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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
LAOS**

**Memorandum of Understanding relating to special guerrilla
unit forces and equipment. Signed at Vientiane on
28 June 1973**

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Registered by the United States of America on 27 January 1978.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
LAOS**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif aux effectifs et au matériel
des groupes spéciaux de guérilla. Signé à Vientiane le
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Subject: FY 1974 Special Guerrilla Unit forces and equipment

The Government of the United States and the Royal Lao Government hereby agree to a phased and orderly program designed to effect the deactivation of the following Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) battalions and their associated headquarters:

— SGU 601B, SGU 602B, SGU 603B, SGU 604B, SGU 605A, SGU 606A, SGU 607A, SGU 608A, SGU 609A, SGU 610A, SGU 611A, SGU 612A, SGU 613A, SGU 614A, SGU 615A, SGU 616A, SGU 617A, SGU 618A, SGU 619A, SGU 620, SGU 621, SGU 622, SGU 623, SGU 624, SGU 625, SGU 626, SGU 627, SGU 634A, SGU 635A, SGU 636A.

The aforementioned Units will be deactivated by the RLG during the period of 21 June 73 to 30 June 74 and in accordance with a mutually acceptable schedule which would provide for deactivation in increments so that the forces would be reduced by at least 60 percent by December 73.

All SGU Units are to be deactivated by 30 June 1974. Assuming compliance by all concerned with the Agreement on the restoration of peace and reconciliation in Laos, signed at Vientiane February 21, 1973, personnel of such Units who are not nationals of Laos will leave Laos no later than the time specified in this Agreement.

The USG agrees to provide the funds necessary to defray all costs incident to the deactivation plan described above, including salaries, subsistence and bonus payments as required by existing troop payment schedules.

It is further agreed that, with the exception of 15¼-ton and 19¼-ton trucks and 12 105MM howitzers presently organic to the SGU battalions which will be retained in the Royal Lao Army inventory, all U.S. furnished equipments currently in the hands of the aforementioned SGU battalions will be transferred by the RLG to the USG for redistribution concomitantly with the deactivation of the Units. The USG additionally agrees to provide the logistical support necessary to effect the reacquisition by the USG and export of such excess equipment from Laos.

For the Royal Lao Government:

[Signed]

CHAO SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK

Délégué de S.A.

Le Premier Ministre à la défense
nationale²

Vientiane, Laos, June 28, 1973

For the United States Government:

[Signed]

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¹ Came into force on 28 June 1973 by signature.

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