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Laos bans hunt

*for missing Yanks*

VIENTIANE — Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, said yesterday Communist Pathet Lao officials turned down his suggestion that neutral teams tour Communist-held areas of Laos to seek information about missing Americans.

Montgomery, chairman of the House Select Committee on U.S. Involvement in Southeast Asia, said the Pathet Lao assured him that the only known American prisoner in Indochina, civilian pilot Emmet Kay, would be the first person released when prisoners of war are eventually freed, but they gave no hint of when that might be.