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EZ03:
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 SUBJ: DOGTAG INFORMATION FROM LAOS
 EZ05:

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 250749Z JUL 84
 1. REF PROVIDED DOGTAG INFORMATION ON TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.
 2. ON 18 FEBRUARY 1970, CAPT THOMAS C. DAFFRON (REFNO 1561-0-02) AND 1LT CHARLES F. MORLEY (REFNO 1561-0-01) WERE FLYING AN F-4C WHICH WAS HIT BY ENEMY AAA FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 070912, LAOS. FYI - CAPT DAFFRON HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PRIOR DOGTAG REPORTING. ALSO, A BLOOD CHIT, WHOSE SERIAL NUMBER CORRELATED TO CAPT DAFFRON, WAS RECOVERED AND TURNED OVER TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
 3. SSGT MERLYN L. PAULSON (REFNO 1807-0-08) IS ONE OF FOURTEEN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED, AS THE RESULT OF THE CRASH OF AN AC130 ON 29 MARCH 1972 AT GRID COORDINATES XD 165414, LAOS. FYI - SOME OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT HAVE BEEN SUBJECTS OF PRIOR DOGTAG REPORTING.

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JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
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FROM: JCRC-LNB

REFERENCE: T84-173
 27 August 1984

SUBJ: Alleged U.S. PWs Held In Laos.

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
 Barbers Point, HI 96862

REF: JCRC-LNB MSG, DTG 030934Z AUG 84.

Source: SOURCE A former SP date
 Source is presently located at SOURCE DATA of info 1984, date of interview 1 Aug 84. Map used: Sheets 6142-1, 6142-4, and 6242-3, Series L7015. Source arrived Thailand on 28 Apr 81.

Source stated that sometime during early July 1984, while visiting Nakhon Phanom Town he heard about six PWs who were being held in a cave on Phou Myyd (also spelled Mut or Meut) Mountain, near Muang Chan (not shown on available maps) and Muang Sen (WD837719) Villages. Source stated that he heard about the six PWs from a man known to him as 2LT SUBBOURCIE who claimed to be a former member of the Special Guerilla Unit (SGU). Source recalled that Bountiam was approx 40 YOA and was from Champassak Province. Source stated that at the time he met SS he also met another Lao man known to him as SOURCE who had previously been in refugee status at Na Pho Camp and who also claimed to be a former member of the SGU. Source stated that SS and NAME claimed to be working with Americans who were at NKP to rescue U.S. PWs from Laos. Source stated that after hearing about the six PWs from SS he was provided a sketch of the Phou Myyd area (map shows spelling as Phou Mut WD759741) by Bouapha (see attached sketch) who claimed that he was organizing a mission to rescue the U.S. PWs. Source stated that SS had claimed to have access to two U.S. remains who were in the possession of another Lao refugee who occasionally resided at DATA SS. SS stated that Mr. SS had in his possession the remains of Paug Sonmer Lynl (apparently Paulson, Merlyn L.) and Daeron; Thonaso (apparently Daffron, Thomas C.). Source stated that SS also provided a list of information on an American Lieutenant who was being held at Savannakhet (P) (see attached list regarding "LT Riw Kymotor"). Source also received a letter from SS addressed to Mr. NAME (apparently AN (see attached letter dated 19 July 1984). Source also received from SS another sketch and letter concerning alleged U.S. PWs held at Ban Phyyng (also spelled Peung) Village which he claimed was written by a Pathet Lao Colonel NAME who was in charge of a group of 14 U.S. PWs (the group previously numbered 20 but six have died) (see attached letter dated 20 June 1984 concerning 16 U.S. PWs held at Luang Namtha). Source stated that he was not able to provide further information concerning the alleged 16 U.S. PWs or remains and did not know the whereabouts of either SS or SS

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Source also claimed that he had heard about two metal identification tags ("dogtags") from another Lao man known to Source as *SUBSOURCE* who resides at Mukdahan Town but occasionally visits Na Pho Camp (NFI regarding *SUBSOURCE*). Source stated that *SS* told him that he had found the two dogtags in a crashed aircraft near Route 9 in the Muang Phine area of Savannakhet (P). Source stated that the two dogtags were those of the following two personnel:

Caniford, James K.	Pearce, Edwin J.
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Source stated that he did not know of the present whereabouts of *SS* or his specific address at Mukdahan Town.

Source claimed that he also heard from another refugee who had resided at Na Pho known to him as *SUBSOURCE* (approx 35 YOA, Lao national, NFI), that he *SS* had met the former militia chief of Ban Nayom (V) Tasseng Nayom (Canton), Muang Phin (D), (XD0927) Savannakhet while undergoing seminar (didn't give location of seminar camp). *SS* told Source that the militia chief, known to him as *NAME* was removed from his job after it was learned by the Pathet Lao that he had once been a Buddhist priest. *SS* told Source that he heard from *NAME* that during the time that he was militia chief at *SSD* (sometime during 1971 to 1973) he and his men had been involved in the capture of a U.S. pilot. *SS* told Source that there were three U.S. crewmen in the aircraft and one oriental (thought the oriental may have been Lao or Philippino). At the time of the crash near Ban Nayom, two of the U.S. crewmembers were killed. The oriental man was captured shortly after the crash. One U.S. pilot was still alive inside the aircraft and tried to resist capture by pulling out a pistol and shooting one of the militia members. The militia then killed the pilot who was still sitting in the seat pinned down by the "steering wheel" which was pressed against his chest. *SS* told Source that the militia buried all three remains near the wreckage of the aircraft but sometime during 1975 a member of the militia dug up one remains which he attempted to sell. Source heard that the militia member was arrested by officials of Ban Nayom at the time of the attempted sale. Source also heard from *SS* that the former militia chief, *NAME* had moved to reside at *DATA* aka *DATA* Tasseng Nayom Canton (new name is Muang Utumporn), Savannakhet (P). Source stated that *SS* had intended to contact *NAME* to have him bring the remains to Thailand but that Monthana had departed for France sometime during early 1984 (possibly February). Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident or the alleged U.S. remains.

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Comment: The interviewer noted that the sketch concerning 16 U.S. PWs provided by Source was almost identical to that provided by *NAME* (see JCRC-LNB LTR RPT T84-174 dated 23 Aug 84). It appears that Source had the more original version of the sketch and was also pulled into the incident by *NAME*. In other letters provided by Source the interviewer notes that *NAME* has appealed to *AN* for 15,000 Thai Baht to pay for biographies of the PWs held at Phou Myyd (Meut aka Mut), and 3,000,000 Lao Kip for the men in charge of the PWs. The letter provided by *NAME* concerning the 16 PWs at Luang Namtha indicates that an additional 12,000 Thai Baht is required for travel expenses and the purchase of a camera. *NAME* appeals for money seem to indicate that he is attempting to deal between the Americans who come to NKP and the Lao refugees/resistance as a middleman. No one present at *SD* during the interview trip claimed to have any first hand knowledge of any PWs and were only able to provide the above hearsay information which they received from *NAME* and *NAME*. Source also claimed not to have any remains in his possession and that he had not personally observed any remains. Source was very difficult to interview and had trouble differentiating between stories, areas, and Source from which he had heard his information. Source had obviously been busy and indicated that he hoped that his efforts would not be forgotten by the USG concerning his resettlement. Source claimed that his father *SOURCE DATA* POB Champassak, deceased, was a Sgt in the RLA *DATA* stationed at the *DATA* *DATA* and Source had a photo of his father in uniform). Source gave his mother as *SOURCE DATA* housewife. Source claimed to have 15 years of formal education and had no military service and no occupation other than that of *SD*. Source resides at *SD* with his wife, one child, four brothers, and three sisters. Source gave his sponsorship address as: *SOURCE DATA*. Source had in his possession a letter of introduction recommending that he be accepted for resettlement in the U.S. signed *NAME* Col USAF (Ret) M.D. and yellow rain investigator of the International Rescue Commission.

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P.O.W Info From
Mr RIW KYMOTOR
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SOURCE FROM Mr PHEY CHEF
Centre CAVE IN LAOS

Phou Meut is located between Mahasai and Sepone. It is close to and in the east of Muang Sen-Muang Chan. There is a big cave in the Phou Meut mountains. In this cave there is an ancient temple. The entrance to this cave ~~MMMM~~ is in the west. There was a platoon of soldiers guarding the cave. These soldiers were picked up and taken away by Soviet people every month.

I can be in touch with a person who is in possession of dog tags, bones, and other details. Names are as follows: Paug Sonmer
Lvnl 502308143, B. Pos Cut H Ran Daeron Thonaso 323368944 Tr O.Pos Barzizi

Northern prisoner detention place

Luang Namtha Province (Laos)

To obtain the prisoners' biographies, I need to spend about 12,000 baht and hope to succeed. This money is for travelling to and from and for buying a camera to take the pictures of the prisoners for use as evidence.

After this mission is accomplished, I will defect together with the prisoners. What action will you take to help me? Respectfully

Yours,

My name is Colonel NAME I am in charge of the prisoners in the northern province of Luang Namtha. I am interested in the U.S. government after learning from the Lao broadcast of the Voice of Free Asia that those having biographies of the American prisoners of war missing during the Vietnam war will be assisted and ~~appreciated~~ appreciated by the U.S. government. Is this true?

I am particularly interested in this matter as all these prisoners are now under my care. There were 20 prisoners. Six of them were dead. Fourteen prisoners are still living.

I am saddened by the situation surrounding my family after returning from Vietnam. The Neo Lao communists took my father to Phong Saly to attend a seminar. He died in a windowless prison in Phong Saly in 1981. In addition, the communists killed my brother in Sayaboury Province in 1982 after accusing him of working directly with the Americans. He once worked with Mr. Bill and Mr. Kedy. I therefore ask you for your opinion. Please explain to me in detail so that I will consider submitting the ~~name~~ name and biography of each person to you in the near future.

Detention place, Luang Namtha region

20 June 1984

Commander Colonel NAME

((Signed)) _____

Khammouane and Savannakhet provinces

Map of American prisoner detention place in central region

Captain *NAME* is responsible for American prisoners in the central region of Khammouane Province which borders with Vietnam. *SUBSOURCE* is our agent who can be contacted by us. We have had access to Savannakhet and Khammouane provinces through *SUBSOURCE* who is a friend of *NAME* - Captain *NAME* brother-in-law. Knowing about the prisoners from Captain *SUBSOURCE* contacted *SUBSOURCE*. There were six prisoners. One was dead. Only five are living.

Reported by *SOURCE*

19 July 1984

Highly respected Mr. *NAME*), ((possibly *AN* FBI:

My name is *SOURCE* I would like to discuss

with you. I have found it necessary to ask you to express your opinion on what has been done in the past. I personally want to know whether the ribs sent to you belong to an American or not. My friend who brought the bone to Thailand has now been harassing me. I ask you to consider what I should do. Or you want to shift the responsibility to me. At present, I have encountered difficulties caused by his constant harassment. On 15 May 1984, he asked a number of people in the Na Pho refugee center to beat me. I thus found it necessary to borrow 2,500 Baht from Mother *NAME* for him. Therefore, how are you going to help me solve the problem? Or would you abandon me? If you can not help me, could you send me a letter or document to prove that I have not been financially supported by you? I hereby request that you consider this matter. I have experienced difficulties every time I come to Thailand. This is why I have to stay in the front line. I have contacted Captain *N* who is now living in Phou Meut -- an area about 425 km from Savannakhe. I once personally went to this area and found that there were five prisoners. Two of them have been taken out to do farming every day. there were six before. Since one of them died, there are now five prisoners. The dead man was pierced into his nose and pulled like a buffalo after he had worked on a signal equipment in the prison. He was assigned to dig earth to look for explosives. While digging the earth, a bomb exploded, instantly killing him. Captain *NAME* was in charge of the prisoners in the area. I knew about him from *NAME* who came to meet me at the front line in Sepone. I was then working in *SOURCE DATA* in the Sepone area. The Taseng ((village headman -- FBIS)) needs 3,000,000 kip for his people and

will send all the prisoners to us. They want 15,000 baht for biographies only. In this regard, they will provide biographies, photos, and titles.

In conclusion, I wish you good luck.

From SOURCE J, SOURCE DATA special force

SOURCE DATA

Nakhon Phanom

forgive me for any error. Please answer.

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NSC FOR CHILDRESS

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E.O. 12356:
TAGS: MOPS, LA, TH
SUBJECT: REPORTED TRANSFER OF MIA REMAINS FROM LAO
RESISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 246653, (B) BANGKOK 42063

- 1.
2. PHOUMANO NOSAVAN, SON OF FORMER LAO STRONGMAN PHOUMI NOSAVAN, CONTACTED EMBASSY JCRC LIAISON OFFICE AUGUST 27 CONCERNING INFORMATION HE CLAIMS TO HAVE ON AMERICAN MIA. ACCORDING TO PHOUMI, LAO RESISTANCE CONTACTS HAVE TRANSPORTED THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN TO A MEKONG RIVER SITE IN LAOS ACROSS FROM THAILAND AND WILL TRANSPORT ANOTHER TWO SETS OF REMAINS FROM A CRASH SITE IN THE TCHEPONE AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO TURN OVER THE REMAINS SHORTLY. PHOUMANO CLAIMED ALSO TO HAVE INFORMATION ON A LIVE B-52 CREWMEMBER NAMED "ROGER," AGED 36 WHO IS STILL IN LAOS. PHOUMANO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GETTING FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN WITHIN THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS.
3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PHOUMANO DID NOT MENTION ANY CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS COALITION, OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN GROUP INTERESTED IN POW/MIA AFFAIRS, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HIM IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN REF A WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NEW INFORMATION ON AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN. JCRC WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH A MESSAGE IN ITS CHANNELS PROVIDING DETAILS ON THE MIA'S WHICH WERE PROVIDED BY PHOUMANO. DEAN BT

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