

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

ROUTINE
R 171201Z OCT 83
FM USDAO BANGKOK//JCRC-LNB//
TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2//
INFO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J36//
SECDEF WASHDC//OASD-ISA/PA-MIA//
WHITEHOUSE WASHDC//NSC/MR CHILDRESS//
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CITE: OCT 83

SUBJ: BARGAINING FOR REMAINS (U)

REF: DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 080747Z SEP 83, SUBJ: ALLEGED
MIA REMAINS RECOVERED IN LAOS.

1. REF MESSAGE ASKED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT WE
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WITH WHOM THE VARIOUS "REFUGEES" ARE
BARGAINING IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CAPITALIZE ON THEIR
RECOVERY OF ALLEGED U.S. REMAINS IN LAOS.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF REFUGEE/
RESISTANCE PERSONNEL AT THE SD ON 14 OCTOBER,
JCRC LHO PICKED UP A FEW INTERESTING ITEMS. AMONG THEM
ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- AT SC ADMITTED "GIVING" SOME REMAINS
TO BO GRITZ IN MARCH AFTER GRITZ' RELEASE FROM JAIL.
SC MADE NO MENTION OF PAYMENT OBTAINED, BUT WAS
IMMEDIATELY GLEEFUL IN RELATING THE EVENT.
SC STATED THAT THE REMAINS HAD COME FROM AN AIR-
CRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN 1966 IN BAN BOUALAPHA, AND WHICH
HAD A "FRONT" NUMBER AND "TAIL" NUMBER (BOTH) OF 132410.
(COMMENT: THESE ARE PROBABLY THE REMAINS WHICH WERE
DELIVERED TO JCRC LIAISON OFFICE BY BUTCH JONES ON
9 MAR 83.)

- B. REFUGEE SC DURING A SEPARATE
DISCUSSION OF USG POLICY REGARDING PAYMENT FOR REMAINS,
PRODUCED FROM HIS PERSONAL PACKET OF PAPERS A COPY OF A
LETTER FROM COLONEL VINCENT DONAHUE (HE FLASHED THE PAPER
SO THAT LHO COULD SEE THE SIGNATURE). ACCORDING TO
KHAMBAY, THE LETTER MAKES THE OFFER OF 100,000 DOLLARS
REWARD FOR RECOVERY OF U.S. REMAINS.

- C. LHO WAS TOLD BY REFUGEE SC THAT
THERE IS A VIETNAMESE MAN WHO LIVES AT SD
SD IN NAKHON PHANOM CITY WHO WILL PAY 10,000 BAHT
FOR ANY BONES OF AMERICANS. THE MAN'S NAME, WRITTEN IN
SD NOTEBOOK, IS SSC ASKED
HOW WIDELY THIS IS KNOWN, SC SPECULATED THAT
IT IS PROBABLY KNOWN ONLY BY THOSE REFUGEES INVOLVED IN
RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

- D. SC ALSO STATED HE HAD HEARD OF A THAI
NAMED SSC (PHONETIC) WHO LIVES IN BANGKOK,
BUT REMAINS IN NAKHON PHANOM CITY. THIS
MAN IS ALLEGEDLY WILLING TO BUY ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM
LAOS, WHETHER IT BE GOLD OR BONES OR INFORMATION.
SC HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THIS.

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ACTION DC-2(2) (U,P,6,7,8,F)
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CITE: 3303 OCT 83.

SUBJ: ALLEGED LIVE POWS IN LAOS (U).

REF: USDAO BANGKOK MSG, DTG 040322Z OCT 83, SUBJECT:
ALLEGED MIA REMAINS RECOVERED IN LAOS.

1. BY PARAGRAPH 7B OF REF MESSAGE, WE REPORTED A
HFARSAY STORY FROM SC AND SSC
ABOUT FOUR ALLEGED AMERICAN POWS HELD NEAR
TCHEPONE TOWN. THESE POWS WERE SUPPOSEDLY SURVIVORS OF
AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT IN APRIL 1969.
THE STORY ORIGINATED FROM LAO RESISTANCE FIGHTER MR.
SSC THE LEADER OF THE POWS IS ALLEGED TO BE
"LT LANCHER", OR SOMETHING SIMILAR.

2. MT WE HAVE RECEIVED
WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VARIATION OF THIS SAME STORY.
ACCORDING TO A REPORT OBTAINED ON 24 SEPT 83 FROM
SC AKA SC HE RECENTLY HEARD
FROM A MAN NAMED SSC THAT THE CREW OF A
DOWNED "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT WAS IMPRISONED AT A CAVE SITE
NEAR MAHAXAI, LAOS. THE CREW CONSISTED OF FIVE MEMBERS
LED BY LIEUTENANT "ROGER". A SIXTH MEMBER OF THE CREW
HAD DIED. NO FURTHER INFO WAS AVAILABLE, BUT
SC HAS INDICATED HE WILL RECONTACT SSC
AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THESE
PRISONERS.

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