
~~SECRET~~

*****S COPY

FLASH

#5543 1051313

25X1

Z 151309Z APR 73 ZYH ZFF-6
FM LUANG PRABANG

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

INFO JCS
STATE RCI

[Redacted]

25X1

"FOR DR. KISSINGER EYES ONLY
FROM AMBASSADOR GODLEY IN LUANG PRABANG
INFO ADMIRAL MOORER-J.C.S.
ZEN/GENERAL VOGT-USSAG NKP
SECRETARY ROGERS-SECSTATE
ZEN/VIENTIANE FOR ARNOLD, DEAN, AND DWORREN
ZEN/LONG TIENG FOR MUSTAKOS
ZEN/UDORN FOR LANDRY

MORI C03364145

OSD, DOS, review completed

"AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR SOME TIME OVER THE SITUATION IN THE THA VIENG AREA DUE SOUTH OF XIENG KHOUANG VILLE WHERE THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ATTACKING FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS. THEY HAVE HIT HARD USING AT LEAST 2 TANKS AND HAVE DISPERSED THE FORCES WHO ARE REGROUPING WEST OF ROUTE 4. SOUVANNA LEFT VIENTIANE APR 12 FOR LUANG PRABANG AND JUST BEFORE THAT TOLD US HE MIGHT BE SEEKING USAF SUPPORT ON A GRADUATED SCALE I.E. FIRST F4'S AND SPECTRES, THEN IF NECESSARY F-111'S AND THEN IF NECESSARY B52'S. WE HOWEVER RECEIVED NO REQUEST, ALTHD VANG PAO TOLD [Redacted] YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE THAT HE MIGHT NEED USAF SUPPORT (THE WEATHER IN THE THA VIENG AREA IS SO BAD THAT T-28'S CAN NOT OPERATE EFFECTIVELY). VANG PAO CAME TO LUANG PRABANG YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND SAW THE PRIMIN AND SISOUK. I ARRIVED LUANG PRABANG NOON TODAY AND SISOUK TRIED TO REACH ME, AND AT 5P.M. FINALLY CONTACTED ME TO SAY THAT THE P.M. OFFICIALLY REQUEST U.S.A.F. AIR SUPPORT UP TO AND INCLUDING B-52'S IN THE THA VIENG AREA. SISOUK SAYS THE PRIMIN BELIEVES THIS SUPPORT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR IF IT IS NOT FORTHCOMING, WHAT WILL STOP THE ENEMY FROM HITTING WHEREVER HE WISHES IN LAOS. I CONCUR.

25X1

"I MUST REMAIN IN LUANG PRABANG UNTIL 1430 TOMORROW LOCAL TO HAVE FAREWELL CALL AND LUNCH WITH KING. AM REPEATING THIS TO VIENTIANE SO THAT PERSONNEL THERE CAN BEGIN ARRANGING THE B52 BOXES THAT VANG PAO WILL BE SUBMITTING. [Redacted] SHOULD FORWARD THEM IMMEDIATELY TO VIENTIANE. AM ALSO REPEATING THIS TO

25X1

* * * * * W H S R C O M M E N T * * * * *

HAK, SCOWCROFT, LORD, HOWE

PSN:029112

RECALLED
PAGE 01

TOR:105/14:02Z

DTG:151309Z

~~SECRET~~

*****S COPY

S E C R E T

*****S COPY

GENERAL VOGT TO ALERT HIM AND TO HAVE HIS STAFF CONSIDER WHETHER TO USE B52'S, AC-130'S OR F-111'S. (BEACONS FOR F-111'S ARE IN PLACE IN THE VIENG AREA).

AIRA AND DWORREN IN VIENTIANE SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN NKP TO DO WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO REACT WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT IF WASHINGTON GIVES US THE GREEN LIGHT."

"FOR GENERAL VOGT: RECALL WHAT YOU TOLD ME FRIDAY ABOUT YOUR FORCES BEING PRETTY WELL TIED UP IN CAMBODIA BUT HOPE SOME CAN BE FREED TO HIT IN THE THA VIENG AREA. AS YOU KNOW WEATHER THERE IS ABSOLUTELY MISERABLE SO I FEAR IT WILL HAVE TO BE AC130'S, F-111'S, AND/OR B-52'S.

ALL THE BEST -AS EVER"

E2, IMPDET.

500

PSN:029112

RECALLED
PAGE 02

OF 02

TOR:105/14:02Z

OTG:151309Z

S E C R E T

*****S COPY