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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3406

STATE FOR EAP/VLC

E.O. 12356: OADR
TAGS: MOPS, LA, VM
SUBJECT: HEAR EVIDENCE OF POW DISPOSITION

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT:

2. EMBOFF WAS VISITED ON DECEMBER 20, 1988, BY FORMER
[REDACTED] A RE-EDUCATION CAMP
RELEASEE WHO RETURNED TO VIENTIANE IN APRIL 1988 FROM
NEARLY 13 YEARS OF DETENTION IN SAM NEUA. [REDACTED]
SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN STATIONED IN SAYABOURY PROVINCE
JUST PRIOR TO THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER.

3. [REDACTED] RELATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN DETENTION IN
SAM NEUA THE INMATES WERE OFTEN VISITED BY A VIETNAMESE
NAMED [REDACTED] WHO USED TO SELL THEM MEDICINES AND
OTHER ITEMS. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD WITNESSED EPISODES
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OF U.S. PRISONERS BEING FORCE-MARCHED ALONG ROADS BY THE
RED RIVER SOUTHEAST OF HANOI IN THE 1977-78 TIMEFRAME.
THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO KEEP UP WERE HARSHLY BEATEN, SOME
DYING. THE BODIES OF THOSE WHO DIED WERE DUMPED INTO THE

RIVER. HE SAID THAT [] SPOKE OF SEEING PERHAPS TEN BODIES
DUMPED INTO THE RIVER.

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4. [] ALSO SAID THAT [] TOLD HIM THAT ALL U.S.
AIRMEN CAPTURED IN LAOS HAD BEEN SENT TO VIETNAM.

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5. ACCORDING TO [] HAD BEEN A
VIET CONG SOLDIER BEFORE 1975 BUT WAS THEN LATER SENT AS
A BORDER POLICEMAN TO THE LAO-VIETNAM FRONTIER AREA JUST
EAST OF SAM NEUA.

6. [] SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY AMERICAN
POWS OR CRASH SITES DURING HIS YEARS IN DETENTION. HE
SAID THAT HE HAD SENT THIS INFORMATION BY LETTER TO LTC
HARVEY AND TO TONY POE EARLIER THIS FALL. ISOM

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