

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDES HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING FIVE ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONERS HELD IN NORTHERN LAOS DURING AN UNKNOWN PERIOD. END SUMMARY

3. INFORMATION: SOURCE VISITED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO INFORM DET THREE OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH RELATIVES IN XIANGKHOANG ABOUT A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY WHO HAD INFORMATION ABOUT FIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS. SOURCE STATED THAT WHILE VISITING HIS FAMILY IN PHONSAVAN, XIANGKHOANG, SEVERAL RELATIVES, INCLUDING HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, TOLD HIM ABOUT AN LONG TIME FRIEND OF THE FAMILY, VANG XAI KOUA, WHO WAS FORMERLY THE HEAD GUARD FOR FIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN XAM NUA. SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO RAISE SUSPICIONS BY ASKING TOO MANY QUESTIONS, SO HE DID NOT ASK HOW RECENTLY VANG XAI KOUA WAS SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED WITH THE ALLEGED PRISONERS. BUT HE SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS SOMETHING RECENT, RATHER THAN DURING THE WAR YEARS. SOURCE SAID HIS PARENTS KNEW VANG XAI KOUA FOR A LONG TIME, AND HE BELIEVES THAT VANG IS PROBABLY 45 TO 50 YEARS OLD. SOURCE SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE, BUT WAS TOLD THAT VANG LIVES IN THE HMONG VILLAGE LOCATED ALONG THE ROAD "FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHONSAVAN, JUST PAST THE GAS STATION." VANG WAS AWAY DURING SOURCE'S BRIEF VISIT TO PHONSAVANH. SOURCE ASKED HIS RELATIVES TO TALK TO VANG WHEN HE RETURNED AND HAVE HIM MAIL PROOF OF THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AMERICAN PRISONERS, TO INCLUDE NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, TO HIS ADDRESS IN CALIFORNIA. SOURCE SAID IF HE OBTAINED ANY INFORMATION HE WOULD MAIL IT TO CRS OR JTF-FA/J223 ANALYST (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW).

4. COMMENT: SOURCE PRESENTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER, AND INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN HELPING AS HE FELT IT WAS HIS DUTY AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. VISITING J223 ANALYST, MR. FORSYTH, SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR SOURCE TO CONTACT HIM AT HIS HAWAII BUSINESS ADDRESS/PHONE IF/WHEN SOURCE OBTAINS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. SOURCE AGREED.

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