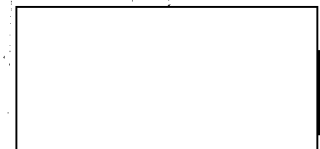
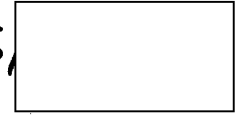


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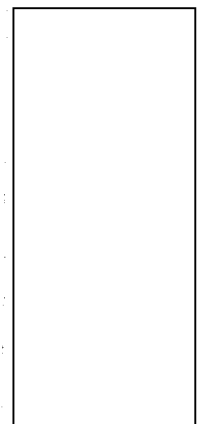


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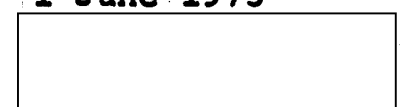
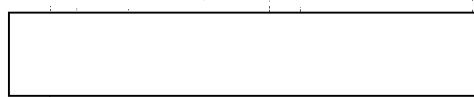


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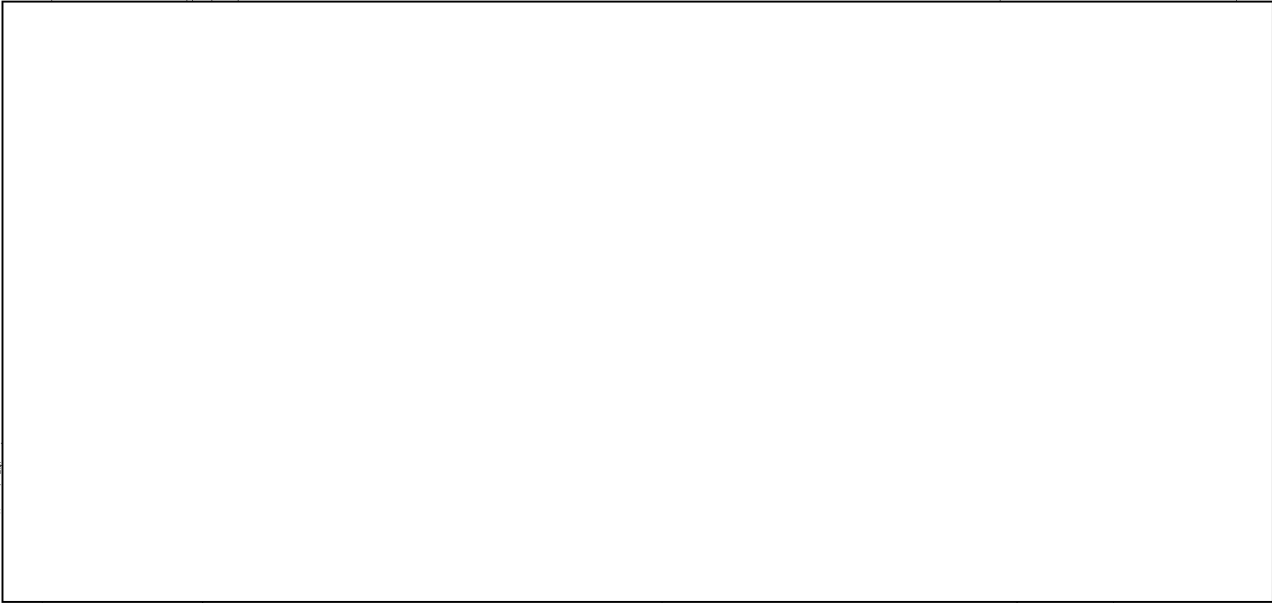
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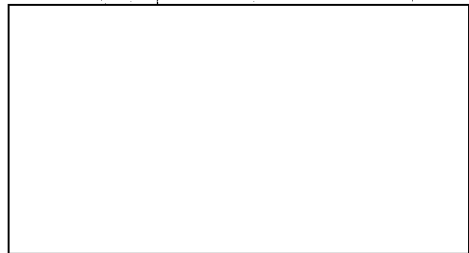
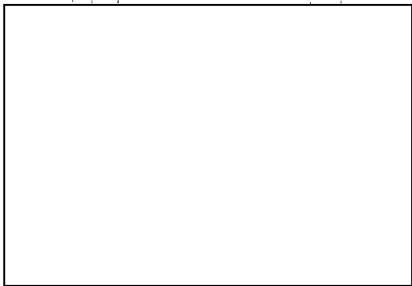
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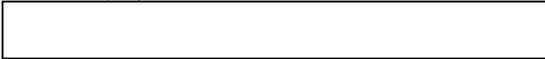
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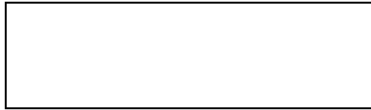
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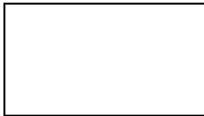
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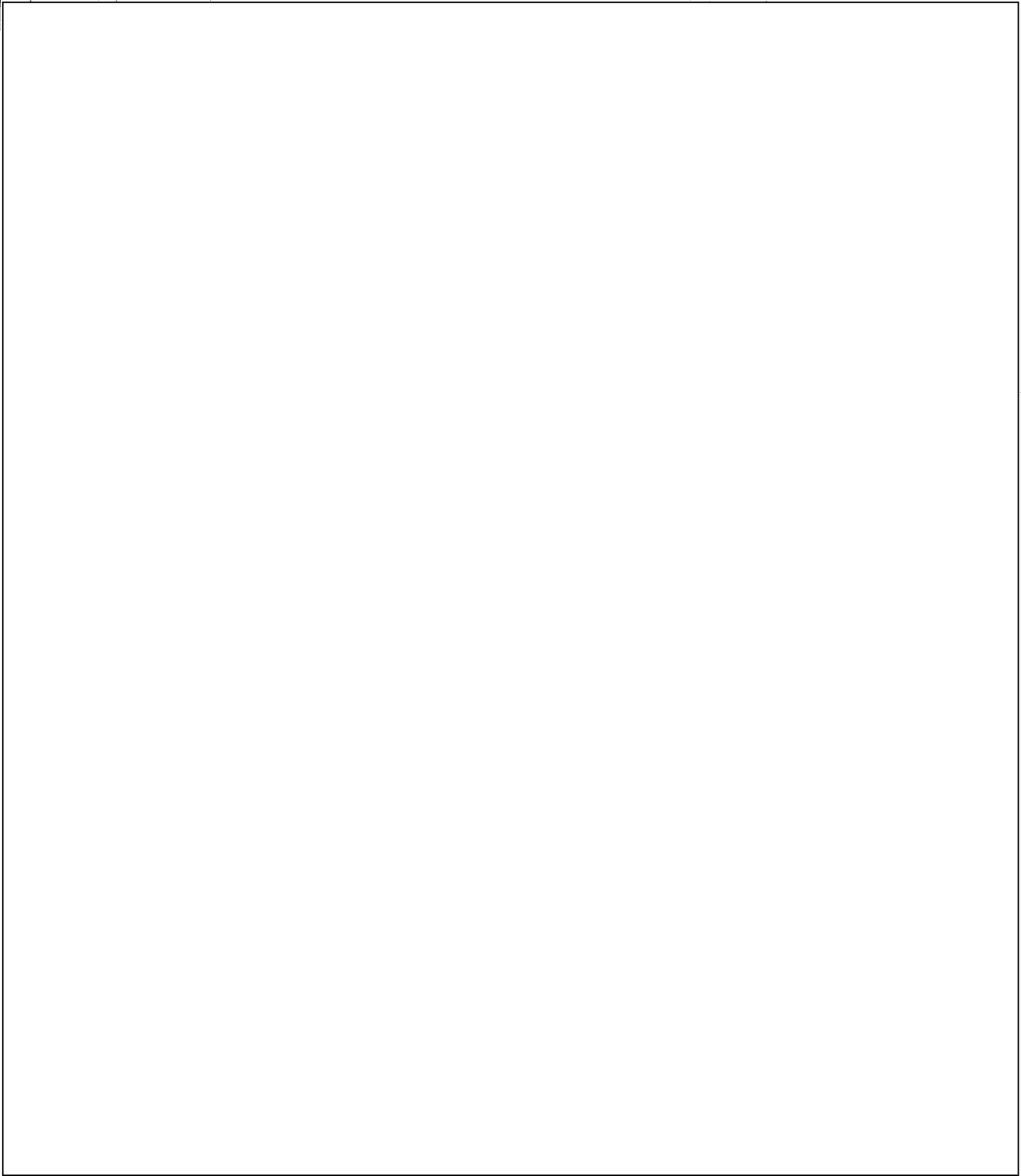


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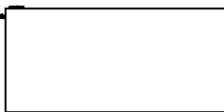
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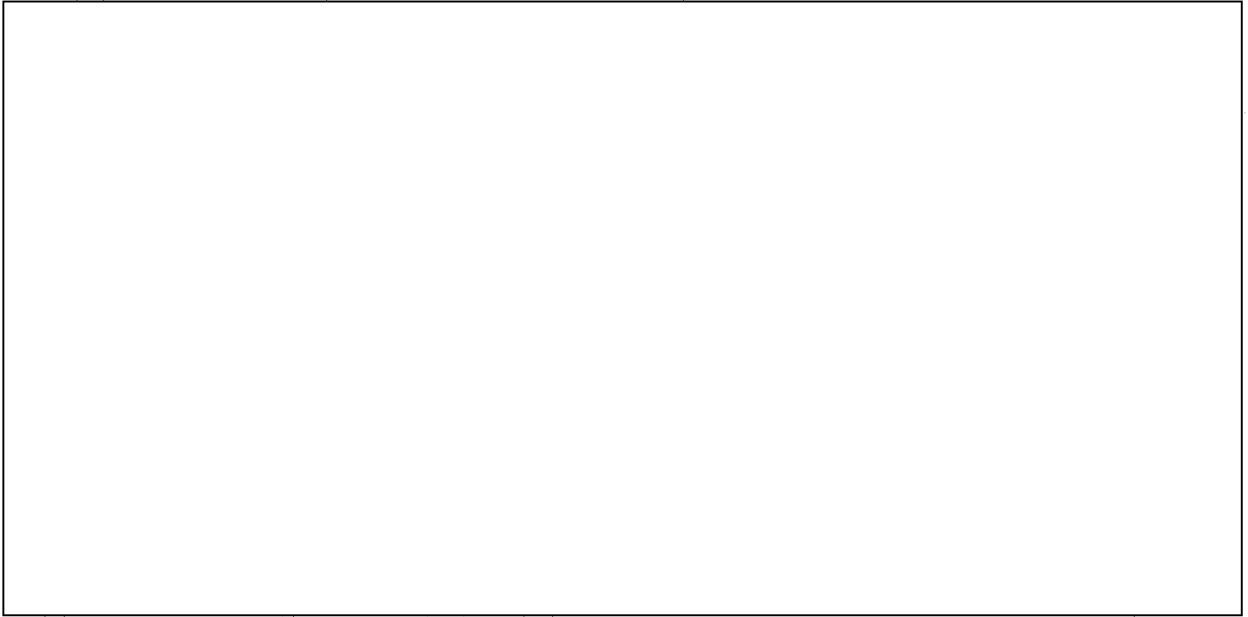
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The Lao Communists have released a statement in Vientiane acknowledging that they hold an American prisoner. The prisoner is not identified but almost certainly is Emmett Kay, the civilian pilot of the US contract aircraft shot down in northern Laos on 7 May. The statement does not acknowledge Kay's civilian status, but alleges instead that he is an "American military person" who was conducting a flight to direct "groups of commando/bandits" in Communist controlled territory.

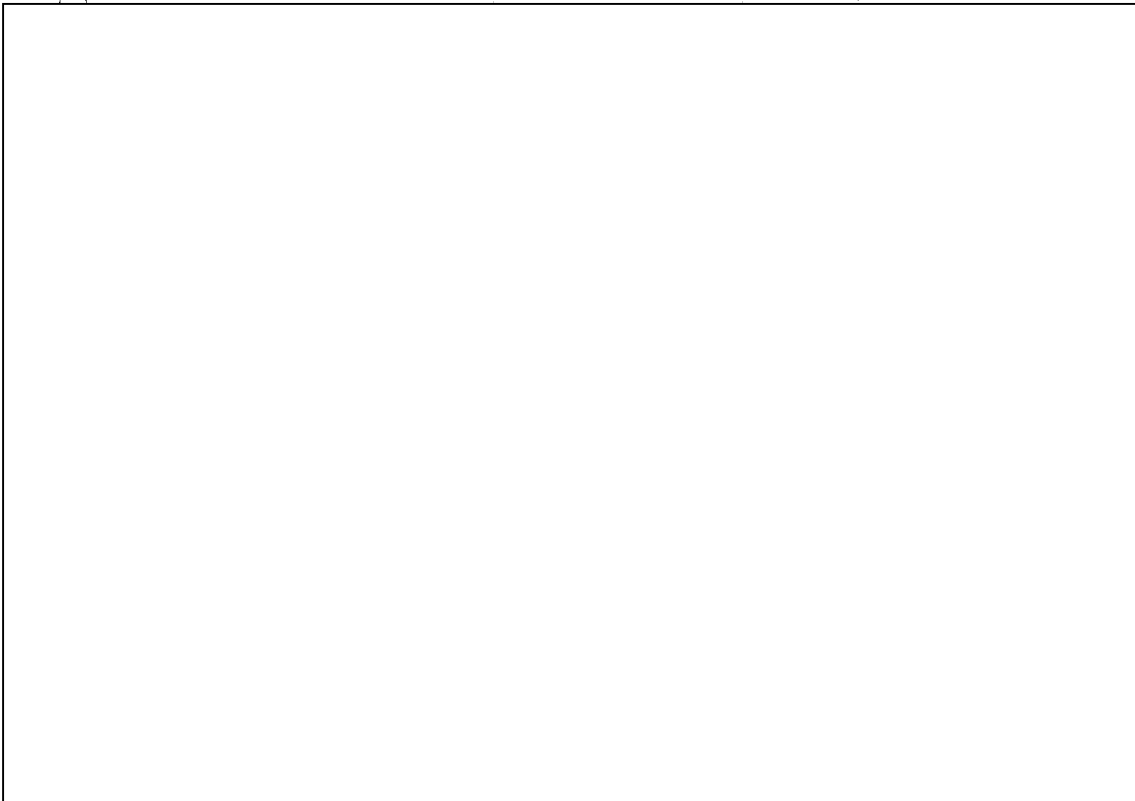
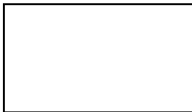


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