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G: Going on to SAC then in--let's see, you got there in September 1969. Was it like turning off the heat and all the noise and going on a vacation?

M: (laughter) Not exactly. In the first place, I had a lot to learn. The mission was the same and the professional approach was the same, but the people were different; the equipment was different, and the specifics of the problems were different. For example, there was a war going on in Southeast Asia that involved a great percentage of SAC's effort 24 hours a day. Not only bombing and aerial refueling, but reconnaissance with the SR-71, U-2, and the drones. I should also mention the ground efforts, too, that we have touched on before, the MSQ detachments that directed bombing from the ground by radar. Not only strategic but tactical aircraft used that system. Those were all SAC detachments.

G: That's right.

M: A very unhappy event had occurred not too long before I went to SAC. We had a detachment of that sort up in Laos on a mountaintop, Site 85, it seems to me.

G: Lima Site 85.

M: It had that label. Speaking of intelligence, the tactical intelligence wasn't bad. We could see in Washington that that site was vulnerable and that there were preparations being made by the enemy to attack it. In addition to the joint traffic, as a part of the operational activity from the JCS on out through PACOM and on to USMACV and USMACTHAI and so on, we took independent Air Force action because of the look of that situation. When this occurred, I remember talking to CINCPACAF on the secure phone myself when I was DCS, P and O. As far as I could tell, our American Ambassador in Laos, a feisty little man named Sullivan [William H.], very able, formerly in OSD and so on--or was it State? In any case he surfaced prominently in the sixties in one place or another over there--ultimately responsible. He was rather proud of having this responsibility, and I gather that he just didn't make his move in time to save the day. We lost those men. We lost, I think, 15 men at Site 85. I am not pointing the finger at an individual here. I am citing the event, and it is an illustration of SAC's involvement in the war in many ways. So I had all of these things to learn. Some of them I was familiar with, and some of them I was not particularly current in.

Holloway was a fine commander, very effective. He had a great style, an eloquence about him--and his family, too--that I think did the command a lot of good, but I wouldn't go so far as to say that we had a light workload. I think that it was lighter than the Pentagon, yes. (laughter)

Part of my earliest possible action was to visit every SAC base, foreign and domestic, as soon as I could. As it turned out--well, Bruce and I alternated trips. Of course, we had to. One of us always had to be on the base, always in communication. The walkie-talkie gave us, of course, a certain amount of latitude and flexibility. In fact, for awhile we could both leave the base as long as we were in communication.

As the situations changed and alert conditions changed, we decided that it wasn't really practical, particularly when we got into the airborne alert for CINCSAC. We had Looking Glass, of course. That had been flying at that time, I suppose, 17 years around the clock, 24 hours a day, regardless of weather. Of course, by now, it's over 20 years. This is a great element of deterrence because there isn't anything in the world that the Soviet Union can do yet in the state of the art to destroy that capability represented by that

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ABSTRACT: DISCUSSES EARLY CAREER AND ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES: TRAINING, INVOLVEMENT IN WATER PUMP, AIRCRAFT TYPES AND MISSIONS, AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT; ASSIGNMENT AS AIR ATTACHE IN LAOS: OPERATING BASES IN LAOS, BUTTERFLY FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS (FACS), INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, RIVALRY WITHIN LAO MILITARY, GEN MA'S COUP, AIR ACTIVITY IN 1966, LIMA SITE 85, U.S. PERSONNEL IN LAOS, AIR SUPPORT FOR GEN VANG PAO'S MEO FORCES, AND OPIUM TRAFFIC; ASSIGNMENT TO BANGKOK, THAILAND: THAI COUNTERINSURGENCY, GUNSHIPS-USAF EQUIPMENT, THAI COMMAND AND CONTROL, THAI OPERATIONS IN NORTHWEST THAILAND AND BORDER OPERATIONS IN LAOS, AND 7 AIR FORCE SUPPORT OF BARREL ROLL; OPERATIONS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, AND STUDIES AND OBSERVATION GROUP; RETURN TO LAOS AS ADVISOR TO COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER, TARGET VALIDATION, ROYAL LAOTIAN AIR FORCE COMMAND AND CONTROL, AC-47 OPERATIONS, PAY, AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES.
DNNotes: TRANSCRIPT; OHI OF LT COL BILLIE R. KEELER; CONDUCTED BY MAJ LYN R. OFFICER AND LT COL VAUGHN H. GALLACHER AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE FL; TRANSCRIPT ALSO CONTAINS A "GENERAL STAFF MANUAL COMBINED OPERATIONS MILITARY TACTICAL CONTROL SYSTEM"; OPENING PROGRAM OF COMBINED OPERATIONS CENTER DATED TUESDAY, 26 MAY 70 AND PICTURES OF OPERATIONS IN LAOS; TAPES TIME-02:10; TAPES NOT MICROFILMED; PART OF USAF ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM.

Titles: GENERAL STAFF MANUAL COMBINED OPERATIONS MILITARY TACTICAL CONTROL SYSTEM

Subjects: VANG, P. 0007 AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCE WATER PUMP RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, LAOS AIR ATTACHE, LAOS BUTTERFLY FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER MA, THEO LIMA SITE 85 MEO FORCES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, STUDIES AND OBSERVATIONS GROUP LAOS/AIR FORCE AC-47 AIRCRAFT, LAOS COUNTERINSURGENCY, THAILAND GUNSHIPS COMMAND AND CONTROL, SOUTHEAST ASIA CONFLICT OPIUM BARREL ROLL

Main: PETTIGREW, P. A.

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ABSTRACT: AIR ATTACHE, LAOS; DUTY OF COORDINATING U.S. SUPPORT TO LAOS; SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY (RURAL) DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT; COMMAND AND CONTROL BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND 7 AIR FORCE; ORIGINS OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN LAOS; RESPONSIVENESS OF RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES; CRITICISM OF IGLOO WHITE; FALL OF LIMA SITE 85; AIR SUPPORT OF GEN VANG PAO AND HIS MEO FORCES; ASSOCIATION WITH PROMINENT PERSONALITIES; TRAINING OF ADVISORY PERSONNEL; INTELLIGENCE; NORTH VIETNAM SUPPORT OF PATHET LAO; ORIENTAL VIEW OF DOMINO THEORY; COUNTRY TEAM COORDINATION; BANGO/WHIPLASH RESPONSE TO TARGETS IN LAOS; EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR POWER; AND TOO MUCH RECONNAISSANCE.

DNNotes: IF DOWNGRADED, CALL NO. WILL BE K239.0512-248. TRANSCRIPTS ACCESSION NOS. 3-7116-52 V.1 AND 3-7116-53. TAPES ACCESSION NOS. 3-7116-50 AND 3-7116-51; TAPES TIME 01:59; OHI OF COL PAUL A PETTIGREW, AIR ATTACHE, LAOS; INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY MAJ SAMUEL E. RIDDLEBARGER AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION; PART OF PROJECT CORONA HARVEST COLLECTION; TAPE IRIS NOS. 00905033 AND 00905034. TRANSCRIPT NOT MICROFILMED. DOCUMENT DOWNGRADED.

Subjects: AIR ATTACHE, LAOS COMMAND AND CONTROL VIENTIANE, LAOS RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, LAOS PATHET LAO BANGO/WHIPLASH 0007 AIR FORCE IGLOO WHITE LIMA SITE 85 VANG, P. MEO FORCES PATHET LAO

✓Main: MARTIN, GLEN W.

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ABSTRACT: DISCUSSES: FLIGHT TRAINING DURING WWII; EXPERIENCE WITH THE B-29 AIRCRAFT; WWII IN THE PACIFIC; LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF GEN CURTIS LEMAY; TYPICAL B-29 AIRCRAFT MISSIONS AGAINST JAPAN; FIRE RAIDS ON TOKYO, THEIR RATIONALE AND COMPARISON TO VIETNAM; AIR POWER MAKING INVASION OF JAPAN UNNECESSARY; INVASION OF JAPAN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY EVEN IF ATOMIC BOMB WAS NOT USED; AIR FORCE BUDGET PROBLEMS AND INTERSERVICE RIVALRY; SOVIET EXPLOSION OF ATOMIC BOMB AND RESULTING INCREASE OF AIR FORCE BUDGET; B-36 AIRCRAFT BOMBER AND REVOLT OF THE ADMIRALS; KOREAN EVALUATION PROJECT, 1950 TO 1951; NATO CREATION AND RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS; FRANCE IN NATO; SAC CONCERN WITH RELIABILITY AND ACCURACY OF EARLY MISSILES; NEED FOR B-1 AIRCRAFT TYPE BOMBER; NEUTRON BOMB CONCEPT IN LATE 1950S; USSR CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORTS; COLD WAR CABINET; SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA REACHES WRONG CONCLUSIONS; UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES IN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT UNDER MCNAMARA; KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION CONCERN AT FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION; SR-71 AIRCRAFT FLYING EXPERIENCE; VIETNAM WAR OBJECTIVES AND MISTAKES; CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIR; SECURITY OF BASES IN VIETNAM; MORALE AND DRUG PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM; EXPERIENCES WORKING FOR JCS; MCNAMARA'S DEFENSE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF VIETNAM WAR; SOVIET ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE CAPABILITY; DEFICIENCIES OF THE

AIR FORCE STAFF; LOSS OF LIMA SITE 85 IN VIETNAM; LINEBACKER II; AND QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP.

DNotes: LT GEN MARTIN INTERVIEWED BY LT COL V. H. GALLACHER, AFSHRC, AT SAN ANTONIO TX, 6 FEB TO 10 FEB 78.

Subjects: LEMAY, CURTIS E. MCNAMARA, ROBERT S. TOKYO, JAPAN B-1 AIRCRAFT JAPAN, WORLD WAR II BOMBING RAIDS, TOKYO, JAPAN TACTICAL AIR CONTROL DRUG ABUSE, SOUTHEAST ASIA

✓ Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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Classification: *Unclassified*

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ABSTRACT: SITE 85 WAS AN IMPORTANT FRIENDLY GUERRILLA BASE IN NORTHEAST LAOS. INCLUDES INFORMATION ON PHYSICAL SITE AND DEFENSIVE CONCEPTS AND ENEMY OPERATIONS. DISCUSSES DEFENSIVE REACTIONS AND AIR STRIKE SUPPORT FOR SITE 85 AS WELL AS EVACUATION OPERATIONS.

DNotes: DOWNGRADED FROM TOP SECRET TO UNCLASSIFIED AUG 88. TOP SECRET CONTROL NUMBER TS 9313. PROJECT CHECO SOUTHEAST ASIA REPORT.

Titles: FALL OF SITE 85

✓ Main: HEADQUARTERS, PACIFIC AIR FORCES

Call Number: K717.3063 V.44

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Classification: Confidential

ABSTRACT: RADAR TARGET ACQUISITION AND AIMING OF BOMBS CONTINUED AS PRIME MEANS OF ATTACK SORTIES IN NORTHERN NORTH VIETNAM (NVN) DUE TO POOR WEATHER. COMMANDO CLUB ALL WEATHER PROCEDURES HELPED MAINTAIN ATTACK PRESENCE. STANDARD ARM (AGM-78) USED BY UNITED STATES NAVY (USN) IN COMBAT FOR FIRST TIME. F-105 AND F-4 AIRCRAFT FLEW COMMANDO NAIL SORTIES. F-111 AIRCRAFT BEGAN FLYING MISSIONS IN NVN. DISCUSSES DETAILS PERTAINING TO ATTACK AND TAKING OF LIMA SITE 85. OPERATION NIAGRA TERMINATED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE SIGHTINGS ROSE. ONE HUNDRED SIX AIRCRAFT REPORTED LOST TO ENEMY ACTION DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

DNotes: PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NO. 0227427. TOP SECRET DOCUMENT NO. TS-7104 DOWNGRADED 11 JAN 93. TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES OR REFERENCE VOLUME UNKNOWN.

Titles: AIR OPERATIONS SOUTHEAST ASIA

✓ Main: AEROSPACE STUDIES INSTITUTE

→ Call Number: K239.046-60

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Classification: *Unclassified*

ABSTRACT: **SITE 85** WAS PRIME NAVIGATIONAL FIX SITE FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, EMERGENCY AIR REFUELING, ESCORT, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES. (**SITE 85** WAS USED BY STRIKE AND SUPPORT FORCES TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM.)

DNotes: PROJECT CORONA HARVEST REPORT NO. 0007230. TITLE MODIFIED. DECLASSIFIED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 17 MAR 93. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 9756.) INCLUDES IDENTIFICATION CARD AND NOTE CARDS (EXTRACT OF MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC COMMAND).

Titles: **SITE 85**

Authors: PACIFIC AIR FORCES COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC

Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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IRIS Number: 01104180

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ABSTRACT: READING FILES OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PACAF)/DO (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) CONTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING COMBAT OPERATIONS INVOLVING PACAF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) CONFLICT. INCLUDES INFORMATION ON: SEA AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS; SURFACE/TO/AIR MISSILE (SAM) SUPPORT FACILITY; ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS; AMENDMENT TO SEA OPERATION ORDER 72 (FISCAL YEAR 1967) RELATING TO AERIAL DELIVERY OF BULK CHEMICAL AGENT; PLANS TO RETAIN AND MODIFY COMBAT SKYSPOT TSQ-81 EQUIPMENT AND RADIO RELAY AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AT NAKHON PHANOM IN THAILAND IN EVENT OF DISAPPROVAL OF SCHEDULED FORWARD DEPLOYMENT TO **SITE 85**; AND TINY TIM (ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE) SUPPORT FOR ARC LIGHT MISSION STRIKE OPERATIONS.

DNotes: TITLE MODIFIED. PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NOS. 0228945 THROUGH 0228950. DECLASSIFIED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 10 MAR 93. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 9293.) INCLUDES MESSAGES FROM 7 AIR FORCE (DEPLOYED AT TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE IN SOUTH VIETNAM), COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC FLEET, AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF AIR FORCE.

Titles: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS READ FILE (MESSAGES)

Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

Call Number: K717.312-64

IRIS Number: 01104182

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Classification: *Secret*

ABSTRACT: READING FILES OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PACAF)/DO (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) CONTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING COMBAT OPERATIONS INVOLVING PACAF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) CONFLICT. INCLUDES INFORMATION ON: ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION REGARDING COMBAT SKYSPOT DEPLOYMENT TO **SITE 85**.

DNNotes: TITLE MODIFIED. PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NOS. 0228313 THROUGH 0228315. DOWNGRADED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 10 MAR 93. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 9302.) INCLUDES MESSAGES FROM COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES, CHIEF OF STAFF OF AIR FORCE, AND 7 AIR FORCE.

Titles: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS READ FILE (MESSAGES)

Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

Call Number: K717.312-64

IRIS Number: 01104192

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End Date: 08/09/1967

Classification: *Unclassified*

ABSTRACT: READING FILES OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PACAF)/DO (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) CONTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING COMBAT OPERATIONS INVOLVING PACAF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) CONFLICT. INCLUDES INFORMATION ON: COMBAT SKYSPOT MISSION OPERATION RELATING TO PREPARATIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF TSQ-81 EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD AFFECT PROCEDURES FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR **SITE 85** (LOCATED IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY).

DNNotes: TITLE MODIFIED. PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NO. 0241781. DECLASSIFIED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 11 MAR 93. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 9350.) CONTAINS MESSAGE FROM STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES.

Titles: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS READ FILE (MESSAGES)

Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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ABSTRACT: READING FILES OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PACAF)/DO (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) CONTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING COMBAT OPERATIONS INVOLVING PACAF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) CONFLICT. INCLUDES INFORMATION ON: COMBAT SKYSPOT OPERATION RELATING TO USE OF UDORN AIR BASE IN THAILAND AS INITIAL STAGING BASE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF AN/TSQ-81 EQUIPMENT TO **SITE 85**, AS WELL AS REQUEST FOR ADVICE AS TO AVAILABILITY OF 463-L MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT AT UDORN CAPABLE OF TRANSFERRING PALLETS FROM C-141 AIRCRAFT TO

C-123 AIRCRAFT. (IT WAS REQUESTED THAT NECESSARY ACTION BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE SUITABLE EQUIPMENT, IF APPROPRIATE MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT WAS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.) ACTION WAS NECESSARY, SINCE TSQ-81 EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN PRE/PALLETIZED IN MANNER TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION BY C-141, C-123, AND CH-47 AIRCRAFT WITHOUT CHANGING PALLET CONFIGURATION. ALSO INCLUDES QUESTION OF WHETHER OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY AIR AMERICA FROM DON MUANG, THAILAND (AND UDORN, THAILAND).

DNotes: TITLE MODIFIED. PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NO. 0241806. DECLASSIFIED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 11 MAR 93. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 9359.) CONTAINS MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF AIR FORCE TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES.

Titles: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS READ FILE (MESSAGES)

Main: PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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ABSTRACT: IT WAS REQUESTED THAT PACIFIC AIR FORCES BE FURNISHED EXACT RADAR TRACK OF SPECIFIED MISSION FLIGHTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON 20 DEC 67 AS REFLECTED BY MSQ 77 RADAR EQUIPMENT AT SITE 85. (THIS INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED IN ANALYSIS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF NORTH VIETNAM EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN REACTION TO THESE FLIGHTS.)

DNotes: TITLE MODIFIED. PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT NO. 0239250. DECLASSIFIED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW TEAM ON 20 NOV 92. (FORMER TOP SECRET CONTROL NO. 7006.) MESSAGE WAS FROM PACIFIC AIR FORCES TO 7 AIR FORCE.

Titles: MESSAGE (OUTGOING)

Main: CORNELIUS, ARTHUR B.

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ABSTRACT: INTERVIEW DEALS MAINLY WITH SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, 1965 TO 1968 AS F-100 PILOT IN 429 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON, BIEN HOA AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) WITH 101 AIRBORNE DIVISION IN RVN, AND FAC (RAVEN) AND AIR ADVISOR TO HMONG (MEO) TRIBE GUERRILLA FORCES UNDER LAOTIAN GEN VANG PAO IN COVERT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) PROJECT 404 IN LAOS. TOPICS INCLUDE: VIRTUES OF F-100 AIRCRAFT; F-100 OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA); FIGHTER PILOTS AS FACS; DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FAC TECHNIQUES IN SEA AND CURRENT FAC TECHNIQUES (PAVE PENNY); SUBJECT'S UNDERSTANDING OF CONFLICT IN SEA; WEAKNESSES OF

GRADUAL ESCALATION DOCTRINE; RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN SEA; EFFORTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF 101 AIRBORNE DIVISION TO AVOID ATROCITIES OR NOCOMBATANT VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES; PACIFIC AIR FORCES JUNGLE SURVIVAL SCHOOL; USE OF DEFOLIANTS (AGENT ORANGE AND RANCH HAND); QUALITIES OF 101 AIRBORNE DIVISION AND 25 INFANTRY DIVISION (TROPIC LIGHTNING); LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE FIELD WITH THE ARMY; TET OFFENSIVE; AIR AMERICA C-46 CURTISS COMMANDO

AIRCRAFT; LIMA SITE 98 (20 ALTERNATE); LIMA **SITE** 85 (THE ROCK, SACRED MOUNTAIN OR PHA TIA); CRICKET AIRBORNE COMMAND CONTROL CENTER; DESCRIPTION OF WARRING FACTIONS (PATHET LAO, ROYALISTS AND NEUTRALISTS) IN LAOTIAN CONFLICT; CIA ROLE IN LAOTIAN CONFLICT; OV-10 AND T-28 AIRCRAFT; ROYAL LAOTIAN AIR FORCE; AND OTHERS. INCLUDES BIOGRAPHY, SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH; SEA CHRONOLOGY, AND GLOSSARY.

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