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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FOLLOW UP ONE TO USA-32 CRITIC 12-68, DTG: 250507Z DECEMBER 68. SONGBIRD DURING THE 1600Z HOUR ON 25 DECEMBER AN UNID- IDENTIFIED REAR SERVICE ELEMENT POSSIBLY IN LAOS PASSED A MESSAGE TO A PERSONALITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 22ND AAA BATALION TO MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO CAPURE A PROBABLE U.S. PILOT. THE SPEAKER REPORTED THAT "PRESENTLY WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CAPTURE THE PILOT. EARLY TOMORROW THEY CAN COME AND RESCUE HIM." THE RECIPIENT OF THE MESSAGE WAS ADVISED TO "MOBILIZE EVERY MEANS OF TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE POSITION... IF UNABLE TO CAPTURE THE PILOT, CONCENTRATE TO DESTROY THE HELICOPTER ISSTHE PRINCIPLE AIM." COMMENTS: BELIEVE THIS REFERENCE TO PILOT CAPTURE ATTEMPT RELATES TO OPERATIONAL REPORTS OF AN F-105 DOWNED IN LAOS ON 24 DECEMBER. THE PILOT REPORTEDLY BALED OUT AND AN UNSUCCESSFUW RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY A U.S. HELICOPTER. 480 NNNN

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