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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT: LAO PARTICIPATION

REF: (A) STATE 099511; (B) VIENTIANE 0465

- 1. AN OFFICIAL IN THE LAO MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TOLD US MAY 22 THAT THE LPDR'S PERMANENT UNGA DELEGATION WOULD REPRESENT THE LPDR AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT OPENING MAY 23.
- 2. DURING THE SESSION, LAO DELEGATES PRESUMABLY WILL VOICE STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE U.S. ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON. THE LAO ARE ALSO LIKELY TO CONTINUE THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. ROLE IN SOUTH KOREA.
- 3. THE LAO MAY TEMPORIZE SOMEWHAT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND U.S. SUPPORT FOR ASEAN, REFLECTING THEIR SLIGHTLY IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH ASEAN STATES AND RECENT CHINESE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ASEAN. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE LAO ARE, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO CONTINUE THEIR STRONG ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ESPECIALLY THE U.S. PRESENCE AT DIEGO GARCIA. THEY MAY ALSO CONDEMN THE U.S. PRESENCE IN SUCH OTHER MAJOR BASES AS OKINAWA, GUAM, AND GUANTANAMO.

4. THE LPDR ALSO MAY USE THE SSOD FORUM TO REITERATE

ITS SUPPORT FOR THE SRV FORMULA OF IMMEDIATE TALKS FOR ENDING THE ONGOING VIETNAMESE-KAMPUCHEAN CONFLICT.

5. SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY THAN ANY OF THE ABOVE POSSIBLE MOVES IS THE CHANCE THAT THE LAO DELEGATION WOULD REPEAT LAO PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE'S MARCH ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH ANTI-LPDR FORCES IN LAOS. ROBERTS

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