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A PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY BROADCASSTT EMANATING FROM SAM NEUA ON 18 NOVEMBER, 1965 ADVISED TTHHAT THE PILLOT OF AN AMERICAAN C-47 AIRCRAFT WAS CAPTURED IN SOUTHH VIETNAM BY VIET CONG TROOPS AFTER PARACHUTING FROM HIS PLANE. THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN FLYING A SUPPORT MISSION FOR AN UNIBENTIFIED AMERICAN AIRBGRNE BATTALION. THE COMMUNIST TROOPS INVOLVED WERE FROM A BATTTALION COMMANDED BY A MAN DESCRIBED ONLY AS "COMRADE HOUANG". OTHER PERSONALITIES IN THE BATTALION WERE MANED THAN, NHOUK AND TOUNG. NO DATE WAS GIVEN FOR THE INCIDEENT XXHH 188 NNNN

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