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COUNTRY: (U) VIETNAM (VM); LAOS (LA); THAILAND (TH).
IPSP: (U) IFC1587.
SECTION 1 OF 2
/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BOD:
SUBJ: IIR 6 024 0008 05//U.S. SERVICEMEN HELD IN LAOS AND LAO
CITIZENS ARRESTED FOR REPORTING POW-MIA INFORMATION (U)
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~NOFORN~~.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 20010101.
REQS: (U) D-VOP-1587-009-03; D-VOP-1587-017-04; U-UPH-1587-032-04.
SOURCE: ~~(S)~~ //OTS 6 024 0005 05// AN ETHNIC [redacted] CITIZEN
LIVING IN [redacted] WHO OBTAINED REPORTED
INFORMATION FROM ACQUAINTANCES LIVING IN LAOS. RELIABILITY HAS NOT

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SUMMARY: (C/NF) THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. ELEVEN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN LAOS AND LAO CITIZENS BEING ARRESTED FOR REPORTING POW-MIA INFORMATION TO U.S. OFFICIALS.

TEXT: 1. (C/NF) LAO CITIZENS ARRESTED FOR REPORTING POW-MIA INFORMATION. SOURCE'S LAO ACQUAINTANCES, WHO ARE ETHNIC HMONG, TOLD SOURCE THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS LAO OFFICIALS ARRESTED LAO NATIONALS FOR REPORTING POW-MIA INFORMATION TO U.S. OFFICIALS. DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES KNEW OF MORE THAN TEN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ARRESTED IN VIENTIANE CITY AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LA. ON ONE OCCASION, A LAO NATIONAL WENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE TO GIVE U.S. OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN LAOS. (FIELD COMMENT - THESE TWO AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ARE THE PILOTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH TWO.) THE U.S. OFFICIAL TOLD THE LAO NATIONAL TO WAIT OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY WHERE LAO OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED HIM. (FIELD COMMENT - SOURCE DID NOT KNOW ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT OR ANY OTHER INCIDENTS CONCERNING THE ARRESTS OF LAO NATIONALS. SOURCE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY HIS ACQUAINTANCES IN LAOS.) SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES BELIEVED THAT THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE INFORMED THE LAO GOVERNMENT OF THE IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED POW-MIA INFORMATION TO THE U.S. HENCE, SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES FEAR REPORTING INFORMATION TO U.S. OFFICIALS. THE ACQUAINTANCES ALSO TOLD SOURCE THAT SOMETIMES FAMILY MEMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO REPORTED POW-MIA INFORMATION WERE ALSO ARRESTED.

2. (C/NF) AMERICAN SERVICEMEN HELD IN LAOS. IN FEBRUARY 2004, SOURCE'S LAO ACQUAINTANCES TOLD HIM THAT ELEVEN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WERE BEING HELD IN LAOS. ORIGINALLY, TWELVE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WERE BEING HELD, BUT ONE DIED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. THE GUARDS OF THE AMERICANS WERE LAO, VIETNAMESE, AND HMONG. TWO OF THE ACQUAINTANCES WHO TOLD SOURCE THIS INFORMATION KNEW ONE OF THE HMONG GUARDS, AND IN 2001, THE HMONG GUARD TOLD THEM ABOUT THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. THE ACQUAINTANCES SAW ONE OF THE AMERICANS, BUT WILL NOT REVEAL HIS WHEREABOUTS IN LAOS. THE GUARDS' IDENTITIES WERE UNKNOWN TO SOURCE. ONE OF THE ELEVEN AMERICANS WAS A PILOT, HAD A LOCAL WIFE, AND LIVED IN A SMALL VILLAGE, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 20 DWELLINGS. THE AMERICAN WHO DIED WAS ALSO A PILOT, HAD A LOCAL WIFE, AND LIVED IN THE SAME VILLAGE. SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES HAVE PHOTOS OF THE TWO AMERICANS, BUT WOULD NOT GIVE THE PHOTOS TO HIM. (FIELD COMMENT - SEE PARAGRAPH THREE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LIVE AMERICAN PILOT. SEE PARAGRAPH FOUR FOR

POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANOTHER THREE OF THE ELEVEN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW IF THE OTHER AMERICANS LIVED IN THE SAME AREA AS THE AMERICAN PILOT.)

3. ~~(CONF)~~ POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF A U.S. SERVICEMAN. SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES GAVE SOURCE A HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN WHO LIVED IN THE SMALL VILLAGE. SOURCE SHOWED THE DOCUMENT TO RO. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE DOCUMENT.

(FIELD COMMENT - BEGIN TRANSCRIPTION)

FULL NAME (ROBERTSON JOHN HARTLEY.

DATE OF BIRTH OT 25TH 1936

SERIAL NO 56299302

✓ MAY 28-29TH 1964. (001)7603247780

✓ (001)5103517249

(FIELD COMMENT - END TRANSCRIPTION)

THE NUMBERS AFTER 1964 IN THE DOCUMENT ARE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE AMERICAN'S FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS. (FIELD COMMENT - SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE MAY 28-29TH 1964 DATE REFERRED TO.)

4. ~~(CONF)~~ POSSIBLE CONTACTS IN THE U.S. SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES GAVE SOURCE A SECOND HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENT CONTAINING TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN THE U.S. AND NAMES. SOURCE SHOWED THE DOCUMENT TO RO. (SOURCE COMMENT - I THINK THE NAMES ON THE PAPER ARE THE NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS OF THREE OF THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. OR MAYBE THEY ARE THE NAMES OF THE SERVICEMEN AND THEN THE NUMBERS ARE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF THE SERVICEMEN.) THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE DOCUMENT.

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✓ ONE OF SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES TOLD SOURCE THAT ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL CALLED THE [REDACTED] NUMBER. A FEMALE ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE AND GAVE THE INDIVIDUAL A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A MALE, NFI.

(FIELD COMMENT - SOURCE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE ELEVEN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN LAOS.)

✓ 5. ~~(CONF)~~ REWARD MONEY. THE GUARDS WANT ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN TO RETURN TO THE U.S. THE GUARDS AND OR ACQUAINTANCES HAD IDENTIFICATION DATA ON OTHER AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, BUT WOULD NOT GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO SOURCE. THEY WANT MONEY FOR THE INFORMATION. (FIELD COMMENT - SOURCE DID

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NOT KNOW IF THIS IDENTIFICATION DATA CONCERNED AMERICAN SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN LAOS OR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO DIED IN LAOS.)

6. ~~(CONF)~~ REQUEST TO CONTACT FAMILY MEMBERS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN. SOURCE'S ACQUAINTANCES ASKED HIM TO CONTACT THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, BUT NOT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE ACQUAINTANCES FEAR THE LAO GOVERNMENT WOULD KILL THEM IF THE LAO GOVERNMENT LEARNED THEY WERE PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. THEY KNOW THE U.S. AND LAO GOVERNMENTS WORK TOGETHER IN LAOS LOOKING FOR MISSING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, AND THEY BELIEVE THEY CANNOT TRUST THE U.S. OR LAO GOVERNMENTS, BUT CAN PROBABLY TRUST FAMILY MEMBERS. SOURCE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, SO HE DID NOT CONTACT ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND DECIDED TO CONTACT THE RO. HE ASKED RO TO FIND OUT IF THIS INFORMATION WERE TRUE AND HE EMPHASIZED HIS ACQUAINTANCES WOULD NOT MEET ANY U.S. OFFICIALS. SOURCE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED ANY FURTHER IF THE INFORMATION WAS FABRICATED.

COMMENTS: (U) (FIELD COMMENTS) - 1. (U) IT APPEARED SOURCE CONTACTED RO TO ASCERTAIN THE PLAUSIBILITY OF THE REPORTED INFORMATION AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION HAS MONETARY VALUE. HE WAS RELUCTANT HIS ACQUAINTANCES TOLD HIM NOT TO GIVE DETAILS TO U.S. OFFICIALS, OR IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO PROVIDE DETAILS. RO EXPLAINED TO SOURCE THE BRING THEM HOME ALIVE ACT.

2. (U) REQUEST ANY EVALUATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THIS IIR BE ADDRESSED TO DIA WASHINGTON DC [REDACTED] AND DIA [REDACTED] QUESTIONS/COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS IIR SHOULD BE MADE TO DIA [REDACTED] (DSN),

[REDACTED] (COMM/STUHI).

ADMIN

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ACQ: (U) HICKAM AFB, HAWAII 20040520.

DISSEM: (U) FIELD: NONE.

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