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A Japanese Foreign Ministry official (F) from an official report received by the Foreign Ministry from the Japanese Embassy in Saigon in mid-August 1961. Appraisal of Content: ? (that the Foreign Ministry received such a report).

1. The Japanese Embassy in Saigon, hearing rumors that TSUJI Masanobu was in Vang Vieng, Laos, and had received permission to visit Pathet Lao leaders, sent an Embassy staff member named YOSHIKAWA to investigate.
2. In a place called "Phon Hong", YOSHIKAWA met a Chinese who identified a photograph of TSUJI and revealed that he had met and assisted TSUJI. The Chinese said that TSUJI had arrived in Vang Vieng around 15 May 1961. In early June, TSUJI received permission to visit leaders of the Pathet Lao, and on 7 June 1961 departed Vang Vieng for Xiengkhouang, Laos. TSUJI arrived in "Phon Hong" on 10 June 1961.

Field Comment. FJT-7161 reported previous information on TSUJI's Southeast Asian travels. During June, July, and August 1961, various Japanese weekly magazines theorized that TSUJI was murdered in late April or May 1961. These conjectures placed the blame for TSUJI's death on sources varying from the Pathet Lao to British and American intelligence services.

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