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The Pathet Lao released this May, 1973, photo showing Emmet Kay shortly after his capture

## Captive of Pathet Lao

# U.S. Requests Release of POW

Washington

The State Department said yesterday it has requested the immediate release of the only known prisoner of war remaining in Indochina—an American pilot captured in Laos in May, 1973.

Emmett Kay of Honolulu was a civilian pilot for Con-

tinental Air Services, Inc., the department said.

On what it called "a routine mission," Kay landed on an unused air strip — either because he ran out of fuel or because of bad weather. The strip turned out to be under Communist control, the department said,

and Kay and six Laotian passengers were seized immediately.

Cora Weiss, an American anti-war activist who has just returned from a month in North and South Vietnam, said Kay was flying Thai mercenaries to a major base of the Central Intelligence Agency in Laos. Pentagon

sources acknowledged that Kay was transporting Thai or Laotian military personnel.

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