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Ms. Viengsamay Srithithath
World Bank Country Office, Vientiane
Patou Xay – Nehru Road
Vientiane, Lao PDR

Dear Ms. Viengsamay Srithithath:

As you are well aware, there are a significant number of Lao Hmong people who are currently in hiding in the mountainous regions of Laos. These individuals are almost all the surviving relatives of Hmong who fought valiantly for the United States of America as a part of CIA operations within Laos during the Vietnam Conflict. At this time there are approximately 17,000 Lao Hmong who live a daily life of fear as they are under attack by forces of the Vietnamese Army who are supporting the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR) military forces. Attacks are being carried out using conventional weapons, helicopter gun ships and chemical weapons, all motivated by the desire of the Vietnamese and Lao governments to exact revenge on the Hmong for their assistance given freely to the United States so many years ago. Reports from the mountainous jungles of Laos have been provided by international journalists and by human rights organizations for many years.

The current situation in Laos is escalating rapidly as there seems to be a concerted effort on the part of the LPDR to eradicate the Hmong who remain in hiding. Please read the report below which describes the situation on a first-hand basis:

Yang Toua Thao, a representative of Hmong in-hiding appealed to the United States government, U.S. Congress, United Nation, United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights, Europe Union, ASEAN organizations, Amnesty International, International Human Rights Organizations, to demand the communist Laos PDR stop the ethnic cleansing war, genocide, extermination and Human Rights Violation against these Hmong in-hiding.

On January 8, 2007, at 5:12 am CST, Laos Human Rights Council received a solar satellite telephone call from Yang Toua Thao reporting that the LPDR are launching four battalions consisting of well trained military troops to conduct an ethnic cleansing war against 17,000 Hmong in-hiding in all locations in Laos by mid-January of 2007. Currently, they are facing heavy attacks by these LPDR Group troops in all locations of the Hmong in-hiding.

A Major leading one of these ground troops was killed while attacking Hmong in-hiding in the jungle and carrying out the LPDR government plan and strategy of how to kill all 17,000 Hmong in-hiding in Laos.

The plan and strategy is to use the World Bank's Five-Year Rural Development Fund to kill the 17,000 Hmong in-hiding.

The mission of LPDR government's plan and strategy is for these Hmong in-hiding to be exterminated before this funding ends and before allowing international organization and United Nations to enter these areas.

LPDR government has ordered the following battalions to carry the mission of the LPDR until it is completed.

| | Assistant by: colonials | Majors: | Captain | Total numbers of Soldiers are 2,392 |
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| 1. Colonial Xeng Xiong leading battalion 584 | 1. Boon Som, 2. Tiamdasenamoontry, 3. Inhomvorasan | 1. Boonsee, 2. Bouaphan, 3. Boonta, 4. Thongsai, 5. Kongsee | 1. Thongtanmanihouang Luternians: 1. See Tha 2. Somboon, 3. Kham Phone 4. Boon Xoen 5. Bouakeio, 6. BoonPheng, 7. Chanthonephanthavong, 8. Douangsavan, | Will soon divided into groups to attacked Hmong in-hiding by mid January of 2007. |
| 2. Col Kham Sing leading battalion 575 | | | | |
| 3. Col Kham Phout leading Battalion 501 | | | | |
| 4. Col Sou Wan leading battalion 519 | | | | |

The Hmong in-hiding are worried that the World Bank is responsible for lending and donating these funds to the LPDR to kill the Hmong in-hiding. If the purpose of the World Bank's five-year funding is only for rural development and not to fund Laos PDR to kill Hmong in-hiding, then the World Bank must withdraw its funding as quickly as possible. If the funding will be used to kill the Hmong in hiding, then the World Bank's funding will liable for the lives of the 17,000 Hmong in-hiding in the mountainous jungle of Laos.

Please carefully consider the plight of these innocent people and heed the call that we put forth to end this senseless killing immediately. Where diplomatic efforts may fail, perhaps the power of economic pressure can be applied appropriately to insure that the lives of these people may be spared.

The Lao Human Rights Council, Inc. U.S.A. stands ready, willing, and surely able to provide whatever necessary assistance is necessary to carry out missions of mercy to these people who are unable to defend themselves.

Thank you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vaughn Vang', written in a cursive style.

Vaughn Vang, Executive Director of the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc

Cc:

Ban ki-moon, United Nation Secretary-General

Ms. Viegsamay Srithitath

Mr. Mohamad Al-Arief

Patricia M. Haslach, Ambassador of the United States of America to the LPDR

Members of U.S. Congress

Members of U.S. Sanators

European Parliantment Union

Amnesty International

National Human Rights Commission

ASEAN Organization

Movement Lao pour les Droits de l'Homme

