUA. HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS, ALL CAUCASIAN MALES WEARING NONDESCRIPT CIVILIAN CLOTHING AS SOVIETS BASED ON INFORMATION FROM OTHER LAO AND VIETNAMESE MEDICAL PERSONNEL WITH WHOM SOURCE WAS WORKING AT THE TIME. THE SOVIET PERSONNEL WERE REPORTEDLY AN "ADVISORY TEAM" AND PROVIDED TECHNICAL ADVICE ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS TO LAO PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO HEARSAY FROM MEDICAL PERSONNEL WITH WHOM SOURCE WORKED, THE SOVIETS HAD FIRST ARRIVED AT MUONG KHOUA CIRCA 1977 AND DURING 1977-78 A FOUR MAN SOVIET TEAM ROUTINELY FLEW BY MI-8 HELICOPTER WITH VIETNAMESE PILOTS TO MUONG KHOUA, THE SOVIET TECHNICIANS TRAVELED FROM THEIR BASE AT MUONG KHOUA TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN LAOS TO INCLUDE LUANG PRABANG CITY, VIENTIANE CITY, OUDOMSAI PROVINCE, AND THE NAM PAK HOSPITAL APPROXIMATELY 10 KM SOUTHEAST OF MUONG KHOUA ON HIGHWAY 19 ALONG THE ROAD LEADING TO DIEN BIEN PHU IN NORTHWESTERN NORTH VIETNAM.

5. SOURCE RECALLED OBSERVING THE TEN MAN SOVIET ADVISORY TEAM AT MUONG KHOUA EACH TIME HE VISITED THERE DURING 1979-83. THE SOVIETS APPEARED TO HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND WERE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET GUARDS WHILE AT MUONG KHOUA. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SOURCE OBSERVED THE SOVIETS ARRIVE AT OR DEPART FROM MUONG KHOUA. THEY ARRIVED AND DEPARTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY SOVIET MI-8 HELICOPTER. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SOURCE OBSERVED THE SOVIETS ARRIVE OR DEPART MUONG KHOUA BY MOLOTOV TRUCK AND REPORTEDLY TRAVEL TO OU TAI NEAR PHONG SALLY CITY. WHEN TRAVELING

BY TRUCK THE SOVIETS HAD PATHET LAO ARMED ESCORTS ACCOMPANYING THE TRUCK, AND THE GUARDS ROAD IN A "KOMARKA" TYPE VEHICLE ((VO-PW COMMENT: PROBABLY GAZ-69)). SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO SPECULATE IF THESE CAUCASIANS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SEEN AND CONFUSED WITH BEING U.S. PWS.

6. WHILE AT MUONG KHOUA SOURCE VISITED THE SEMINAR CAMP FOR FORMER LAO OFFICERS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 5 KM SOUTHWEST OF MUONG KHOUA AND DESIGNATED THE MUONG KHOUA SEMINAR CAMP, ALSO CALLED THE SOP KAI SEMINAR CAMP. HE WAS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF HOUAY LENG PRISON 12 KM NORTH OF MUONG KHOUA ((2111N-10230E)) BUT NEVER VISITED THIS CAMP BECAUSE IT WAS A PRISON FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AND NOT A SEMINAR CAMP FOR FORMER LAO GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL. AT NO TIME DID ANY OF THE SOVIETS EVER VISIT MUONG KHOUA (AKA THONGNANOI AKA SOP CAI) ((2104N-10229E)) OR THE HOUAY LENG DETENTION CAMPS. SOURCE RESIDED IN AND TRAVELED THROUGH THIS AREA ENOUGH WITH NORTHERN VIETNAMESE MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO HAVE KNOWN IF ANY SOVIETS HAD EVER VISITED ANY OF THESE CAMPS.

VO-PW COMMENT: SOURCE IS: *Subsource*, A SOURCE OF ASSORTED PW/MIA REPORTINGS OFFERED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THAILAND DURING 1984-87. IN 1987 HE WAS RESETTLED IN 50 AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY DIA/VO-PW ON DATA

HE HAS ADMITTED HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS HE OFFERED U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WERE ACTUALLY ONLY HEARSAY FROM INDIVIDUALS HE REALLY DIDN'T BELIEVE.

METHOD
 //IPSP: PG 2430//
 //COMSOBJ: 13//
 PROJ: N/A
 BT
 #3559
 #NNN
 #NDD

5/7/86

DPOE SOURCE DATA

Education - 3rd grade

Joint RLA in 1951 after attending commando training at Vientiane for 6 months moved Luangprabang in 1952, assigned Battalion volunteer (BU) 11th with CO HIC, then moved to Fongsalai in 1955 until 1977.

SOURCE DATA

- Escaped from prison camp HOUAY LENG (21°11'N - 102°30'E) on 10-9-77 following Nam Ou and crossed Mekong river to XIENG MENE
- arrived THAILAND on 11-10-77 and worked with LAO resistance at THALI province of LOEI Thailand.

Source was a former M Sgt of RLA, after KONGLE's coup d'état in 1960, he stayed with NAME at PHONGSALI who was the commander of neutralist forces northern LAOS until 1974. Source had got promotion successively with a rank of Major of the neutralist forces, he had been training for political and military at the people's republic of China for one year.

He was a commander of neutralist forces combined with LPDR Army to launch an attack to RLA at LUANGNAMTHA in 1962 including 7000 NVA.

He was arrested on February 1976 at PHONGSALI and sent to prison camp at HOUAY LENG (21°11'N - 102°30'E) approx 12 km north of MUANGKHOUA and 4.5 km east of NAM OU river, he had stayed for one year and seven months, the prison of HOUAY LENG had been established in 1974.

ON the month of March 1977 during the work details at Muang Khoua cutting the bamboos with his inmates, source had seen 7 Caucasian and one light black riding a 10 wheel truck covered by canvas, arrived at Muang Khoua ferry port at moon time with LPDR police escorted, unloaded them from truck and embarking them into a motor boat then went down to the south along NAM OU river.

The police LPDR guard of ^{his} inmates, named NAME, who was also his wife's nephew, had told the source that were Americans POW, they had moved from MUANG OUDOMKAI's prison, because over there, had so many activities of resistance, and these Americans POW will fly from Luangprabang's airport to MUANG ANKHAM for their safety.

- Distance observed 10 meters and lasted about 5 minutes.
- There were no chain, no handcuff on the Americans POW, they had worn like the seminar uniform with navy blue in color and wearing the Chinese shoes, some of them had worn LPDR cap, they had brown hairs and some of them had mustaches, could not pay any attention to see their ring, wristwatch etc.
- Source said that NAME also had been American POW at MUANG OUDOMKAI, at the present time NAME lived in DETA, N was half Chinese and half LAO.
- Source had joined LAO resistance when he had arrived Thailand in 1977 and he became a Lao resistance leader at MUANGKENTHAO, MUANGPAKLAV and MUANGBOTEN (three districts). THAI authority has alleged source said that he has associated with THAI Communist in LAOS and they has confiscated all 400 weapons from his soldiers in the LAO resistance camps THALI province of LOEI and also they he planned to n. for this reason he was frustrated.

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with Thai authority and he fled to register into lao refugee camp then interview to come to USA.

The information of americans POW ^{source} has given to ^{NAME} because he has worked and support Lao resistance at THALI province of LOEI, he has also gone inside LAO.

Remarks, in 1977, there was no bridge at Huang Khous, the only ferry in which they had used to cross the NAMOU river.

- Source said, he does not like to come to Washington

METHOD

- source said, at the present time, he lived on welfare the reason, he moved from Chicago to because he has got more money from welfare in \$805. a month but in Chicago only \$578. a month. He is very cooperative first interview, the next day after he discuss with his friend, it seems to ^{METHOD} for the second interview.

Interview on May 6 and 7 - 1986.

ANALYST

Source

^{SOURCE} had trained in PRC at MUANGLA twice.

- Training 1st time for 3 months at MUANGLA in 1961 to 1962 with 1500 men from PHONGSALI.

- Training 2nd time for 6 months at MUANGLA in 1964 to 1965 with 100 men, mostly studying military and political of communist's regime by blaming the capitalist.

- There were 3 inmates escaping from the prison camp HOUAY LENG with source in 1977 -

NAMES

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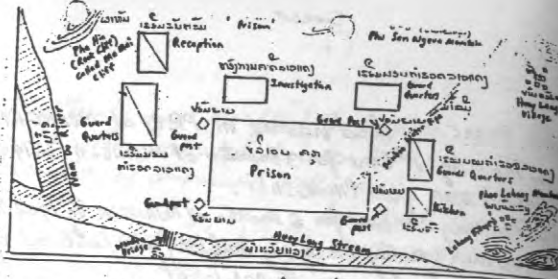
- source hearsay from ethnic Chinese N said that there were 8 americans POW in MUANGOUOMXAI, before lived in SD but now he has moved to somewhere else could not find him last weekend.

^{source} said; there were 30 inmates who had been education with him while on work details at MUANGKHOUA, but most of them were montagnards from PHONGSALI's area, after they had been released, they went back to their own village to stay with their families.

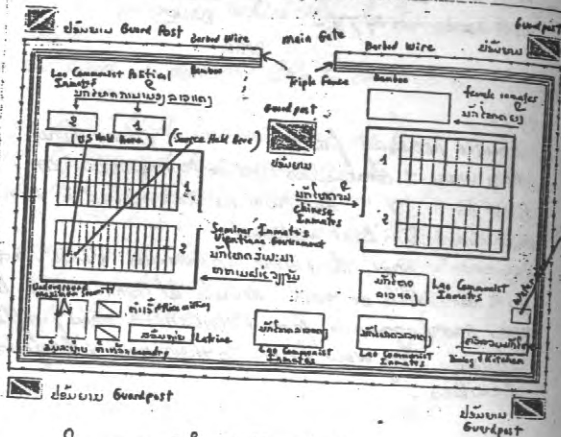
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 Sketch of Houay Leng Prison Area

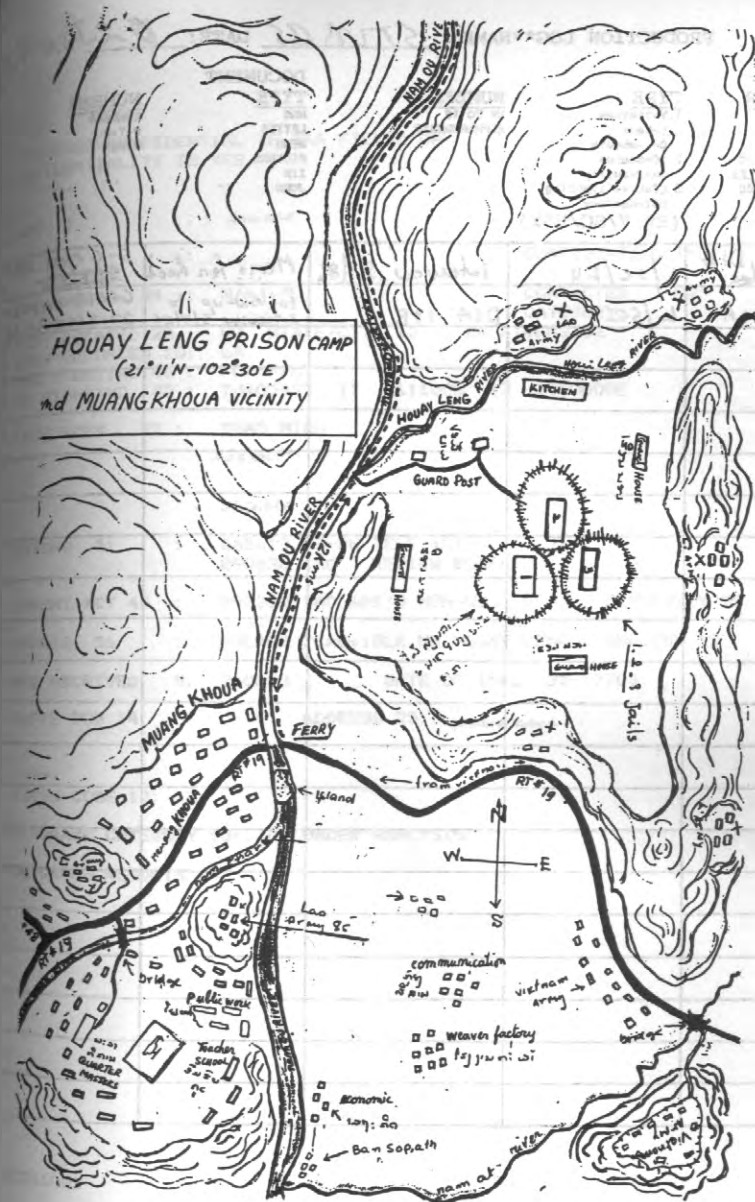


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HOUAY LENG PRISON CAMP
 (21° 11' N - 102° 30' E)
 and MUANG KHOUA VICINITY

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SUBSOURCE

- a former USAID employee then joint SGU as a medic 1st. He was born at ^{or uncle} province, 38 YO A
- his father's name ^{or uncle}
- his former wife was a THAI, his new wife is remarried at ATTOPEU.
- 1- the names of the inmates at HOUAY LENG prison.
- ① Lt THIT PHAN PHOUANG KEO ② Lt SAI (FAC 01) ^{backseat} ③ Lt THAO
 ISA ^{FAK} SAI INSI SIENG MAI (helicopter pilot) ④ Lt THIT SIPHAN KEOMOUNPHAN
 ⑤ HOUMPHENG PHIMMASAN former congressman of LUANG PRABANG ⑥ Lt TIAO
 LECK ⑦ Lt SOMPHAN ⑧ Lt CHANTHA ⑨ Lt THAO SONE ⑩ Lt KEOMANY
 ⑪ Sgt THAO LA ⑫ Sgt CHAMPA (NOI) ⑬ Sgt THAO PHAN (NOI) ⑭ Sgt
 THAO THAO SAI (NOI) ⑮ Sgt THIT PAN ⑯ Sgt THAO CHANH
 ⑰ Sgt SAMLY ⑱ Sgt SINGKHAM ⑲ LPDR THAO NHOT (FONGSALI)
 ⑳ Lt THONGDY SISAMONE ㉑ M/Sgt THIT HEUAN ~~is~~ executed
 by guard at HOUAY LENG ㉒ MRS PHONE also executed by guard.
 ㉓ Sgt THAO PHAY ㉔ SOMDY PHOMMACHANH ㉕ Police M/Sgt
 SIPHAN RATTANA ㉖ Sgt KHAMSENE executed by guard.
 ㉗ Lt THONGNHAN (55th BP) airborn -
 - LPDR cadres at HOUAY LENG prison -
- ① THAO KHOUN cadre leader ② wife cadre leader NANGSENG
 a chief nurse at the prison and SOMDY's boss.
 ③ THAO NHE cadre's deputy ④ HAO (food processing leader)
 ⑤ SENG a (guard) ⑥ THONG a (guard) ⑦ AI MUANG (guard)
 ⑧ MRS NANG TIU nurse.
- 2- ^{SUBSOURCE} 1, Lt KEOMANY, Lt THONGDY SISAMONE
 three of them were arrested the same time and sent to
 HOUAY LENG prison together the same date and allegedly
 blaming to escape from the reeducation camp.
- 3- ^{SUBSOURCE} had known SOMDY at HOUAY LENG prison
 after SOMDY was released from HOUAY LENG in 1978, ^{SUBSOURCE}
 was still in HOUAY LENG until March 1979 then 36 inmates

including ~~names~~ were sent to MANO jail at Luangphabang stayed there for 3 months then moved to ATTOPEU at the same year in 1979.

- 4- In 1976 to 1979 at HOUAY LENG prison, ~~source's~~ job was woven rice box container, rice stream basket, etc.
- 5- In 07-07-1979 ~~source~~ and his 35 inmates were moved to ATTOPEU. at the suburb of ATTOPEU ~~source~~ was assigned as a chief medic at BANKONGHANG hospital, also THAO MARK and THAO BOUNTHAN; at the same a herbal medicine chief was THIT PHAN PHOUAN G RED, and his subordinate were, LOUANG SAI, NOUCHANH, LAO TOVA (HMONG tribe).
- 6- description of seminar camp at ATTOPEU. there were 12 long houses, no fences or barbed wire, 3 kitchens, 1 garage, 1 small warehouse for medicine, and one warehouse.

ANALYST

4-3-58

SUMMARY: SC was a former master sergeant of Royal LAO ARMY with Battalion volunteer 18 stationed at MUANG HOUAY SAI in the military region I, he has been in the HOUAY LENG prison camp in 1976 to the end of 1979, he has been the same building with NAME separated 3 rooms from each other.

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SOURCE

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- B. In September 1975 after communist takeover Laos, source was sent to PAKBENG from Houay Sai by boat, then moved to MUANG MAI NAM NGA seminar camp (21°10'N-102°47'E) by trucks, there were over 800 inmates MCO from BV 18, BV 15 and LUANG PRABANG garrison when source arrived at MUANG MAI seminar camp.
- C. In the seminar camp of MUANG MAI NAM NGA for 8 months, 4 inmates had protested against LPDR cadres, about the condition of camp and not enough food etc. - then source was arrested with his 2 inmates named KHAMLIA (a former sergeant S2) and OUNHEUAN (a former radio operation corporal).
- In May 1976 SC KHAMLIA and OUNHEUAN were taken to the HOUAY LENG prison camp, which located about 10 Kms north of MUANG KHOUA Town ship. When source arrived Houay ^{LENG} prison, source has seen SOMDY PHOMMACHANH was already there with seven kilos chained in his legs, the LPDR cadres have chained on the legs of ONE KHAMLIA, OUNHEUAN also and they (LPDR) had put source at the same building with SOMDY PHOMMACHANH and HOUMPHAI PHIMMASANE.
- D. After 4 months in the HOUAY LENG prison, source was put

on trial by LPDR cadres and he SC was not guilty then he SC was unchained from his legs after that source had opportunity to work in the prison camp with LPDR escort and also joint company for fishing along the NAMOU river, during that time SOMDY PHON MACHANH was still in chained.

E = Source had been in HOUAY LENG prison with SOMDY for 2 years, then he (SOMDY) was released from HOUAY LENG prison in 1978 and working for LPDR provincial corps at BANHOUAY SOI the opposite to the HOUAY LENG prison on the west bank of NAMOU river, source and inmates had built the house for SOMDY and also the hospital; the LPDR cadres believed and trusted SOMDY as much as they trusted their own cadres, because SOMDY had always carrying favor to the LPDR cadres, SOMDY had wife and children stayed with in the hospital.

F = During the period of 4 years in the prison camp HOUAY LENG from 1976 to the end of 1979 source neither heard nor saw any American POW or Caucasian in the HOUAY LENG prison or in the FONGSALI province.

Source had seen only one foreigner POW, named LEW-SEE YEN (Lao name THAO YAO) from MALAYSIA, he was a burmese man who was arrested in LUANGNAMTHA city in 1977 and later on he was disappeared also in 1977, guessing he was executed by LPDR cadres, LEW SEE YEN spoke Chinese. Source also hear say that the Chinese soldiers were arrested from LUANGNAMTHA then sent them down to ATTOPEU.

Source was released in 1979 from prison HOUAY LENG then moved to OUDOMSAI, PAKTHA, HOUAY SAO then fled to THAILAND in February 1980.

Source said, after two months in HOUAY LENG prison he saw a new inmates coming in such as N

- G =
- NAME
- the names of the inmates at HOUAY LENG prison
- Officers = THIT PHANH, SIPHAN, SAI (FAO back seat) SAI (helicopter pilot) PHAN (capt artillery)
 - NCO = XIENGLA, XIENG THONGSY, THAO KHAM, CHANNOI, CHAMPA (NHAY), PHAN (NOI), MAY, KEOMANY. The names of the LPDR cadres at HOUAY LENG.
 - THAO KHOUN leader of the guards
 - THAO MAO
 - KHAM SAY
 - THAO SAY
 - NANG TIOU nurse, wife of THAO KHOUN
 - The names of the neutralist inmates from FONGSALI KHAN...
 - THIT KEO
 - THAO SY
 - BOUDDHA
 - THAO AI

ANALYST

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SOURCE

DATA

- 2- On May 12 1978 source was in HOUAY LENG prison, saw SOMDY PHOMMACHANH was released from prison of HOUAY LENG and worked at the hospital of BAN HOUAY SOY in front of HOUAY LENG west side of NAMOU river, heard rumor from LPDR cadres and prisoner inmates saying that SOMDY PHOMMACHANH was a progressive ideal to adapt with a new regime, so that SOMDY was relegated to work with local villagers at the hospital, at the same time SOMDY was born in MUANG KHOUA district, FONGSALI province; SOMDY was trusted by the LPDR cadres and from time to time SOMDY had come back to HOUAY LENG to distribute the medicines for the prisoner inmates.
- 3- There were 9 foreign prisoners in the prison of Houay LENG one MALAYSIAN name (THAO YAO), light dark skin, curly hair, spoke LAO, english and chinese and eight chinese prisoners who were captured from LUANG NAMTHA province, the LPDR cadre had killed one chinese prisoner inside the prison during day time →

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accusing him breaking chain to escape, the LPDR cadres using clubs and woods to knock on his head until he died.
 In 1978 a MALAYSIAN prisoner (THAO YAO) was taken from HOUAY LENG prison by LPDR police provincial, tied his arms by telephone wire, leading to the NAMOU river bank and killed him at that location at the same time with one LAO prisoner name NAME.
 4- During the period detention at HOUAY LENG prison source neither heard nor saw any AMERICAN POW.
 The seven chinese prisoners were also sent to ATTOPEU at the time with source.

sept 23, 1988.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF COLLECTION MANAGEMENT
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 Principal Advisor for the Director of War
 Missing in Action Affairs
 (Interagency Coordination)
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 Director, Office of Security Affairs
 Reported (Number of American Prisoners in Laos)

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SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

TEXT: In a private conversation with friends and relatives in mid-April 1986, [redacted] stated that in mid March had seen seven People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) guards controlling three caucasians eight kilometers east of Muang Ngoy (TH 5891) along the main road. [redacted] said at first she thought they were Soviet advisors but then noticed that two of the three prisoners were wearing leg irons. Local residents later told her the men were American prisoners captured prior to 1972. The men were about 150 meters from the road. At the time [redacted] as traveling from Son La, Vietnam.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
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 Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War
 Missing in Action Affairs
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 Department of Defense
 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
 Department of State
 Office of the Assistant to the President for
 National Security Affairs
 National Security Council
 Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

1. The attached report is from a source.

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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT:

who claimed
 to have visited the site, as of April 1986, there was a detention
 camp containing 12 male and four female American prisoners located
 at Ban Don Lee (near TH 5085), Ngoy District, Luang Prabang
 Province, Laos. said the prisoners were being
 held in a cave that was used by the Pathet Lao and Vietnamese
 during the Indochina War years. Eight Vietnamese and 14 Lao ran
 the detention camp. There were three trucks assigned to the camp
 which were used to take the prisoners outside the camp to work
 everyday. The said eight of the prisoners worked
 repairing engines and four taught engine repair to the Lao. The
 four females worked as nurses. The workday was 0800 hours to 1800
 hours daily. claimed that the Americans had been
 in Laos since before the communists took over the country. The
 even though they had worked hard while in captivity.

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HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPORTING CONCERNING SIGHTINGS OF
 LIVE AMERICAN POW'S IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA.

2.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN
 REEDUCATION CAMPS, TWO SMALLER REEDUCATION CAMPS, AND A JAIL
 LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY. ALL ARE LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER
 OR ITS TRIBUTARIES AND MUCH OF THE TRAVEL TO THE CAMPS IS BY
 BOAT. THE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS ARE HAT CHAM (TH 5890)
 AND NAM BAK (NCA), LOCATED ACROSS THE NAM BAK RIVER FROM BAN
 NAKHON (TH 4680) VILLAGE. THE HAT CHAM CAMP IS LOCATED IN THE
 VALLEY OF THE PHABOM AND PHAPAE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE NAM OU
 RIVER. FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM LUANG
 PRABANG AND SAYABOURY PROVINCES WERE DETAINED AT THIS CAMP
 WHICH CONSISTED OF ABOUT 15 HOUSES, FOUR BARRACKS, AND ONE RICE
 MILL. IN 1980, MANY OF THE INMATES FROM THIS CAMP WERE
 TRANSFERRED TO CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES.

THE INMATES AT THE NAM BAK
 CAMP HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO OTHER CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG
 KHOUANG PROVINCES AND THE CAMP WAS NOW OCCUPIED BY PAVN
 TROOPS. THE JAIL WAS LOCATED AT HAD XAO (EITHER TH 5226 OR TH
 5477) AND WAS ALSO LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. THE JAIL
 WAS USED TO HOUSE REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES WHO WERE NOT

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIS1: 24 SEPTEMBER 1986

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: INFORMATION ON HUANG NGUY, LAOS, LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED
AMERICAN POW SIGHTING

DOI: AUGUST 1986

SOURCE:

On 17 August 1986, there was about one battalion of PAVN troops in the general vicinity of Huang Ngoy. There was a PAVN unit of unknown strength stationed in Huang Ngoy. The town of Huang Ngoy had about 200 families. A bridge over the Nam Ou River, which was located in Huang Ngoy, had guard bunkers located at each end. In the past, the PAVN had heard that there had been Soviet and Cuban advisors in Huang Ngoy. Presently, there were only Vietnamese advisors in Huang Ngoy.

3. Huang Ngoy is very important due to its geographic location. Road travel from Kiang Khouang, Houe Phang, Luang Prabang and Oudoum provinces passes through Huang Ngoy. These routes are very important to the mountainous areas development company, which uses them to transport opium from these provinces for the Lao government, to areas where the opium can be shipped to Thailand and other countries. The Vietnamese and Lao governments had plans to build a hospital, school, and other buildings in Huang Ngoy. There are several cave complexes in the Huang Ngoy.

4. Phao (TH 5819), and Phaxay (NCA), are the primary cave complexes in the area. Phao was from Luang Prabang province and has traveled widely in Laos. He has never heard about American POWs in the Huang Ngoy area.

5. I who traveled through Huang Ngoy and spent the night of 03 August in Huang Ngoy.

REPORTER THAT HUANG NGUY WAS SITUATED ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE NAM OU RIVER THERE WAS ONE PLATOON OF PAVN TROOPS WHO GUARDED THE BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER LOCATED AT HUANG NGUY. ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU RIVER HUANG NGUY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 25-30 HOUSES AND THREE WOODEN SHOPS. THE ROAD THROUGH TOWN HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE CHINESE AND WAS SURFACED WITH TAR. THE BRIDGE WAS CONCRETE AND HAD ONE CONCRETE GUARD HOUSE LOCATED AT EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. WAS TRAVELLING WITH A CIVILIAN FRENCH EMPLOYEE FROM SAR NHA (PH 0057) TO SAVANNAKHET (VO 7231). THE

CONVOY TRAVELED TO HUANG NGUY ON ROUTE 512. THE TIGHTEST SECURITY ON THE ROUTE WAS FROM HUANG HIEN (PH 3021) THROUGH HUANG NGUY. THE AS TOLD THAT THE REASON FOR TIGHTER SECURITY WAS RESISTANCE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

6. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NAM OU, HUANG NGUY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 100 HOUSES. ALSO CONNECTED TO HUANG NGUY WAS A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 200 HUTS. ALL HOUSES IN THE TOWN WERE OF WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND WERE ALL ONE-STORY. IN WEST HUANG NGUY THERE WAS A SMALL STATE SHOP. THE PAVN TROOPS WERE BILLETED IN WEST HUANG NGUY, WHICH WAS BORDERED ON THE NORTH BY LARGE MOUNTAINS WITH CLIFFS. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY CAVES. SUBJECT SAID THAT HUANG NGUY HAD ELECTRIC POWER AT 110V FOR ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS. THE WOOD HOUSES IN WEST HUANG NGUY WERE TO PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND AT THE STATE SHOP. THE STATED THAT A CARGO BOAT WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU.

7. THE CONVOY WAS NOT STOPPED AT THE BRIDGE AND NO ONE QUESTIONED THEM OR CHECKED ON THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN HUANG NGUY. THEY SLEPT IN THE TRUCKS AND SUBJECT OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE

TOWN. DID NOT HEAR ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN POWS IN THE HUANG NGUY AREA.

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WOMEN MISSING/UNACCOUNTED FOR IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA

NAME
- NURSE, CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
- CAPTURED 1 FEBRUARY 1968 WHEN NORTH
VIETNAMESE FORCES OVERRAN THE MISSIONARY
COMPOUND AT BAN ME THUOT SOUTH VIETNAM.
- NAME APPEARED ON THE 'DRY/PRA DIED IN
CAPTIVITY LISTING DATED JANUARY 1973 - INDICATED
THAT NAME DIED 1 SEPTEMBER 1968.

WOMEN MISSING/UNACCOUNTED FOR
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

FULL NAME: () NAME
NATIONALITY: American
DATE OF BIRTH: DATA
PLACE OF BIRTH: DATA U. S. A.
FATHER'S NAME: NAME
MOTHER'S NAME: NAME
MARRIED OR SINGLE: Single
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: weight: approx. 160 in 1960 - 66 3/4 in. tall
build: large (for lady), angular
complexion: fair
hair: black, streaked with gray
eyes: brown, wore glasses
right handed
DATE OF FIRST ARRIVAL IN VIET NAM: 1 1958
DATE TAKEN CAPTIVE: May or 1962
PLACE TAKEN CAPTIVE: Banmethuot, Viet Nam
WORK IN WHICH ENGAGED
WHEN TAKEN CAPTIVE: 1 at the Leprosarium in Banmethuot.

NAME attended the following schools:

DATA

NAME Data for the Banmethuot Leprosarium.

NAME used her middle name, NAME and not her first name. Her mother died on September 01 1970 of pulmonary fibrosis. NAME still has her father in 1 and a brother. Her sister, also a
Data

NAME

1. CLOSE RELATIVESFather:

NAME

Sister:

DATA

Phone:

DATA

Brother:Field Headquarters:

DATA

DATA

Phone:

DATA

Cable:

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International Headquarters:Cable:

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2. PLACE TO WHERE SHE WOULD WANT TO GO:

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3. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

DATA died in DATA, 1970 of pulmonary fibrosis.

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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF AMERICANS LIVING IN LAOS

REF: A) DIA S-0680/VO-PW 141207Z JUL 86

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SUBJECT: CIA REPORT 317/09341-86

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HEARSAY REPORT. A CIA CONTACTED
SOURCE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM
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AN LPA (LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY) SOLDIER.
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