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a) { 2 Messages from Reuters
2 Messages from UPI

b.) 1 cable from D. Blickenstaff, Vientiane, Laos
to Foote, U.N.-HQ.

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THE FOLLOWING STORY CAME IN FROM SX VIA
THE B-BACKBONE, WHICH MEANS IT HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED TO ANY
DOMESTIC CLIENTS ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN CARRIED IN ASIA. I
CHECKED WITH EJJ, AND HE SUGGESTED: "DON'T CARRY IT NOW.
IT IS OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN IN THE HEAT OF BUD'S FRUSTRATION.
SEND IT OVER TO BRUCE AT U.N. AND ASK HIM TO CHECK IT OUT."
WILL YOU CHECK, OLE BOY? 73

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WITH LAOS
BY WENDELL MERICK

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

VIENTIANE, OCT. 2.--(UPI)--CHAMPAGNE, WHISKY, BEER AND FANCY
GOODS TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER NEWS COVERAGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE'S TRIP TO NORTHERN LAOS THURSDAY.

AT LEAST THREE CORRESPONDENTS LOST SEATS OR ONE OF THE FEW
AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT FLYING TO SAM NEUA PARTIALLY BECAUSE THE
PLANE WAS LOADED WITH A JEEP, PLUS FOOD AND CASES OF CHAMPAGNE
AND OTHER LIQUORS FOR THE DELEGATION WHILE IT IS IN THE PRIMITIVE
AREAS.

THE OTHER REASON WAS THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S APPARENT DETERMINATION
TO OBSTRUCT NEWSMEN FROM REACHING SAM NEUA.

SUBCOMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DAVID BLICKENSTAFF, WHOSE
NORMAL JOB IS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION OFFICE IN PARIS,
STEADFASTLY DENIED HE OR HIS SUPERIORS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH
STOPPING CORRESPONDENTS FROM REACHING SAM NEUA.

IF HE IS TELLING THE TRUTH, THEN HE IS IN EFFECT ACCUSING THE
LAOS GOVERNMENT OF DOING IT--WHICH SEEMS A REMOTE POSSIBILITY.

BLICKENSTAFF (HE HAILS FROM CALIFORNIA) COULD NOT BE QUOTED
BECAUSE HE CLAIMS THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NO OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN.

IF THIS IS TRUE THEN IT HAS BEEN A WASTE OF MONEY TO KEEP
RICARD DEROUSSLY DESALE HERE AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S PRESS OFFICER.

(ASIA PROTECTED) (MORE LATER)

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UPI-21

(LAOS)

VIENTIANE.--UNITED NATIONS FACT-FINDER LOOKING INTO CHARGES OF COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION IN LAOS WERE WARNED TWICE OVER THE WEEKEND THAT COMMUNIST REBELS IN THE NORTH WOULD NOT GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY IF THEY ENTER REBEL TERRITORY.

THE NORTH VIET NAM NEWS AGENCY BROADCAST THE WARNINGS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THE FIRST WAS ISSUED BY A REBEL LEADER IDENTIFIED AS SISAWAT AND YESTERDAY'S WARNING CAME FROM A REBEL LEADER NAMED PHOMA IN A SPEECH IN REBELLION-TURN PHONGSALY PROVINCE.

INFORMED SOURCES IN VIENTIANE SAID TODAY THE FACT-FINDERS HAVE ASKED UN HEADQUARTERS WHETHER THEY SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION. WHETHER THE PROBERS WOULD VISIT THE MORE REMOTE PROVINCES SUCH AS PHONGSALY DEPENDED ON WORD FROM UN SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD IN NEW YORK.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE OBSERVERS BELIEVED THEY HAD DONE ALL THEY COULD UNDER PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDY CHARGES THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE GIVEN THE PATHET LAO COMMUNIST REBELS AID IN THE FORM OF ARMS AND MEN, AND MIGHT AS WELL PACK UP AND GO HOME.

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FIRST ADD VIETIANE NIGHT LEAD LAOTIAN (R66) X X X LINES.

AN AUSTRIAN PILOT SAID HTERE TONIGHT HE HAD FLOWN TO THE EMBATTLED OUTPOST OF MUONGHET IN NORTHERN SAM NEUA PROVINCE TODAY TO UNLOAD REINFORCEMENTS--ONE LAOTIAN ARMY PRIVATE.

CAPT. LEOPOLD MAROLD, WHO PILOTS CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR THE ARMY, PRODUCED ONE OF THE MOST CURIOUS STORIES OF THE STRANGE JUNGLE WAR. ON FRIDAY, THE ARMY AUTHORITIES SAID THE FORTRESS HAD BEEN EVACUATED TWO DAYS AGO.

MAROLD SAID HE RECONNOITRED CAREFULLY OVER MUONGHET AIRPORT BEFORE LANDING AND SAW NO SIGNS EITHER OF ARMY OR REBEL FORCES, "I LANDED, PUT THE SOLDIER DOWN AND TOOK OFF IMMEDIATELY," HE SAID.

HE SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE SOLDIER WAS DOING OR WHY HE HAD BEEN SENT THERE.

ACCORDING TO LATEST ARMY REPORTS, TWO LAOTIAN SOLDIERS WHO RECAPTURED MUONGHET FROM THE REBELS LAST SUNDAY HAD MOVED OUT INTO THE JUNGLE AROUND TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY IN GUERRILA WARFARE.

MAROLD SAID HE HEARD NO SHOOTING DURING THE BRIEF TIME HE WAS AT THE AIRFIELD.

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NOTE

LONDON, OCT. 3-(REUTERS)-RUSSIA TODAY EXPRESSED "PROFOUND REGRET" OVER A BRITISH PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY AND CONTROL COMMISSION IN CAMBODIA, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS REPORTED.

A SOVIET NOTE HANDED TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TODAY SAID THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SUBMITTED TO RUSSIA "THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO LIQUIDATE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF CAMBODIA," TASS SAID.

BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE 1954 GENEVA CONFERENCE THAT BROUGHT AN END TO THE EIGHT-YEAR WAR IN WHAT WAS THEN FRENCH INDOCHINA. CONTROL COMMISSIONS WERE ESTABLISHED THEN FOR THE STATES OF LAOS, CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE COMMISSIONS WERE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDIA, CANADA AND POLAND. THE COMMISSION IN LAOS, WHERE THERE NOW IS A NEW REBELLION, SUSPENDED ITS WORK LAST YEAR.

TASS SAID SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALERIAN ZORIN HANDED A NOTE TODAY IN MOSCOW TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR PATRICK REILLY.

THE NOTE CRITICIZED BRITAIN'S "UNSEEMLY ROLE" IN MAKING THE PROPOSAL AND SAID THE SUGGESTION COULD NOT BE RECONCILED WITH BRITAIN'S COMMITMENTS AS ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE 1954 CONFERENCE.

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FIRST ADD LONDON NOTE X X X CONFERENCE.

IT SAID THE BRITISH PROPOSAL "FUNDAMENTALLY RUNS COUNTER TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON CAMBODIA IN THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FALLS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMISSION ITSELF....."

THE NOTE CHARGED THAT BRITAIN HAD "ABANDONED THE ESTABLISHED TRADITION" OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN DISCUSSING MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS.

IT SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE BRITISH PROPOSALS, "GROSSLY VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE....AGREEMENTS, ARE INVALID IN LAW."

BRITAIN'S REASONS MUST HAVE BEEN "A DESIRE TO ELIMINATE AN INTERNATIONAL BODY THAT HAMPERS CERTAIN FORCES OUTSIDE CAMBODIA IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR PLANS TO SUBORDINATE HER POLICY OF FOREIGN INTERESTS ALIEN TO THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE," THE NOTE SAID.

IT POINTED TO THE "STATE OF NATIONAL DIVISION AND A REAL THREAT OF CIVIL WAR" NOW EXISTING IN LAOS, AND SAID IT WAS BECOMING OBVIOUS THAT RESISTANCE BY BRITAIN TO RESUMING THE COMMISSION IN LAOS WAS PART OF "A SINGLE PLAN AIMED AT DISSOLVING ALL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN INDOCHINA."

THE LAOTIAN REBEL WAR WAS "A RESULT OF THE FRUSTRATION OF THE ACTIVITY" OF THE COMMISSION THERE, THE NOTE SAID.

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