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SC - 3892

SUMMARY: Lao refugee reports having observed a male Caucasian under guard in 1977 in central Laos.

DETAILS: During an interview in 1986, Lao refugee SC related to Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) personnel in SD that she had observed a male Caucasian under Vietnamese armed guard in Phong Savan, Plain of Jars, Laos. The firsthand sighting occurred in December 1979 when SC visited a local market; she observed the Caucasian wearing leg chains and moving about and shopping in the market. The sighting occurred within a distance of 10 meters for approximately 10 minutes. SC assumed that the male Caucasian was an American.

ANALYSIS: In August 1986 a VO-PW analyst interviewed SC by telephone at her home in SD Details of the sighting as relayed to JCRC were essentially the same with two exceptions: the sighting occurred in 1977, vice 1979, and the Caucasian had his hands tied behind his back, vice wearing leg chains.

In 1977 Frenchman and pilot SSC (of French-Cambodian descent) was arrested by the Communist Pathet Lao in Vientiane and moved to the Plain of Jars area for detention in seminar/re-education camps. SSC escaped from Laos to Thailand in March 1980, and subsequently returned to France. Lao personnel detained in seminar with SSC report that SSC was able to move about the Plain of Jars area and that he was normally escorted by armed guards. SSC and fellow seminar detainees who have been interviewed state that they neither heard of nor observed American PWs in the Plain of Jars area.

EVALUATION: Lao refugee SC probably observed Frenchman SSC during his period of detention in seminar/re-education camps. Early on during his 1977 - 1980 period of detention, especially in 1977, it would have been normal for SSC to be restrained in some manner, and to be escorted by armed guards. SC did not observe an American PW in captivity or an unaccounted-for American being detained in Laos.

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CASE # 3892

NAME: SC (3892)

## 1. SUBSTANCE OF REPORT

- Time frame: December 1979
- Number of individual sighted: One caucasian
- Location: Phong Savan Market, Plain of Jars, Xiang Khoang Province, Laos.
- Circumstances of Sighting: While shopping in Phong Savan, SC observed a caucasian also shopping. The caucasian was escorted by three Vietnamese military personnel.
- Description of individuals: Long, blond hair; full beard and mustache; 45-50 years of age, six feet tall, medium build, with glasses. The caucasian had chains at the ankles.
- Date information received: January 1986

2. LATEST INITIATIVE: 7 May 1986, Collection emphasis, request for interview.

## 3. VO-PW ANALYTIC PROCESS

- Supported by other evidence (yes/no): Yes
- Presence of conflicting evidence: Refugee sources from Plain of Jars area, and who resided there in 1979, state that chains were not used. Frenchman Name was detained in Plain of Jars area throughout 1979, and shopped in the Phong Savan Area. Name was normally accompanied by guards.
- Polygraph (yes/no: DI/NDI/Inclusive): No
- Follow-up: SC will be reinterviewed

4. UNRESOLVED BECAUSE: Actual correlation to Frenchman Name pends interview.

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CASE: # 3896

NAME: SC

1. SUBSTANCE OF REPORT:

- a. Time Frame: January-September 1979
- b. Number of individuals sighted: Two-Caucasians
- c. Location: Sam Khe Prison, Vientiane, Laos
- d. Circumstances of Sighting: SC was incarcerated in Sam Khe Prison, a facility for common criminals.
- e. Description of Individuals: Tall, light skin, brown hair with beard.
- f. Date information received: December 1985

2. LATEST INITIATIVE: December 1985

3. VO-PW ANALYTIC PROCESS

- a. Supported by other evidence (yes/no): No
- b. Presence of conflicting evidence: Other evidence indicates that at least one Frenchman was held in Sam Khe during 1979. No American PWs known to have ever been held in Sam Khe Prison, downtown, Vientiane.
- c. Polygraph (yes/no: DI/NDI/Inclusive): No
- d. Follow-up: None required; source observed other than American PWs in Sam Khe.

4. UNRESOLVED BECAUSE: Case awaits formal, written evaluation and presentation before Interagency Group.

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REMARKS

REFUGEE SC REPORTS SEEING A CAUCASIAN IN PHONE SANAN IN 1979, WITH LEG CHAINS ON, SHOPPING IN MARKET. I THINK SHE SAW NAME. WE NEED TO ASK SC THE FOLLOWING: AS NAME MOVED ABOUT, DID HE EVER HAVE LEG CHAINS ON? DID SC EVER SEE ANY CAUCASIANS IN LONGKAI ARSE WITH LEG CHAINS, OR ANY OTHER KIND OF CHAIN?

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