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INFO RUHOHQA/CINCPAC
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM MOORER, INFO ADM GAYLER, AMB BUNKER, AMB GODLEY FROM GEN WEYAND
REF: CJCS 230459Z MAR 73 (S/SPECAT)
1. (U) SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCED MESSAGE CAREFULLY CONVEYED IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH DRV AT 221330H MARCH. DRV ACKNOWLEDGED UNDERSTANDING. MEETING WAS CORDIAL.
2. (C) DRV THEN REVIEWED DRV GOVERNMENT POSITION CALLING FOR COMPLETION OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND RELEASE OF US PW CAPTURED IN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN 60 DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE MATTER OF RELEASE OF US PW HELD BY PATHET LAO WAS NOT LINKED IN ANY WAY WITH THE AGREEMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARIS UNDERSTANDING THE DRV WOULD UNDERTAKE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE PATHET LAO IN ORDER

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TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF US PW; BUT IF THIS COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY 28 MARCH, THE US STILL WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT TO COMPLETE TROOP WITHDRAWALS BY 28 MARCH. US NOTED DRV VIEW BUT REMINDED HIM OF COMMENTS REFERENCED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.
3. (C) AS FINAL POINT DRV RAISED MATTER OF RETURN OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES BY THE TWO PARTIES. HE NOTED PARIS UNDERSTANDING THAT US WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH RVN TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THIS MATTER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT DRV PLACED IMPORTANCE ON SOME MOVEMENT BEFORE X 60 ON RETURN OF THE CIVILIAN DETAINEES. THE US NOTED THAT CIVILIAN DETAINEE ISSUE WAS TWO PARTY MATTER, INVOLVING A 90 DAY PERIOD RATHER THAN 60, AND THAT THE MATTER COULD NOT BE LINKED IN ANY WAY WITH ISSUE OF RELEASE OF US PRISONERS. US ACKNOWLEDGED IT HAD BEEN WORKING WITH RVN ON MATTER OF CIVILIAN DETAINEE RELEASE. THIS WAS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR THE RVN DUE, IN LARGE MEASURE, TO THE DISPARITY OF PW AND CIVILIAN DETAINEE LISTS.
4. (C) AT END OF DISCUSSION US ASKED IF DRV WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONVEY COMMENTS REFERENCED IN PARA 1 TO DRV GOVERNMENT AND IF US COULD EXPECT A REPLY EITHER FROM THE DRV MILITARY DELEGATION

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OR ANOTHER CHANNEL, SUCH AS US OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE. DRV REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. GDS 1979
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