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MEMORANDUM

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TO : PNL Asst via *2.8/17/68* ~~DP, PNL~~, President
FROM : FMVTE via ~~BMVTE~~
SUBJECT: Missing Employees

DATE: 31 July 1968

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On July 30 I had a preliminary meeting with Mr. J. Murphy of the Political Section, U. S. Embassy, Vientiane regarding our missing employees. Mr. Murphy indicated that the Embassy officials have always been trying to find out the status of DeBruin and the other missing employees however, their efforts have not been very successful. The Pathet Lao representative in Vientiane refuses, according to Mr. Murphy, to accept any packages.

Mr. Murphy was queried as to any other channels the undersigned could use. He noted that Dr. Jung Baer of the International Red Cross could be one and Mr. Sot Pethrasi, the Pathet Lao representative in Vientiane could be the second. In the case of the latter Mr. Murphy indicated that he has to ask Washington (I assume he meant the State Department) prior to me contacting the PL representative (should I be given a green light for such a meeting I would like to be accompanied by a company official or a security representative).

Mr. Murphy also suggested that I take few packages with me when an appointment with the PL representative is obtained and request to have them forwarded. In conjunction with this Mr. Murphy indicated an interest in meeting Indradat and Sorita (both in Udorn). According to him Indradat could have some valuable information on the missing employees and their status.

On the same day I went to see Dr. Baer. He first noted that besides our employees he has a list of 71 names who are mostly military personnel. He noted that the Pathet Lao in Vientiane will accept only mail to the missing personnel (mail from parents etc.). He also added that Mr. Pethrasi refuses to specify by name whether a person is a prisoner or not. What Dr. Baer receives as an answer is a generalized term such as "they" are prisoners or "they" are not prisoners.

Dr. Baer will advise me as soon as he obtains any definite information on our missing personnel. Since the Doctor did not have the names of Chan Aium and C. B. Nabung I gave those names for inclusion on his list.

It is best at the present time to limit any contacts to the Political Section and the Red Cross as these two units have been, I think, the only interested intermediaries between the Company and the PL. Perhaps in the future other contacts could be established. I will, however, keep you advised of any new developments.

[Redacted Signature]

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