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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MEMORANDUM

Date 9 September 1970

To: Brigadier General Blackburn  
THRU: Colonel Gibson  
Subject: US PWs in Laos (S)

1. The attached message a reply to a CINCPAC recommendation for Washington level effort to bring about a reordering of priorities (b)(1) (b)(1)(b)(3) 50 § 403(g) Section 6 of to more effectively accomplish the successful identification, assistance and recovery of US PWs in Laos.

2. Coordination has been obtained from CIA (b)(1)(b)(3) 50 § 403(g) and DIA (Capt Harris).

3. Recommended Action: Sign and dispatch attached message to CINCPAC.

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- U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN LAOS (S)
- A. JOINT WORLDWIDE EVASION AND ESCAPE MANUAL DATED 1 AUG 67
- B. CINCPAC 052204Z JUN 70
  - REF A CONTAINS BASIC POLICY, DOCTRINE AND GUIDANCE ON EVASION AND ESCAPE (E&E) FOR MAJOR COMMANDS AND UNITS OF ALL THE MILITARY SERVICES. REF B CONTAINED INVITATIONS, AND A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 22-24 JUN JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC), E&E CONFERENCE IN SAIGON AND UDORN.
  - IN REF A, \_\_\_\_\_

(b)(1)

- 3. AFTER THE UDORN MEETING WITH (b)(1) REF B, PARA 2.B., THE CONSENSUS OF WASHINGTON, CINCPAC AND JPRC REPRESENTATIVES

(b)(1)

TO DATE; THE MEAGER AND IN MANY CASES OUTDATED PW CAMP INFORMATION HAS BEEN "SPIN-OFF" FROM ROAD AND TRAILWATCH MISSIONS. ONCE ENTERED IN THE LAOS RW DETENTION FACILITIES LIST, THE LOCATION OF A REPORTED SIGHTING MAY PROVIDE THE ENEMY'S SANCTUARIES THAT WILL REMAIN FREE FROM AIR ATTACK FOR UP TO THIRTY-SIX MONTHS. A TIMELY AND AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM TO FOLLOW-UP PW SIGHTING REPORTS WOULD ENHANCE PW RECOVERY CHANCES. IN THOSE CASES WHERE SUCH FOLLOW-UP CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE NO PW'S IN THE AREA, HIGHLY LUCRATIVE ENEMY TARGETS CAN BE RE-OPENED TO AIR STRIKES.

4. ALL ATTENDEES AT THE SAIGON/UDORN MEETINGS WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT FIELD EFFORTS SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF E&E/JPRC OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT

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ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY OF U.S. PW'S IN LAOS.

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