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Vientiane, Laos

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Mr. Jerome E. De Bruin  
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Dear Jerome:

I am sorry for the delay in responding to your letter of 16 December regarding your brother, Eugene. Things have been fairly hectic here in Laos, as you doubtless know, and the truth of the matter is that I did not have anything of substance to report to you about additional information received here in Vientiane.

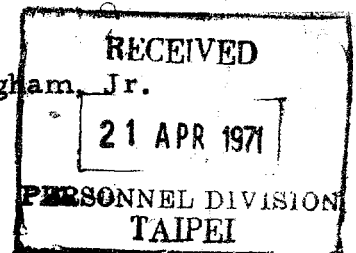
To answer the specific questions you asked in your 29 March letter, the Filipino news correspondent did not return to North Vietnam and hence we were unable to exploit his return in the manner I had hoped. In addition, Mr. Porfirio S. Rosales has left the Company's employ since I last wrote you and is now somewhere in Thailand, so his contact with the North Vietnamese Consul in Vientiane has not been available to us.

I guess what I am saying is that we have not forgotten Eugene or your interest in him and we will continue our efforts to establish contact with Eugene on a regular basis, including the sending of emergency parcels through the International Red Cross, but up until this point we have not been able to get the Pathet Lao to accept the parcels we have made up since to do so would be a tacit admission that they have your brother as a prisoner. I will certainly be in touch with you the minute we have anything good or bad we can tell you for sure.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Cunningham, Jr.  
 Base Manager



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