

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Vientiane, Laos

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May 13, 1970

His Excellency Rudolf Hartmann Ambassador of Switzerland Bangkok

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to your confidential letter of April 30 requesting that we give favorable consideration to the possibility of assisting Swiss nationals in Pakse and Savannakhet to leave the country in case of emergency.

We will be most happy to render assistance to your people by providing transportation either to Vientiane or some other safe area should the occasion ever require us to do so, providing that we have sufficient aircraft available to meet prior commitments.

In order to arrive at a clear understanding, it is suggested that your Consular Agent coordinate your needs with the respective USAID Area Coordinators who are: Savannakhet - Sanford J. Stone, and Pakse - H. Earl Diffenderfer. The above-named gentlemen will be advised that he may be calling on them for this purpose.

In case your Consular Agent has any further questions, it is suggested that he contact Mr. Reed P. Robinson, Counselor of Embassy for Administrative Affairs, who will be pleased to assist in any appropriate manner.

Sincerely,

G. McMurtrie Godley
American Ambassador

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