

Release Date Set for American POW in Laos

Vientiane

Members of the Laotian coalition government agreed yesterday to a September 19 release of prisoners of war in Laos, including the last known U.S. POW of the Indochina war, a government spokesman said.

Terms of the agreement, drawn up by rightists and pro-Communist Pathet Lao members of the government and signed by the joint commission for the implementation of the peace agreement call for the POWs to be exchanged at four locations in Laos.

"Emmet Kay will be released along with other pris-

oners," the spokesman said.

Kay, a 47-year-old civilian pilot who flew aircraft under contract to the U.S. mission in Laos, was captured May 7, 1973, on a supply run to a government-controlled enclave when his single-engine plane ran low on fuel in bad weather and was forced down in Communist-controlled territory.

In addition to Kay, more than 600 Thai POWs recruited by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and 200 North Vietnamese held by the rightists will be released in the exchange, the spokesman said.

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