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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED LOCATION OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN LUANG  
PRABANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MID 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1.

THERE WERE SEVEN AMERICAN POW'S AS OF MID-  
1986 BEING DETAINED AT A CAMP NEAR NAM BAC (TH 3683) TOWN, OUDOMSAI  
DISTRICT, LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
(LPDR). THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN THIS  
GENERAL AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES FROM LUANG PRABANG  
PROVINCE, LAOS, HAVE REPORTED A REEDUCATION  
CAMP AT NAM BAC. THE CAMP WAS EMPTIED OF REEDUCATION INMATES ABOUT  
1980 AND THE CAMP WAS OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN)  
TROOPS.) SIX OF THE AMERICANS WERE HISPANICS AND ONE WAS A CAUCASIAN  
AMERICAN. THERE HAD BEEN 32 AMERICAN  
POWS AT THE SITE BUT IN 1985 FIVE OF THE AMERICANS POWS WERE MOVED TO  
THE SOVIET UNION. ALL OF THE AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN 1968  
WHILE WORKING AT THE NAM BAC CAMP. (COMMENT: NAM BAC WAS THE  
SITE OF AN AIRFIELD DURING THE INDOCHINA WAR. NO AMERICANS WERE  
STATIONED THERE, BUT SOME AMERICAN PERSONNEL VISITED THERE  
OCCASIONALLY. NONE OF THEM WERE LOST.) THE CAMP WAS OVERRUN BY THE  
ENEMY AND THE AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED. IN ADDITION TO THE AMERICANS,  
THERE WERE 30 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT THE CAMP.

2. THE PRISON CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY A DOUBLE FENCE. THE  
INTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH BAMBOO WHILE THE EXTERNAL AREA WAS  
FENCED WITH NINE WALLS OF BARBED WIRE, EACH ABOUT 170 CENTIMETERS IN  
HEIGHT. THERE WERE SIX TO EIGHT BUILDINGS FOR PRISONERS IN THE

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