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United States Department of State

Assistant Secretary of State
for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20520

CC Mr. Ahmad

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

As you return to New York, I want to express our gratitude to you for raising with the Lao and Vietnamese governments several issues of bilateral humanitarian concern to the United States.

As you know, after your visit to Indochina we and the Lao Government have reached agreement to begin a joint excavation of the crash site of an American military airplane in the southern part of Laos. That excavation is going on now and we are hopeful that it will lead to the recovery of remains and the resolution of a number of individual cases of personnel missing in action. We have held a technical meeting with Vietnam on the POW/MIA issue since your visit to Hanoi, and hope for progress with that country as well.

Although we have not yet been successful on the questions of the release and resettlement of "reeducation camp" inmates or of the American citizen detained in southern Vietnam, we will continue to urge Hanoi to meet its humanitarian obligations.

Jeane Kirkpatrick mentioned to me that she had suggested the possibility that I might call on you. I am planning to leave the country for a trip to Asia shortly and so will unfortunately not be able to meet with you as soon as I would have liked. I do look forward, however, to travelling to New York to see you soon after my return on March 7.

Sincerely,

Paul Wolfowitz
Paul Wolfowitz

The Honorable
Perez de Cuellar,
Secretary General of the United
Nations.

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29 January 1985

SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

(Received from the Spokesman for the Secretary-General.)

VIENTIANE, 28 January -- Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar flew from Bangkok to Vientiane today on the second leg of his current tour of South-East Asia.

Upon arrival he was met at the airport by the Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Foreign Minister Phoune Sipaseuth and Vice-Foreign Minister Soubanh, who were later his hosts at talks centering on the situation in South-East Asia and at a luncheon given in his honour.

Over a meeting lasting over an hour, the Secretary-General and Foreign Minister Phoune discussed the problem of Kampuchea and the possibilities to contribute to its solution. The Vice-President also briefed the Secretary-General on the Lao People's Democratic Republic's relations with Thailand. In this context, the situation at the border of the two countries was examined, including the problem of refugees. The Secretary-General stressed his willingness to help contribute to an atmosphere conducive to a dialogue in the region, adding it was urgent to start a major effort in that regard. The Secretary-General raised with the Foreign Minister on humanitarian grounds the case of United States soldiers missing in action. Following his talks, the Secretary-General was guest at a luncheon given in his honour.

In an exchange of toasts, the Secretary-General stated: "Whether it be the questions of Kampuchea, the relations between Laos and Thailand or other problems which continue to weigh on the future of the region, it is important for all and sundry to be wary of polemics and confrontation and to return once again to the road of negotiation and dialogue."

The Secretary-General added: "I remain, for my part, at the disposal of the countries concerned in order to facilitate the search for a political settlement in conformity for the rights and interests of each."

Following a three-hour stop in Vientiane, the Secretary-General left for Viet Nam.

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MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,
EXCELLENCES,
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS,

JE VOUDRAIS VOUS REMERCIER DE VOS PAROLES SI AIMABLES ET
ENCOURAGEANTES À MON ÉGARD ET VOUS DIRE COMBIEN MON ÉPOUSE, LES
MEMBRES DE MA DÉLÉGATION ET MOI-MÊME AVONS APPRÉCIÉ L'ACCUEIL
PARTICULIÈREMENT CHALEUREUX QUE VOUS NOUS AVEZ RÉSERVÉ À
L'OCCASION DE CETTE BRÈVE ^{VISITE} ~~ESCALE~~ À VIENTIANE.

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COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ, J'AURAIS SOUHAITÉ QUE MON SÉJOUR AU
LAOS SOIT PLUS LONG ET J'AI ÉTÉ TRÈS SENSIBLE À LA
COMPRÉHENSION DONT VOUS AVEZ BIEN VOULU FAIRE PREUVE À L'ÉGARD
DES CONTRAINTES, ~~PROBLÈMES INÉVITABLES~~, QUI ME SONT DICTÉES
PAR LE TEMPS ET L'ACTUALITÉ INTERNATIONALE. JE ME FÉLICITE
NÉANMOINS DE CE PREMIER ET FORT AGRÉABLE CONTACT AVEC VOTRE
PAYS ET DE LA POSSIBILITÉ QUI M'EST AINSI OFFERTE DE RENCONTRER
SES DIRIGEANTS ET DE PROCÉDER AVEC EUX À UN ÉCHANGE DE VUES SUR
UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE QUESTIONS D'INTÉRÊT COMMUN.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

L'ANNÉE 1985 SERA MARQUÉE PAR LE 40ÈME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA FONDATION DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES.

CET ANNIVERSAIRE CONSTITUE UNE OCCASION PRIVILÉGIÉE POUR DRESSER LE BILAN DE L'OEUVRE ACCOMPLIE ET MESURER LA DISTANCE QUI NOUS SÉPARE ENCORE DE LA RÉALISATION DES IDÉAUX INSCRITS DANS NOTRE CHARTE. JE SOUHAITE QU'IL SOIT ÉGALEMENT MIS À PROFIT PAR L'ENSEMBLE DES MEMBRES DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ INTERNATIONALE POUR RÉAFFIRMER LEUR ADHÉSION AUX BUTS ET PRINCIPES DES NATIONS UNIES ET INSUFFLER À L'ORGANISATION UN NOUVEL ÉLAN DANS SES EFFORTS EN FAVEUR DE LA PAIX ET DE LA CO-OPÉRATION INTERNATIONALES.

UNE TELLE APPROCHE PERMETTRAIT CERTAINEMENT DE RÉDUIRE LES TENSIONS ET LES AFFRONTLEMENTS QUI ONT CARACTÉRISÉ L'ÉVOLUTION RÉCENTE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES ET DE FAVORISER LA RECHERCHE D'UN RÈGLEMENT PACIFIQUE DES CONFLITS QUI AFFECTENT DIVERSES RÉGIONS DU MONDE.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

VOTRE RÉGION A CONNU SON LOT DE SOUFFRANCE, DE DESTRUCTION ET DE MISÈRE. L'ENGRENAGE DES AMBITIONS, DES RIVALITÉS ET DES CONVOITISES LUI A IMPOSÉ, AU COURS DES DERNIÈRES DÉCENNIES, DE LOURDS SACRIFICES. VOTRE PAYS A PARTAGÉ CE DESTIN TRAGIQUE. ASSURÉMENT, LE PEUPLE LAOTIEN, DE MÊME QUE LES AUTRES PEUPLES DE LA RÉGION, ASPIRENT DÉSORMAIS À UN AUTRE SORT.

LA CONSTRUCTION D'UN AVENIR MEILLEUR DÉPEND CEPENDANT DU RÈGLEMENT DES CONTENTIEUX ET DE L'INSTAURATION D'UN CLIMAT D'ENTENTE, DE CO-OPÉRATION ET DE BON VOISINAGE ENTRE TOUS LES ETATS DE LA RÉGION.

VOUS CONNAISSEZ, MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE, L'INTÉRÊT PROFOND QUE JE PORTE À LA SITUATION EN ASIE DU SUD-EST ET MON DÉSIR DE CONTRIBUER, DANS LA MESURE DU POSSIBLE, À LA RÉALISATION DE CES OBJECTIFS. QU'IL S'AGISSE DU ^{KAMPUCHEA} ~~CHAMPA~~, DES RELATIONS ENTRE LE LAOS ET LA THAÏLANDE OU DES AUTRES PROBLÈMES QUI CONTINUENT D'HYPOTHÉQUER L'AVENIR DE CETTE RÉGION, IL IMPORTE, POUR LES UNS ET LES AUTRES, DE SE DÉFIER DE LA POLÉMIQUE ET DE LA CONFRONTATION ET DE RETROUVER LES VOIES DE LA NÉGOCIATION ET DU DIALOGUE.

C'EST DE CETTE MANIÈRE QU'IL SERA POSSIBLE D'APAISER LES PASSIONS, D'APLANIR PROGRESSIVEMENT LES DIVERGENCES ET D'ABOUTIR AUX SOLUTIONS NÉCESSAIRES, DANS LE RESPECT DES OPTIONS NATIONALES, DES ASPIRATIONS ET DE LA PERSONALITÉ DE CHAQUE PEUPLE. JE SUIS CONVAINCU QUE LE LAOS, FIDÈLE À SES TRADITIONS DE MODÉRATION, DE TOLÉRANCE ET D'ÉQUILIBRE, NE MANQUERA PAS DE JOUER UN RÔLE CONSTRUCTIF DANS CE PROCESSUS. JE DEMEURE, POUR MA PART, À LA DISPOSITION DES PAYS CONCERNÉS, AFIN DE FACILITER LA RECHERCHE D'UN RÈGLEMENT POLITIQUE, CONFORME AUX DROITS ET AUX INTÉRÊTS DE CHACUN.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

LES PROBLÈMES LIÉS À LA PROMOTION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT NATIONAL ET DE LA CO-OPÉRATION ÉCONOMIQUE INTERNATIONALE CONSTITUENT UNE AUTRE PRÉOCCUPATION MAJEURE DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES. NOUS SAVONS QUE LE LAOS SE CLASSE ACTUELLEMENT PARMIL LES PAYS LES MOINS DÉVELOPPÉS, EN RAISON NOTAMMENT DES OBSTACLES HÉRITÉS DE LONGUES ANNÉES DE GUERRE ET DE CEUX, PLUS RÉCENTS, RÉSULTANT D'UNE SÉRIE DE CATASTROPHES NATURELLES. VOTRE PAYS DISPOSE CEPENDANT DE RESSOURCES NATURELLES SUBSTANTIELLES QUI REPRÉSENTENT UN ATOUT APPRÉCIABLE POUR L'AVENIR.

AUSSI, SUIVONS-NOUS AVEC INTÉRÊT LES EFFORTS QUE LE GOUVERNEMENT LAOTIEN A ENTREPRIS POUR RECONSTRUIRE L'ÉCONOMIE NATIONALE, AUGMENTER LA PRODUCTION AGRICOLE ET DOTER LE PAYS D'UNE INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIELLE ADÉQUATE. A CET ÉGARD, L'ANNÉE 1985 REVÊT POUR VOUS, COMME POUR NOUS, UNE SIGNIFICATION PARTICULIÈRE, PUISQU'ELLE MARQUERA À LA FOIS LE DIXIÈME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA PROCLAMATION DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE POPULAIRE LAO ET LA FIN DE VOTRE PREMIER PLAN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT QUINQUENNAL. VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT S'EST FIXÉ POUR OBJECTIFS PRIORITAIRES LA RÉALISATION DE L'AUTOSUFFISANCE ALIMENTAIRE ET LA MISE EN VALEUR DE VOS RESSOURCES NATURELLES, NOTAMMENT DANS LE DOMAINE DE L'ÉNERGIE HYDRO-ÉLECTRIQUE.

VOUS VOUS PROPOSEZ ÉGALEMENT D'ACCORDER UNE ATTENTION ACCRUE À LA FORMATION DES CADRES ET AU DÉVELOPPEMENT DES RESSOURCES HUMAINES.

LES NATIONS UNIES SE RÉJOUISSENT DE POUVOIR APPORTER À LA RÉALISATION DE CES DIVERS PROJETS UNE CONTRIBUTION QUI, JE L'ESPÈRE, POURRA ÊTRE RENFORCÉE DE MANIÈRE SIGNIFICATIVE DÈS QUE VOS EFFORTS ACTUELS AURONT ATTEINT LEUR RYTHME DE CROISIÈRE. JE TIENS, D'ORES ET DÉJÀ, À VOUS ASSURER QUE JE CONTINUERAI À ENCOURAGER LES DIVERSES INSTITUTIONS SPÉCIALISÉES DES NATIONS UNIES À MOBILISER L'ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONALE NÉCESSAIRE À LA MISE EN OEUVRE DE VOTRE PROGRAMME DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL.

MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS,

C'EST DANS CET ESPRIT QUE JE VOUS INVITE À LEVER VOS VERRES AU RENFORCEMENT DE LA CO-OPÉRATION ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET LE LAOS. À LA SANTÉ DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR SOUPHANOUVONG, PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE POPULAIRE LAO, À LA SANTÉ DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE, PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES, À LA SANTÉ DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR PHOUNE SIPASEUTH, MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES, ET À ^{LA} ~~CEUX~~ ~~DES AUTRES MEMBRES DU GOUVERNEMENT ICI PRÉSENTS, À LA~~ PROSPÉRITÉ DU PEUPLE LAOTIEN ET, ENFIN, À LA PAIX ET À LA CO-OPÉRATION INTERNATIONALES.

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VIENTIANE (LAOS)

FURTHER TO OUR PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE RE SEGEN'S VISIT YOU
WILL OF COURSE APPRECIATE THAT WE WILL BE ASKING YOU FOR
SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE DURING THE SEGEN'S STAY.

REGARDS DE OLIVARES

J.P. Kavanagh, EOSC

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Note for the file

As a follow-up to our conversation on 14 January, I called Ambassador Vongsay of Laos and enquired whether he had received any further information concerning the Secretary-General's stopover in Vientiane. He replied in the negative, adding that he was confident that his Government would make every effort to ensure that the visit took place in the most propitious circumstances. He had fully understood the concern I had expressed, which he shared, and had impressed upon his Government the need to take appropriate action.

Rafeeuddin Ahmed
18 January 1985

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VIENTIANE (LAOS)

I SHOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE SEC GEN INTENDS TO PAY A VISIT TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY. AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED, HIS ITINERARY WILL BRING HIM TO VIENTIANE ON MONDAY, 28 JANUARY ON FLIGHT QV 421 FROM BANGKOK, ARRIVING AT 12.00 NOON. HE WILL CHANGE PLANES THERE AND WILL DEPART FOR HANOI AT 14.00 ON THE SAME DAY. THE LAO MISSION IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THESE DETAILS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE AUTHORITIES WILL EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE FACILITIES TO THE SEC GEN AND HIS PARTY DURING THIS BRIEF STOP-OVER. ~~YOU MAY WISH TO LIAISE WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN VIENTIANE IN THIS REGARD.~~ THE FULL COMPOSITION OF THE SEC GEN'S PARTY WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IN DUE COURSE.

REGARDS

DE OLIVARES

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Note for the file

I called Ambassador Kithong Vongsay, Permanent Representative of Laos to the United Nations, to enquire who would be hosting the luncheon for the Secretary-General during his stopover in Vientiane. Ambassador Vongsay replied that he had just been informed that it would be Vice-Foreign Minister Soubanh Srithirath.

I responded that, in the other countries in the region that the Secretary-General would be visiting, his hosts would be the Heads of Government and/or State. As a friend of Laos, I felt the need to advise that further consideration be given to the matter, to avoid any misunderstanding concerning Laos' regard for the United Nations and its head. Of course, if the visit was inconvenient, it could still be re-scheduled. Ambassador Vongsay explained that the Prime Minister, as a matter of course, did not extend hospitality on official visits and the Foreign Minister had been in Berlin for the last month-and-a-half. That was probably the reason Mr. Soubanh had been slated to host the luncheon. I suggested that one of the Vice-Prime Ministers could act as the host and Ambassador Vongsay promised to contact his Government and return to me with the final answer as soon as possible.

He assured me that his Government attached the greatest importance to the Secretary-General's visit and had the highest respect for him.


Rafeeuddin Ahmed
14 January 1985

✓cc. Mr. V. Dayal

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Le 14 janvier 1985

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Suite à ma lettre du 31 décembre j'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, ci-joint, pour votre information, la liste, légèrement modifiée, de la délégation qui accompagnera le Secrétaire général lors de sa brève visite dans votre pays.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma haute considération.

Assistant Spécial
du Secrétaire général

Alvaro de Soto

Dr. Kithong Vongsay
Représentant Permanent de la
République démocratique populaire lao
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
New York

COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PARTY

Vientiane, 28 January 1985

The Secretary-General

Mrs. Pérez de Cuéllar

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Mr. S.A.M.S. Kibria, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

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2. WHILE IN LAOS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND MRS. PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS:

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Country Brief for Secretary General - January 1985

A. Economic and Social Profile

The Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) has a population of only 3.5 million living, widely dispersed, in a land area of 237,000 square kilometers (slightly smaller than the United Kingdom).

GNP per capita has been declining over recent years and has now reached a low level of US\$80, making it the very poorest of the Least Developed Countries. In fact the country is still at the level of development where the net population growth rate is relatively low (1.9 per cent) because lack of health services mean that death rates remain high - about twice as high as other low income countries in Asia. Practically nothing exportable is produced except for a small amount of timber; on the other hand 30-35 per cent of GNP is made up of imports costing around \$120 million a year - principally food, petroleum and manufactured items for consumption.

B. Development Assistance

Lao PDR receives over \$100 million of external assistance per year in the form of commodity and project aid, technical assistance and cash grants from a variety of donors. The USSR and Viet Nam have provided about 60 per cent of all aid in the past with the multi-laterals such as the IDA, ADB, CTEC, UNDP and other members of the UN group making up the balance. However, more recently, bilateral assistance from Sweden, the Netherlands, Japan and Australia has become significant amounting to about \$16 million annually.

/ a problem In general the planning and administration of aid and aid programmes by the Government has been /, though there is recent evidence that something is being done to try to eliminate some of the more aggravating obstacles to project implementation (clearance of experts and equipment, visa requirements, travel restrictions, lack of counterparts etc.).

C. The UNDP Programme

UNDP assistance from 1982 to 1986 amounting to \$28 million is directed mainly at increasing food production with emphasis on irrigation, flood control and livestock development. The Government has indicated to UNDP its intention to concentrate the programme in future on development of human resources in a broader range of sectors to remove one of the most serious constraints to efficient execution of development plans - the shortage of skilled, technical and managerial personnel. Currently delivery of UNDP technical assistance to Lao PDR is running at only \$3 to \$4 million per year which is 50 per cent of what it could be, were the constraints mentioned above removed.

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Mr. Ahmed

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

The Secretary-General, who is currently away from New York, has asked me to thank you for your letter no.392 of 21 December by which you convey your Government's thoughtful invitation to lunch in Vientiane city on Tuesday, 28 January.

The Secretary-General is delighted to accept and is looking forward very much to sharing views on the current international situation with your national leadership. He has particularly asked me to say how very much he appreciates your Government's understanding of the factors that will prevent him from paying a two-day visit to your country on this occasion. I should like to assure you nonetheless that he will keep this invitation very much in mind when plans come to be laid for any future visit to the region.

I attach for your information a list setting out the composition of the Secretary-General's party.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alvaro de Soto
Special Assistant to the
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Dr. Kithong Vongsay
Permanent Representative of
Laos to the United Nations
New York

COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
PARTY DURING HIS STOP-OVER IN
VIENTIANE ON 28 January 1985

The Secretary-General

Mrs. Pérez de Cuéllar

Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Under-Secretary-General and Special
Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian
Affairs in South-East Asia

Mr. S.A.M. Kibria, Executive Director, ESCAP

Mr. Tatsuro Kunugi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General
for Co-ordination of Kampuchean Humanitarian Assistance Programmes

Mr. Emilio de Olivares, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General

Mr. Francois Giuliani, Spokesman for the Secretary-General

Mr. J. Paul Kavanagh, Second Officer, EOSG

Ms. Yanick Saint Victor, Secretary to the Secretary-General

Mr. John Hrusovsky, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Gerard Levchenko, Operations Officer

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cc Mr Ahmed

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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that my government is very happy to learn of the official visit Your Excellency will be paying shortly to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and some ASEAN countries, within the framework of the noble efforts you have been undertaking for some years now in favour of the re-establishment of peace, stability and cooperation in the region. It would be a great honour and satisfaction for the lao people if Your Excellency could pay an one or two-day visit to our country. But, for the reasons that Yourself as well as Mr. Ahmed have very recently made known to me, that is not possible. Nevertheless, we are gratified to note that, on your way to Hanoi, you will have to spend some two hours at the Airport of our Capital. Our Government will be happy then to host a luncheon in your honour in the city of Vientiane on 28 January 1985 in order to make it possible for you to have an exchange of views

with our leaders on burning international and regional affairs and to have a first glimpse of our land and its people.

Necessary arrangements will be made so that your flight could depart Vientiane for Hanoi at 3 or 4 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

Hoping that this proposed programme of ours could get your concurrence,

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.



Dr. Kithong VONGSAK

His Excellency
The Secretary-General
of the United Nations
Javier Perez de CUELLAR

Ambassador
Permanent Representative

NEW YORK.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hours From GMT</u>	<u>Airline +Flgt Number</u>	<u>Equipmt.</u>	<u>Stops</u>
Sun 20 Jan	LV: New York (JFK)	1000	-5	PA100	747	0
Sun 20 Jan	ARR: London (LHR)	2140	0			
Mon 21 Jan	London					
Tues 22 Jan	Edinburgh					
Wed 23 Jan	London					
Thur 24 Jan	LV: London (LHR)	1415	0	KL122	DC9	0
Thur 24 Jan	ARR: Amsterdam	1610	+1			Rome
Thur 24 Jan	LV: Amsterdam	1730	+1	SQ23	747	1
Fri 25 Jan	ARR: Bangkok	1315	+7			
Sat 26 Jan	Bangkok					
Sun 27 Jan	Bangkok					
Mon 28 Jan	LV: Bangkok	1030	+7	QV421	AN4	0
	ARR: Vientiane	1200				
	LV: Vientiane	1400		QV311	AN4	0
Mon 28 Jan	ARR: Hanoi	1500	+7			
Tues 29 Jan	Hanoi					
Wed 30 Jan	LV: Hanoi	1340	+7	TH501	737	0
Wed 30 Jan	ARR: Bangkok	1520	+7			
Thur 31 Jan	Bangkok					
Fri 1 Feb	LV: Bangkok	1700	+7	MH/TG83	AB3	0
Fri 1 Feb	ARR: Kuala Lumpur	1955	+8			
Sat 2 Feb	Kuala Lumpur					
Sun 3 Feb	LV: Kuala Lumpur	1330	+8	SQ107	AB3	0
	ARR: Singapore	1420	+8			
	LV: Singapore	1530	+8	SQ206	AB3	0
Sun 3 Feb	ARR: Jakarta	1600	+7			
Mon 4 Feb	Jakarta					

Tues 5 Feb	LV: Jakarta	a.m.	+7	Approx. 45 mins. flight		
	ARR: Jogjakarta/ Borobudur Overnight	a.m.	+7			
Wed 6 Feb	LV: Borobudur	a.m.	+7	Approx. 45 mins. flight		
	ARR: Bali	a.m.	+7			
Thur 7 Feb	LV: Bali	1300	+7	By Government Aircraft		
	ARR: Jakarata	1430	+7			
	LV: Jakarata	1500	+7	GA966	AB3	0
	ARR: Singapore	1730	+8			
Thur 7 Feb	LV: Singapore	2110	+8	QF2	747	0
Fri 8 Feb	ARR: Sydney	0740	+10.5			
OR						
Thur 7 Feb	LV: Bali	1500	+7	By Governemnt Aircraft		
	ARR: Jakarata	1630	+7			
	LV: Jakarata	1700	+7	SQ207	310AB	0
	ARR: Singapore	1730	+8			
Thur 7 Feb	LV: Singapore	2110	+8	QF2	747	0
Fri 8 Feb	ARR: Sydney	0740	+10.5			
Sat 9 Feb	LV: Sydney	1000	+10.5	QF43	747	0
Sat 9 Feb	ARR: Auckland Overnight	1450	+12			
Sun 10 Feb	LV: Auckland			GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION		
	ARR: Wellington			AIRCRAFT - SURFACE		
Mon 11 Feb	Wellington					
Tues 12 Feb	LV: Wellington	1550	+12	QF48	747	0
	ARR: Sydney	1705	+10.5			
	LV: Sydney	1800	+10.5	AN369	737	0
	ARR: Canberra	1900	+10.5			
Wed 13 Feb	Canberra					
Thur 14 Feb	Canberra					
Fri 15 Feb	LV: Canberra	p.m.		Possible Government Aircraft		
	ARR: Sydney		+10.5			
	LV: Sydney	1500	+10.5	PA816	747	0
	ARR: Los Angeles Overnight	0925	-8			
Sat 16 Feb	LV: Los Angeles	1100	-8	PA90	747	0
	ARR: New York (JFK)	1905	-5			