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SUBJ: JCRC REPORT T85-242, HEARSAY OF LIVE AMERICANS
IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

1. SOURCE. NAME: ^{sc} DPDB:
^{sd} SAVANNAKHET PROV.; POSITION: FORMER ROYAL
LAO ARMY MAJOR (TRANSPORTATION OFFICER); PRESENT LOCATION:
DJA: 20
FEB 1984; DOI: ^{sd} AUG 78; INTERVIEW DATA: 21 AUG 85; INTER-
VIEWED BY: ^{AN} MAP REFERENCE:
JOG NE 48-15/16.

2. SUMMARY. IN AUGUST, 1978 SOURCE MET A LAO
HIGHLANDER NAME ^{ss} WHO TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD
RECENTLY SEEN SIX LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS NEAR BAN CHA LA
(VIC XD 2898).

3. INFORMATION. SOURCE WAS PLACED IN XEPON
RE-EDUCATION CAMP IN SEPTEMBER 1975. IN AUGUST 1978 THE
CAMP WAS EVACUATED, AND THE ENTIRE CAMP POPULATION WAS
MARCHED TO BAN SEV KUAN (ALSO KNOWN AS TONG LONG), SEV
KUAN DISTRICT, XEPON CITY, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. AT BAN
SAN KEUAN RE-EDUCATION CAMP INMATES WERE TEMPORARILY AS-
SIGNED TO SHARE HOUSING WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS UNTIL A NEW
RE-EDUCATION CAMP COULD BE CONSTRUCTED. ALL INMATES WORKED
AT CONSTRUCTING THE NEW CAMP WHICH TOOK 15 DAYS TO COM-
PLETE. DURING THIS TIME, SOURCE LIVED WITH A VILLAGER WHO'S
NAME IS ^{NAME}, ^{NAME} TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD PREVIOUS

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Y WORKED FOR THE LAO DANG (RED LAO) AS A LABORER CARRYING
SUPPLIES AND RICE. ^{ss} SAID HE RECENTLY SAW 6 LIVE
AMERICAN PRISONERS NEAR BAN CHA LA (VIC XD2898) WHO WERE
BEING ESCORTED BY VIETNAMESE FORCES FROM LAOS TO VIETNAM.
HE WAS TOLD OF A SEVENTH AMERICAN WHO HAD DIED A SHORT
TIME BEFORE (NFI).

^{ss} ALSO TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD RECENTLY
GONE INTO VIETNAM WHILE WORKING FOR A VIETNAMESE MILITARY
UNIT AS A TRANSPORTER. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TO HAN THI AND
VISITED A MUSEUM NEAR THE RED RIVER CALLED YA BAO TANG
(PHONETIC). INSIDE THE MUSEUM WERE MANY OBJECTS WHICH
HAD BEEN COLLECTED FROM CRASHED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT.
HAN THI TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD SEEN DOG TAGS, PIECES
OF FLIGHT SUITS WITH NAME TAPES, EYEGLASSES, ID CARDS,
SKELETAL REMAINS OF DEAD AMERICANS AND MANY INSTRUMENTS
AND OTHER AIRCRAFT PIECES. ^{ss} TOLD SOURCE THE
VIETNAMESE ONLY OPENED THE MUSEUM TO VISITORS FROM COM-
MUNIST COUNTRIES.

SUMMARY OF SOURCE'S RE-EDUCATION CAMP
EXPERIENCE:
XEPON RE-EDUCATION CAMP SEP 75 - AUG 78
BAN KUAN RE-EDUCATION CAMP SEP 78 - MAR 79
BAN AKO (AKAVINKO) RE-EDUCATION CAMP APR 79 - DEC 83

SOURCE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THE
U.S., AND WILL BE RELOCATED TO ^{sd} REFUGEE CENT
IN 28 AUG 85.

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