21. SECTION III/4 - C-46 Prisoners in Laos:

Hanoi, 18 Oct — "The survivors on board the US aircraft which was shot down last month in the area controlled by the Neo Lao Hak Xat are the latter's prisoners of war and must be arraigned." So declared the spokesman of the Military High Command of the NLHX armed forces in an interview with the Voice of Pathet Lao Radio on 12 Oct.

The survivors of the US C-46 aircraft incident, who were caught red-handed while carrying out their military sabotage in the NLHX-controlled areas, are prisoners of war. It is natural that they must be tried, the spokesman declared. Pending the trial, they are enjoying the NLHX's policy of leniency toward prisoners of war.

If the US Government has any requirements about this case it must send official notes to and directly meet with the NLHX Military High Command, the spokesman said. It is useless for anyone to want to work for the US and serve as a "mediator," because this is not his affair and thus he would not and has no right to, intervene in it, he added.

(FBIS 63, Hanoi VNA, 18 Oct) ~~(GUO)~~

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22. SECTION III/4 - Statement by Phoumi Vongvichit:

(Text) According to Radio Vientiane on 16 Oct, the so-called National Assembly of the Savannakhet Party met to study the question of "giving full powers to Prince Souvanna Phouma." This act is part of the plan of the US imperialists and their lackeys, the Savannakhet Party aimed at putting the National Coalition Government under the control of the Savannakhet Party's puppet National Assembly and using this assembly to topple the coalition government when necessary.

This act is a violation of the joint Zurich and Plaine des Jarres statements.

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I urge the compatriots throughout the country to collaborate with the NLHX and other patriotic forces to destroy the US imperialist plot of using the Savannakhet Party and puppet National Assembly to sabotage the agreements on Laos and national concord and to resume the civil war in the country. Through this, peace will be restored in the country and the compatriots will be able to live a happy life.

Khang Khay, 16 October 1963. Signed: Phoumi Vongvichit

(Radio of the Laotian Kingdom (Clandestine) 17 Oct) (FBIS 68) ~~(GUO)~~

23. SECTION III/7 - [redacted]

To: Washington

[redacted] meeting [redacted] being arranged to take place between 20 and 26 Oct. Talks will cover [redacted] crisis and fullest possible [redacted] (1 gr g) [redacted] readjustment. (DIRNSA, 3/0[redacted]R263-63, 181425Z) ~~(TSD)~~

24. SECTION I - Malinovskiy Returns from Warsaw:

Moscow - Marshal of the Soviet Union Rodion Malinovskiy, USSR Minister of Defense and member of the CPSU Central Committee, today returned from Warsaw. He headed a military delegation to Poland on a friendship visit at the invitation of the PZPR Central Committee and Polish Government. The Soviet military delegation attended celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Polish People's Army. Marshal Malinovskiy was welcomed at Vnukovo airport by Marshal MV Zakharov, Chief Marshal of the Air Force KA Vershinin, Admiral SG Gorshkov, Marshal of Communications Troops AI Leonov, and representatives of the USSR MOD. Also among the welcoming party were Polish Ambassador E Pszczolkowski Polish Mil Attache Brig Gen J Wyderkowski, and Polish Embassy officials

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