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TO ADAMS/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM

PROSPECTS FOR U.S. RELATIONS WITH LAOS: OUR CHARGE IN  
VIENTIANE BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. CANNOT, IN THE LONG RUN,  
MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH LAOS WITHOUT PAYING A GREAT PRICE.  
HE EXPLAINS THAT IT WILL BE MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR  
US TO REMAIN ONCE IT IS DETERMINED THAT NO U.S. ASSISTANCE  
IS FORTHCOMING. HE CONCLUDES THAT THEORETICAL ARGUMENTS  
AGAINST A CONTINUED U.S. DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE SOMEWHAT  
OUTWEIGH THOSE IN FAVOR OF SUCH A PRESENCE. (STEARMAN)  
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State Dept. review completed

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