

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Maury

Background papers used by the Director
and Ambassador Godley for the
Ambassador's appearance before the
Senate Sub-Committee on U.S. Security
Agreements and Commitments Abroad.
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18 July 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

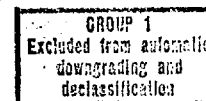
VIA : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Point Paper for the Director's Meeting with
Ambassador Godley, 18 July 1970, 1030 hours

1. In preparation for Ambassador Godley's appearance as a witness before the Senate Sub-Committee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad, we have participated in the inter-agency committee and had two independent sessions with Ambassador Godley during the evenings of 15 and 16 July. During these two evening sessions, Ambassador Godley has reviewed the transcripts of the Director's testimony before the Symington Sub-Committee on 28 October 1969 and the Director's testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 13 March and 7 July 1970. In addition, Ambassador Godley has reviewed pertinent portions of the Director's back-up notebooks for these hearings. In addition, we have arranged for an OCI briefing on the morning of 18 July prior to his visit with you and a last-minute current intelligence briefing on the morning he is to appear before the Symington Sub-Committee. We have also been asked to be available for additional discussions on his testimony during the forthcoming weekend.

2. In support of Ambassador Godley's testimony CIA has provided the following materials and fact sheets which are in response to questions submitted by Senator Symington to the Secretary of State:

a. A map depicting the current situation of enemy and friendly forces and their respective controlled areas in Laos.

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c. Budget figures for Vientiane Station overhead support for fiscal year 1970 and fiscal year 1971.

d. A budget spread sheet for the current level of U.S. government (CIA) support to the Meo irregular forces.

e. A fact sheet on the Laos paramilitary force level projection for fiscal year 1971.

3. In addition we have provided a fact sheet on the Thai infantry and artillery units deployed to Laos giving the dates of their deployment, their vital statistics and budget data. We have provided the same information for the Sierra Romeo IX Thai artillery battalion. We have also provided budgetary data for the Thai Black Panther Division and the Thai personnel assigned to Headquarters 333 at Udorn, Thailand and used by us in Laos. This information is consistent with your previous testimony.

4. During your discussion with Ambassador Godley, the following points of discussion will probably be raised:

a. Thai infantry and artillery units in Laos: As we understand it, Assistant Secretary of State Marshall Green briefed Mr. Carl Marcy, staff aide to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, on the introduction of the Sierra Romeo IX artillery battery and the subsequent deployment of the first 800-man Thai infantry battalion into Long Tieng. When the subsequent infantry units and one additional artillery battery were introduced, the State Department checked with the White House and was advised that they should not brief the Senate on the introduction of these additional Thai units. Ambassador Godley will be, of course, questioned on the presence of Thai troops in Laos. The Committee has not been officially advised of the presence of the additional infantry and artillery units.

b. Ambassador Godley has raised with [] his desire to have a CIA officer present at the hearing to provide him with back-up information as required. He has been instructed to raise this question with you. He was told, however, by [] that this was not desirable and in fact the Ambassador would probably be in a better position to finesse questions concerning CIA operations if a CIA officer was not present. The security problems and the possible exposure of a CIA officer were also noted.

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c. The provision of budget data: As noted above, one of the Committee's questions concerned the operating costs for fiscal year 1970 and fiscal year 1971 for each of the organizations represented in Laos. Based on a review of your previous testimonies we provided the cost figures for the paramilitary program in Laos but did not give the Committee what is in effect the Station overhead. Your guidance concerning the ground rules for Ambassador Godley's use of CIA budgetary data would be most useful.

d. CIA irregular force level statistics: The statistics we have provided Ambassador Godley for the Laos paramilitary force level is a projection for fiscal year 1971. It is at slight variance with the 36,000 figure you have previously provided the Committee. It is based, however, upon a Vientiane Station submission specifically prepared for Ambassador Godley. Ambassador Godley is aware of the figures you previously quoted but you may wish to review with him any limitations you may wish to impose on the use of these detailed statistics.

e. Laos involvement in Cambodia: It is believed Ambassador Godley would benefit from a discussion with you of the Senate's interest in U.S. government, and specifically CIA, involvement in Cambodia.

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Chief, Far East Division

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Attachments:

- A. [Redacted]
- B. FY 70 and FY 71 Operating Costs
- C. USG Support to Meo Irregular Forces
- D. Laos Paramilitary Force Level
- E. Thai Infantry and Artillery Deployed to Laos
- F. FY 70 and FY 71 Laos Paramilitary Operations

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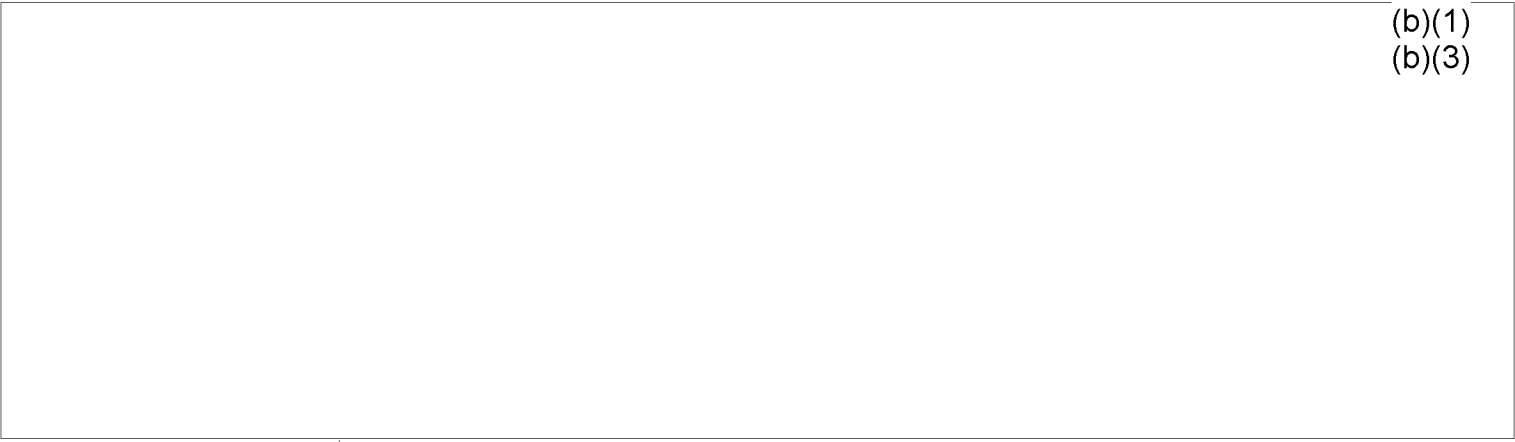
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2. What is the current manpower situation of those forces?

During FY 70 Meo irregular forces had a projected force level of 18,062 personnel. However, the increased level of operations during the year has, as of 11 July 1970, reduced the effective strength to the following:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Strength</u>
SGU	8,704
ADO	4,259
Combat Support	<u>1,026</u>
TOTAL	13,989*

*NOTE: The difference between the FY 70 force level and current effective strength represents losses due to casualties (killed, wounded, captured, missing) or loss of contact.

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LAOS PARAMILITARY FORCE LEVEL

PROJECTION FOR FY 71

	<u>SGU</u> ¹	<u>ADC</u> ²	<u>Roadwatch Intelligence Personnel</u>
MR I	3,300 (6 battalions)	3,300 (11 battalions)	1,428
MR II	8,775 (16 battalions) ³	---	525
MR III	5,500 (10 battalions)	1,200 (4 battalions)	680
MR IV	<u>3,300</u> (6 battalions)	<u>1,800</u> (6 battalions)	<u>735</u>
TOTAL	20,875	6,300 (21 battalions)	3,368

	<u>Commando Raider</u>	<u>Lao Staff</u>	<u>ADO</u>	<u>Totals</u>
MR I	120	132	661	8,941
MR II	120	175	5,405	15,000
MR III	120	471	---	7,971
MR IV	<u>120</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>6,498</u>
TOTAL	480	921	6,466	38,410

¹SGU Battalion - 550 men

²ADC Battalion - 300 men

³Includes one 525-man intelligence battalion

THAI INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY

DEPLOYED TO LAOS

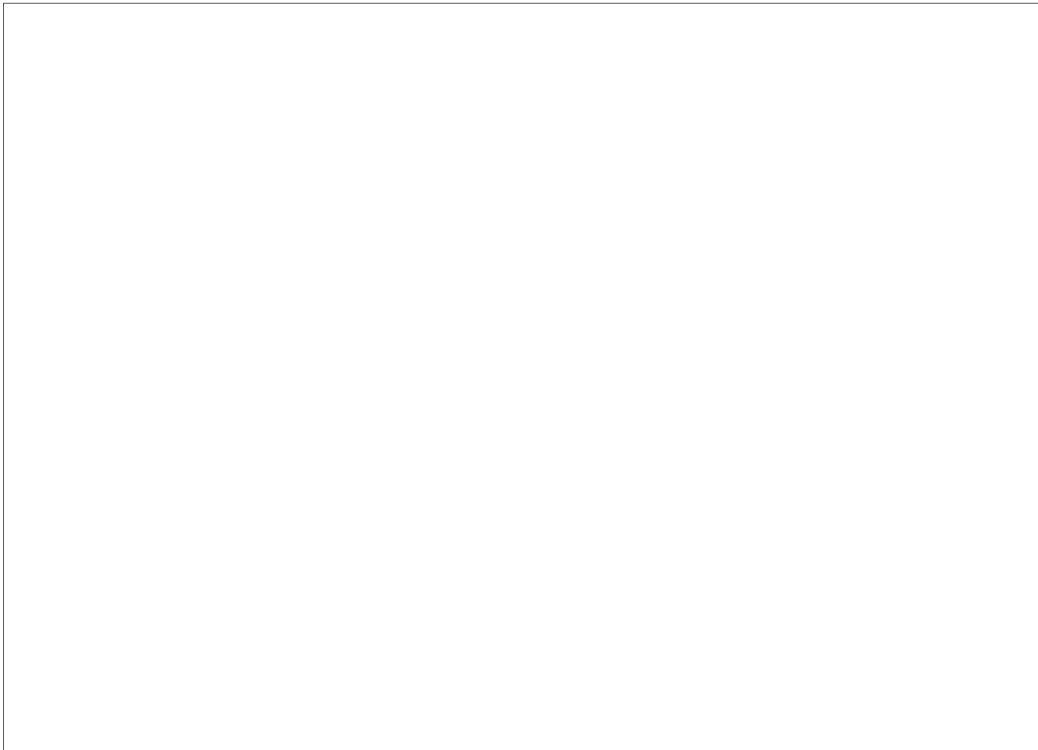
Dates of Employment	BI-13	28 March 1970
	BI-14	19 April 1970
	BA-14	19 April 1970
	BI-15	10 May 1970
Location	MR II - Long Tieng/Sam Thong Area	
Weapons	Four 105 mm howitzers	
Number of Personnel Deployed	Approximately 2,600	



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SR IX BACKGROUND

Date of Employment	March 1970
Location	MR II - Long Tieng/Sam Thong Area
Weapons	Four 105 mm howitzers Four 155 mm howitzers
Number of Personnel Deployed	Approximately 300



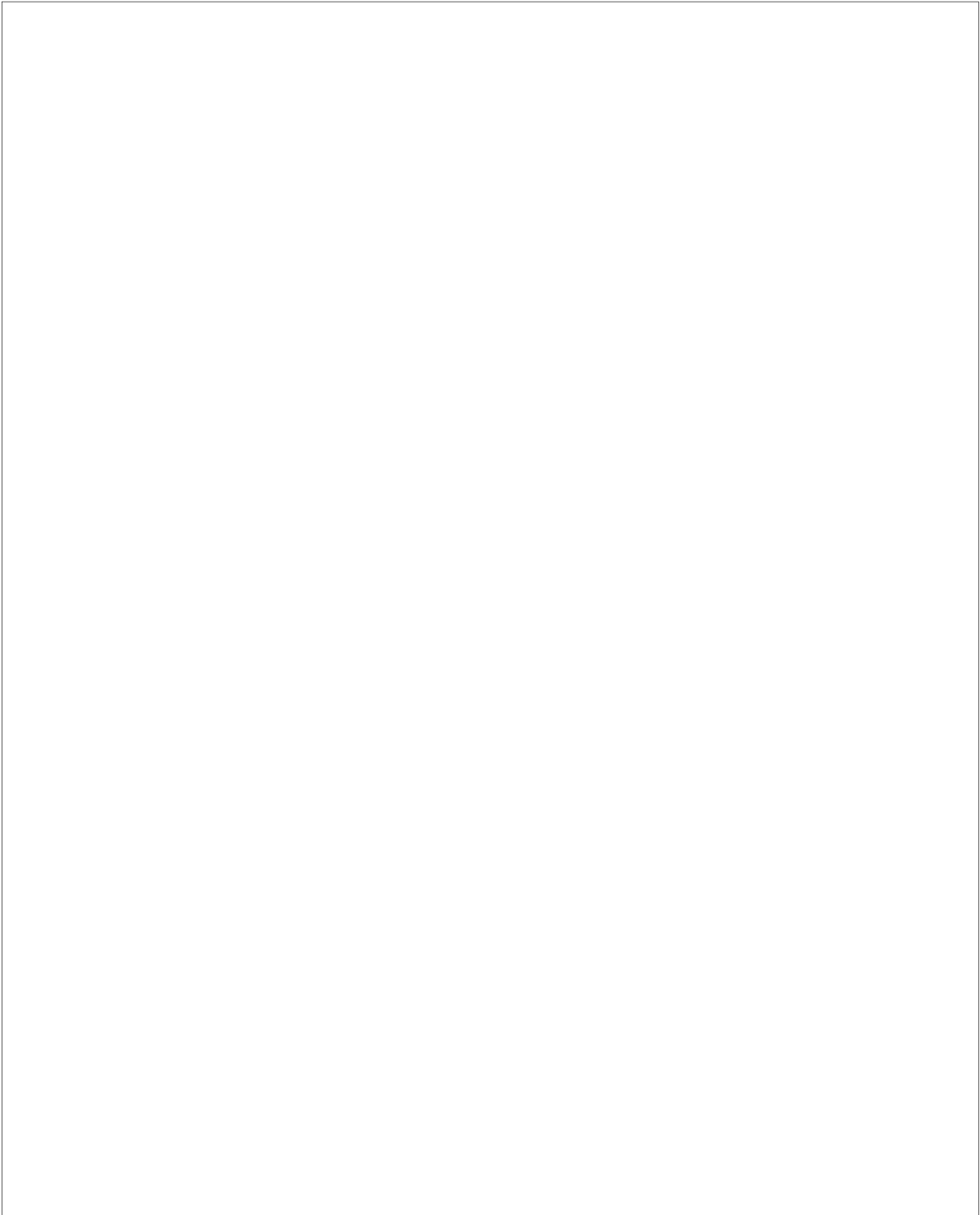
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*Estimate based on percentage of ammunition sent to MR II.



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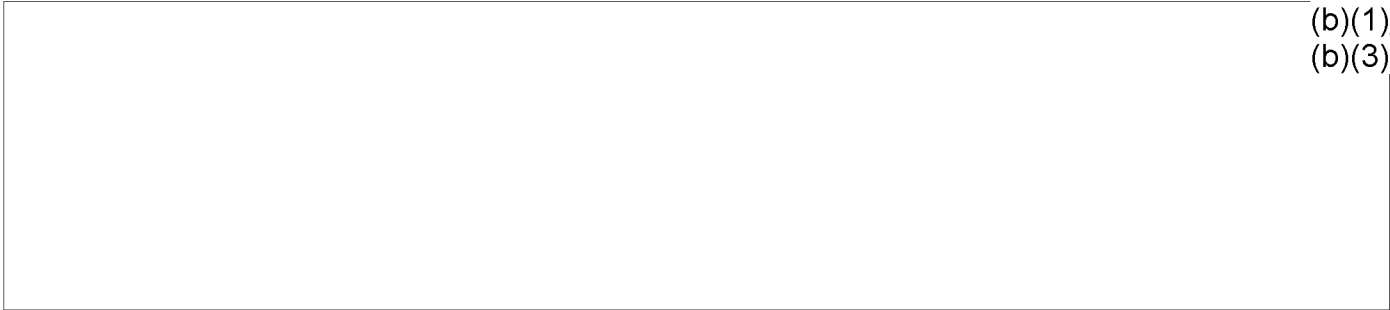


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Memorandum for DCI

SUBJECT: Point Paper for DCI Mtg with Amb Godley

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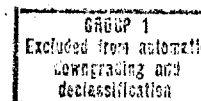
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Wolf Committee Meeting

DATE AND TIME : 16 July 1970, 1430 - 1700 hours

PURPOSE : Preparation for Ambassador George McMurtrie Godley, U.S. Ambassador, Vientiane, Laos, to appear before the Senate Committee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad hearing on Laos

1. All agencies were represented. The first announcement was by Mr. Joseph Wolf, the Committee chairman, who indicated that the White House had instructed the Department of State to advise Senator Symington that Ambassador Godley would appear before the Committee providing they would agree to hold the hearing in executive session, there would be one copy of the transcript which would be classified and held in custody by the State Department, and there would be no publication of this testimony. (NB: After the general meeting, the undersigned discussed this procedure with Ambassador Godley and Mr. Wolf. This formula is, of course, the same arrangement made with Senator Symington by the DCI and NSA. Mr. Wolf was asked if they had considered the Ambassador McConaughy formula wherein the session in which he discussed intelligence matters was handled by the DCI arrangement and the remainder of his hearing was edited by State and subsequently released. Both Mr. Wolf and Ambassador Godley indicated that the White House had decided to dig in its heels and force a confrontation and that the Department was not authorized to make any compromises. If the Committee does not accept the White House formula, the Department has to return to the White House for further instructions.)

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2. Since this was the first meeting of the Wolf Committee with Ambassador Godley present, Mr. Wolf briefly described the public postures of the various senators on important political issues and reviewed the ground rules which have applied to previous testimony -- i. e. :

- a. No testimony on operational plans or contingency plans.
- b. No discussion of what the U.S. should or might do subsequent to possible peace negotiations.
- c. No discussion on the use of
- d.. Ambassador Godley cannot claim executive privilege.
- e. The White House is not to be revealed as having instructed the witness. The witness is to indicate that his instructions are from the Secretary of State.

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3. Ambassador Godley had a draft statement which had been prepared in the field which was then reviewed for controversial points. This draft needs extensive work and is in process of being rewritten by the several agencies. Portions pertinent to CIA will be highlighted for CFE, DDP and DCI as appropriate prior to the final finished draft.

4. The Committee received a number of questions which must be responded to by Ambassador Godley. A copy of these questions is attached. The questions are divided into different categories. There are 18 questions under six sub-headings -- Threat to Laos; Written, Stated and Understood Commitments; Military Assistance; U.S. Forces, Facilities and Operations; U.S. Financial and Non-Military Support; and CAS. The five questions under Threat to Laos should be carefully reviewed by CIA. We have been asked to provide the map showing the current situation of friendly and enemy forces and respective controlled areas in response to question three under category two. There will be no requirement for CIA input for the

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section under Military Assistance. CIA will have an input in question one -- Give the total number of U.S. military and civilian personnel in Laos -- under U.S. Forces, Facilities and Operations. This question also asks for the FY 70 and projected FY 71 operating costs for each of the organizations which specifically includes CIA. The specific questions under the sub-heading CAS are: What is the current level of U.S. government support to the Meo irregular forces and what is the current manpower situation of those forces. We are currently preparing the input for these questions and reviewing it against previous DCI testimony.

5. A briefing session of Ambassador Godley was held on the evening of 15 July from 1945 hours until 0200 hours by Messrs. Devlin and Strathern. A second session is planned for the evening of 16 July. The results of these briefing sessions will be made a matter of record in separate memoranda.

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List of Questions from Senator Symington

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

July 13, 1970

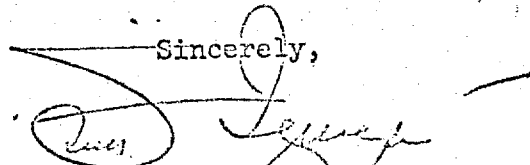
Honorable William P. Rogers
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached are some of the details with respect to the information we would appreciate receiving incident to the planned hearing on Laos with Ambassador Godley, scheduled for Tuesday, July 21.

We would of course appreciate any additional information he could give us with respect to these matters.

Sincerely,



Stuart Symington
Chairman
Subcommittee on United
States Security Agreements
and Commitments Abroad

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POINTS TO BE COVERED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH WITNESSES
IN PREPARED STATEMENTS
FOR THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. SECURITY AGREEMENTS & COMMITMENTS ABROAD
HEARING ON LAOS

THREAT TO LAOS

1. Whose decision was it for Royal Lao or irregular forces to seize the Plain of Jars? What was the purpose of that effort? Did we encourage, approve or disapprove of that action?

What was the short-term result of that action?
What has been the long-term result?

2. Who ordered the B-52 strike of the Plain of Jars? What was the political impact; the military impact? DoD-addit

3. What are the basic communist threats to the Royal Lao Government?

4. What threat, if any, exists to the Souvanna government from the right-wing Lao military?

5. Trace in detail on a month-by-month basis the North Vietnamese/Pathet Lao activity in Laos since the overthrow of Sihanouk. DoD-addit

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IN PREPARED STATEMENTS
FOR THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. SECURITY AGREEMENTS & COMMITMENTS ABROAD
HEARING ON LAOS

WRITTEN, STATED & UNDERSTOOD COMMITMENTS

1. What position did the United States take with regard to the reported Pathet Lao suggestion for a settlement?
endorsed RLO.

2. What, if any, is the present Thai participation in the Lao war? What is the public and private response to United States acknowledgement of its activities in Laos from the Royal Lao Government? From the Soviet Union? From other nations?

3. Provide a map showing the current situation of forces and controlled areas. (CAS) CAS
DIA

4. What agreements or understandings between the United States and the Royal Lao Governments preceded United States evacuation of Lao civilians from the Plain of Jars?

What was the purpose of the evacuation? Who developed the idea? How many people were involved? * How were they chosen? Did any persons refuse to be evacuated?

Had any of those evacuated previously lived under the Pathet Lao? Where were they taken? * What understandings or plans exist for their return to their homes on the Plain of Jars? * How are they being supported? * What United States support was involved in fiscal year 1970? * What is being programmed for fiscal year 1971? *

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IN PREPARED STATEMENTS
FOR THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. SECURITY AGREEMENTS & COMMITMENTS ABROAD
HEARING ON LAOS
MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. Provide details for FY 1970 and projections for FY 1971 for the MAP program for Laos. Include commodity breakout and munitions tables. Include also the aircraft operationally supported. DOD

2. What force levels have we supported in Laos since 1962 on a year-by-year basis broken out by armies and major commands? DOD

3. Prince Souvanna Phouma recently announced plans to reorganize the Royal Lao Army. What does this entail? What is to be the United States role in this reorganization? What financial and materiel aid is expected from us? Were we consulted or did we initiate this reorganization? EA/LC drafting

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HEARING ON LAOS

U.S. FINANCIAL & NON-MILITARY SUPPORT

1. Bring up to date the United States economic and other non-military assistance being given the Royal Lao government.* Provide annual figures and types of programs?

CAS

1. What is the current level of United States Government support to the Meo irregular forces?

CIA

2. What is the current manpower situation of those forces?

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IN PREPARED STATEMENTS
FOR THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. SECURITY AGREEMENTS & COMMITMENTS ABROAD
HEARING ON LAOS

U.S. FORCES, FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

1. As of the latest date possible, give the total number of U.S. military and civilian personnel in Laos. Indicate the organization for whom they work (e.g., ARMA, AIRA, CAS, RO, USAID, USIS, Dep. Chief, MACV, SCG) even though they may be carried for administrative purposes under a different agency.

Give the approximate FY 1970 and projected FY 1971 operating costs (including military pay) for each of the organizations referred to in the answer to paragraph one of question 1.

2. On a year-by-year basis since 1967, trace the number of T-28s operated by the Royal Lao Air Force; the number of sorties flown. Provide the cost of air munitions provided by the United States.

What limitation, if any, is there imposed or suggested by the United States or U.S. advisors on the number of sorties an individual Lao pilot or Lao-operated T-28 can fly per day?

3. Since 1964 on a year-by-year basis, provide the number of U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy air strikes in northern Laos (Barrel Roll) and along the Ho Chi Minh Trail (Steel Tiger). Provide those same statistics on a month-by-month basis since September 1968.

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