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LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY TO RECOVER AMERICAN
REMAINS IN PHOU PHA THI AREA
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LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (LPLA) COMPANY 18 HAS
PROBABLY BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF RECOVERING THE
REMAINS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE PHOU PHA THI
(2026N 10344E UH6860) AREA OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE
IN NORTHERN LAOS. ON 2 JUNE, PROBABLY LPLA COMPANY
18 WAS ADVISED THAT AN UNSPECIFIED CONTINGENT
WOULD ARRIVE TO RETRIEVE AMERICAN REMAINS AND WRECKAGE
OF AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED NEAR PHOU PHA THI. AS
LATER DEVELOPMENTS SHOWED, THE RECOVERY CONTINGENT
FAILED TO ARRIVE AND COMPANY 18 WAS ASSIGNED IN
ITS STEAD (A). COMPANY 18 HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN
NOTED OPERATING IN THE MUONG XON (2028N 10320E UH2763)
DISTRICT.

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COMMENT: DURING THE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA PHOU PHA THI, ALSO CALLED LS-85, WAS A HEAVILY
CONTESTED MOUNTAIN FORTRESS, HELD ALTERNATELY BY
BOTH THE ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE
ARMY. IT IS ALSO A FORMER U.S. AIR FORCE TACAN SITE
AND IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 40 KILOMETERS DUE
WEST OF SAM NEUA (2025N 10404E VH0358), THE FORMER
PATHET LAO HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX.

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