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The Last Known American POW To Be Released

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A Pathet Lao spokesman said yesterday that Emmet James Kay, the last known American prisoner of war in Indochina, will be freed in the next six weeks.

He said the 47-year-old Hawaiian pilot will be released within the 60-day period specified in the Laotian cease-fire agreement for the exchange of all POWs held by the two Laotian sides.

The 60 days began when the new Laotian coalition government was formed April 5 and will expire June 3. Kay, a pilot with Continental Air Services, Inc., has been a prisoner of the Pathet Lao since his plane made a forced landing in the so-called "liberated zone" of northern Laos last May 7.

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