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COUNTRY LAOS

DATE OF INFO APRIL - JUNE 1965

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SUBJECT

PATHET LAO [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT ACCOUNT OF HIS WITNESSING THE INTERROGATION OF A DOWNED AMERICAN PILOT

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PLACE & DATE ACQ.

LAOS, VIENTIANE (24 AND 28 DECEMBER 1965)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

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1. [REDACTED] PATHET LAO (PL) [REDACTED]

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WHO WAS STATIONED IN HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE UNTIL JUNE 1965 CLAIMED DAVID L. HRDLICKA SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT OF HIS CAPTIVITY AT A PL HEADQUARTERS IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BAN (VH 1020), 10 KILOMETERS (KM) EAST OF SAM NEUA, AT APPROXIMATELY VH 195559. THE NEXT DAY, BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO CAVES WHERE PRISONERS WERE HELD, HRDLICKA WAS INTERROGATED IN FRONT OF A PL SCHOOL IN THE VICINITY OF VH 195548 THAT WAS IN SESSION. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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GAVE THE PRELIMINARY [REDACTED] ON HRDLICKA AND CHARLES [REDACTED]

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STATE DEPT DIA ARMY/ACSI NAVY AIR JCS SECDEF NSA NIC [REDACTED]

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ON 25 DECEMBER REPORTED THAT THE ENEMY HAD A COMMAND POST IN A CAVE AT VH 1915556, 500 METERS NORTH OF BAN NA KAY TEU AND THAT AMERICAN PILOTS WERE HELD IN REAR OF A CAVE NEAR THIS COMMAND POST. ON AMS 1:50, 000 SCALE MAPS THERE IS LESS THAN ONE KM DIFFERENCE IN THE LOCATION OF THE CAVES, WHERE PRISONERS WERE HELD, SO IT IS PROBABLY THAT BOTH ARE IDENTICAL. THE COMMAND POST IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO PL HEADQUARTERS MENTIONED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.)

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