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C-47 SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS ON 23 MARCH 1961

On 23 March 1961 a message passed over a ground/ground communications network serving the Soviet airlift into Laos reported the shoot-down of a C-47 aircraft. On that date a station probably located at Xieng Khouang, Laos, passed a message to Hanoi which stated, "The second battalion, stationed at Khang Khai, [UG 1554] has shot down a C-47. The aircraft burst into flames." COMMENT: This message probably refers to the U.S. C-47 which was shot down over Laos on 23 March and would serve to [illegible] more accurately the site of the shoot down. Khang Khai is located at 19-11N 103-07E on the Plaine des Jarres. (DIST: OSCAR/ALFA KILO plus USM-613, USN 414 [redacted]

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