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BY 91-278
NARA Date 1-28-92

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L I M D I S

OUR MIGHTY MEO REPORT FROM ONE OF THEIR OUTPOSTS IN SAN NEUA THAT THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RECAPTURING ONE OF U.S. PILOTS CAP DURING PAST FEW WEEKS BY PATHET LAO AND HAVE WALKED HIM OUT TO FRIENDLY TERRITORY. WE ARE SENDING A CHOPPER TO THEIR COMMA POST TO PICK HIM UP.

IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THIS IS MRDLCKA OR SHEL BUT WE ASSUME IT IS ONE OR THE OTHER. WE WILL FLY HIM DIRECT T UDORN AND PRESUME OTHER WORD WILL COME THROUGH AIR FORCE CHANN

PAGE TWO RUMJFS 150A ~~SECRET~~

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE THAT THIS RESCU NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN PUBLICITY. I HAVE ALREADY PASSED THIS WORD TO UDORN AND TRUST IT CAN BE PUNCTUATED BY INSTRUCTIONS T ALL ECHELONS, PARTICULARLY PENTAGON PRESS SERVICES. SAME INJUN SHOULD BE PASSED TO NEXT OF KIN.

THIS OFFICER IS ONLY ONE OF THREE FOR WHICH WE CURRENTLY HAVE MEO RESCUE OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS. THOSE OPERATIONS, AS WELL A LIVES OF U.S. OFFICERS AND OUR MEO AND LAO FRIENDS, COULD BE COMPROMISED AND JEOPARDIZED BY PUBLIC HULLABALOO ABOUT THIS RE:

WHEN WE HAVE MORE FACTS IN HAND, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH RE BEST METHOD HANDLING THIS MATTER WITH ICRC AND OTHER ENTITIES WHICH NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PILOT'S RECOVERY. PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.

GP-3 SULLIVAN.
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