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FROM: JCRC-LNB

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SUBJ: Letter of Transmittal, Refugee Processing Documents, SSC
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TO: Defense Intelligence Agency
Attn: DI-7C
Washington DC, 20301

1. References: a. DIA/DI-7C message, DTG 041901Z NOV 81 (also transmitted as DTG 041948Z NOV 81).
b. USDAO BANGKOK message, DTG 241115Z NOV 81.

2. References pertain to story told in CONUS by Mr. SSC to Mr. SC. Ref a, paragraph 6, requested refugee processing documents pertaining to Mr. SSC. Ref b indicated our inability to immediately obtain these requested documents.

3. Documents for Mr. SSC (T-110979) have now been obtained, and we are forwarding per your request. We assume this is the same individual as cited in your Ref a message.

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW OF LAO REFUGEE MR. SSC (1)
1. A LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN DI-7C FROM A MR. SC WHO IS CURRENTLY TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN CONUS. REPORTED A MR. SSC A NATIVE OF LAOS CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN PWs IN LAOS IN 1977 AND 1979.

2. MR. SSC CLAIMED HE WAS A PRISONER IN SSD "REEDUCATION" CAMP IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS, IN APRIL 1977. HE SAID TWO MEN CLAIMING TO BE AMERICANS VISITED THE CAMP, OSTENSIBLY TO URGE THE PRISONERS TO STUDY HARD AND NOT TRY TO ESCAPE SO THEY COULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. BOTH MEN SPOKE FLUENT LAO, WHICH MADE THE LAO PRISONERS SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY MIGHT BE RUSSIANS, SO THE PRISONERS QUESTIONED THEM IN ENGLISH. MR. SSC CLAIMED THE AMERICANS RESPONDED IN FLUENT AMERICAN ENGLISH. HE CLAIMED ONE OF THE AMERICANS, A MAJOR SCOTT SAID, "HE WAS A FIGHTER PILOT AND HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER SAM NEUA 7 YEARS EARLIER, AND HAD SPENT 4 MONTHS IN A NORTH VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL." THE OTHER AMERICAN, A SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT (PROBABLY FIRST NAME) STATED "HE WAS A B52 CREW MEMBER AND HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN 10 YEARS EARLIER."

3. MR. SSC FURTHER CLAIMED THAT IN MARCH 1979, HE WAS IN ANOTHER "REEDUCATION" CAMP IN SARAVANNE PROVINCE, CALLED BY THE VIETNAMESE NAME "DAC CHEUNG", WHEN ANOTHER AMERICAN BY THE NAME OF CAPT. WILSON VISITED THE CAMP AND DELIVERED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME MESSAGE AS THE PREVIOUS TWO AMERICANS. HE TOO, SPOKE FLUENT LAO AND SAID, "HE HAD BEEN STATIONED IN PAKSE IN 1973." HE FURTHER STATED, "HE WAS A HELICOPTER PILOT AND HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER SOUTHERN LAOS, AND THE TWO LAOTIONS WHO WERE WITH HIM IN THE HELICOPTER WERE SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE." ADDITIONALLY, MR. SSC CLAIMED CAPT. WILSON MENTIONED THAT HE HAD TWO CHILDREN. AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING CAPT. WILSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY VIETNAMESE FROM THE NVN 2ND ARMY DIVISION. MR. SSC STATED HE WAS UNSURE OF THE EXACT SPELLING OF THE AMERICAN NAMES, SINCE HE HAS LOST A NOTEBOOK WITH HIS NOTES TAKEN DURING THESE MEETINGS.

4. MOST IMPORTANTLY, MR. SSC CLAIMED ANOTHER LAO ARMY OFFICER, MAJOR SC (SPELLING ?) WAS INCARCERATED WITH HIM AT DAC CHEUNG, AND CAN CORROBORATE HIS STATEMENT. THE LAST WORD, MR. SSC HAS OF MAJOR SC IS THAT HE IS STILL IN THE LAO REFUGEE CAMP IN SSD, FROM WHICH HE PARTICIPATES IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT GUERRILLA ACTION IN LAOS.

5. REQUEST MAJOR SC (SPELLING ?) BE LOCATED AND DEBRIEFED ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS VISITING "REEDUCATION" CAMPS IN LAOS. IN THE EVENT, MAJOR SC IS LOCATED REQUEST THE FOLLOWING BE OBTAINED IF POSSIBLE:

A. CAN HE REMEMBER WHAT MONTH AND YEAR THE AMERICANS VISITED THE "REEDUCATION" CAMPS? (MR. SSC CLAIMED APRIL 1977, AND MARCH 1979).

B. DOES HE REMEMBER THE FULL NAMES OF THE AMERICANS? (MR. SSC CLAIMED THE NAMES WERE MAJOR SCOTT, 2LT ROBERT, AND CAPTAIN WILSON).

C. CAN HE PROVIDE A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AMERICANS (HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SCARS, ETC)? WILL HE BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE AMERICANS FROM PHOTOGRAPHS?

D. OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON REFUGEE: DPOB, FAMILY, EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

E. IF MR. SSC ADMITS TO SEEING LIVE AMERICANS, QUERY HIM AS TO HOW HE KNOWS (OR WHAT LED HIM TO BELIEVE) THAT THE INDIVIDUALS HE SAW WERE AMERICANS.

F. OBTAIN EXACT LOCATION OF ALL PRISON CAMP FACILITIES, AS WELL AS DETAILED SKETCHES OF CAMPS (RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARKS, STREAMS, BUILDINGS, ETC).

G. HAVE REFUGEE PROVIDE DETAILS OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEPARTURE/ESCAPE FROM LAOS.

H. CAN HE LOCATE THE CAMP OR CAMPS ON A MAP?

I. HOW LONG WAS HE INCARCERATED IN LAOS AND FOR WHAT REASONS?

J. CAN HE PROVIDE NAMES OF OTHER PRISONERS WHO WERE INCAR-

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