

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

OMB NO. 1545-0047, Expires February 28, 2014  
**Supplemental Statement**  
**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending 3/31/2015

(insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

United Lao Council (ULC)

6130

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

United Lao Council for Peace, Freedom and Reconstruction (ULCPFR)  
P.O. Box 232738  
Sacramento, CA. 95823

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- |                           |                              |                             |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

- |                          |                              |  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

Nhia Su Moua

April 1, 2015

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Khamkeo Sanaseri  
Chuyoua vang  
Nhia Su Moua

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

We have sent them regular small amount of money of a couple of hundred dollars to buy the necessary things that they need such as: medicine, foods, clothings, batteries and shoes.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Thus far, we have only provided advice by phone to our foreign principals on what to do as each situation occurred in their areas. We have no means to get to them, but they keep calling us regularly for money and advice concerning each situation such as the enemy was attacking them or tried to surround them. Mostly, our advice was to tell them to stay quiet and avoid any arm contact with the enemy until further notice.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

We inform our members at meetings of the FAs' situation and request on site donations to the fronts and divide according to the needs of each group and the people each group has. When the foreign principals have urgent needs, the contact persons just call around the members they know and sent them out.

<sup>5</sup> The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

**IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

They are in the jungles eating what they can find and buy by sending agents to nearby villages and towns. They depend on money sent from the US to help them survive.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
10/16/14	CA/ULC	Lao in Thailand	\$410.00
10/22/14	CA/ULC	Hmong in the jungle	\$410.00
10/22/14	CA/ULC	Bon Kia, Black Bird	\$110.00
12/03/14	CA/ULC	Lao in Thailand	\$410.00
12/05/14	CA/ULC	Hmong in the jungle	\$210.00
02/18/15	CA/ULC	Hmong in the jungle	\$410.00
02/19/15	CA/ULC	Hmong in the jungle	\$110.00
	CA/ULC	Office rent	\$1,200.00
			\$3,375.00
			Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No 

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
02/120-21/15	Mrs. Chao Ophat Nachampassak	Death of her husband, Chao Ophat, a strong anti-communist and democratic Lao leader	\$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

**V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>

Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Other (specify) Veterans and 18 Clans activities

**Electronic Communications**

Email

Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) Local TV

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials       Newspapers       Libraries  
 Legislators       Editors       Educational institutions  
 Government agencies       Civic groups or associations       Nationality groups  
 Other (specify) US Congress men/women

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

English

Other (specify) Lao and French

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes

No

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

4-28-2015  
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*M. Ju Vang*  
SECRETARY - GENERAL LLC  
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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.



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**UNITED LAO COUNCIL EXPENSES REPORT**

**FROM OCT. 2014 -TO- MARCH, 2015**

00	DATE	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	PAY TO	TOTAL BALANCE
25	10/01/2014	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	
26	10/10/2014	0	\$ 305	Renew Permit USA	
27	10/16/2014	0	\$ 410	Lao in the Thailand	
28	10/22/2014	0	\$ 410	Hmong in the Jungle	
29	10/22/2014	0	\$ 110	Bon Kia, Black bird	
30	11/02/2014	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	
31	11/25/2014	\$ 1,200	0	0	
32	12/01/2014	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	
33	12/03/2014	0	\$ 410	Lao in Thailand	
34	12/05/2014	0	\$ 210	Hmong in the Jungle	
			Total expenses \$2,255.00		
01	01/01/2015	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	
02	02/01/2015	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	
03	02/18/2015	0	\$ 410	Hmong in the Jungle	
04	02/19/2015	0	\$ 110	Hmong in the Jungle	
05	03/01/2015	0	\$ 200	United LC Office rent	

Total expenses

**\$1,120.00**

**Overall Total: \$3,375.00**

SIGNED: TOU FU VANG

/s/

SECRETARY-GENERAL ULC (April 17, 2015).



United Lao Council for Peace, Freedom and Reconstruction

ສະພາໂຮມລາວ ເພື່ອສັນຫາບ, ເສຣີພາບ ແລະພື້ນຟູຊາຕປະຈຳທະວີບອາເມຣິກາ

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### ການຕັດສິນໃຈສັກເຂົ້າເປັນ

### ສະມາຊິກ ສະພາໂຮມລາວ

ຮຽນ: ເຈົ້າພວງສັດປະທານຫຼວງແລະທ່ານ ວ່າງຈິງ ຮອງປະທານຫຼວງ ທັງເປັນປະທານ ສະພາໂຮມລາວເພື່ອສັນຫາບ, ເສຣີພາບແລະພື້ນຟູຊາຕປະຈຳທະວີບອາເມຣິກາ.

ກ່ອນອື່ນຂ້າພະເຈົ້າຂໍສະແດງຄວາມຂອບອີກຂອບໃຈເປັນຢ່າງສູງທີ່ສະພາໂຮມລາວໄດ້ຮັບ ເອົາຂ້າພະເຈົ້າເຂົ້າເປັນສະມາຊິກຢ່າງເປັນທາງການ. ຈາກສ່ວນເລິກຂອງຫົວໃຈລູກຜູ້ຍິງລາວ ຄົນນຶ່ງທີ່ໄດ້ພັດພາກຈາກບ້ານເກີດເມືອງນອນມາອາໄສຢູ່ໃນຕົ້ນແຜ່ນດິນຂອງປະເທດທີ່ເສ ຣີພາບທັງເປັນປະເທສມະຫາອຳນາດສູງສຸດຂອງ ໂລກເຊັ່ນສະຫະຣັດອາເມຣິກາ, ຍ້ອນຄວາມ ເປັນຫ່ວງນຳໂຊກຊາຕກັມຂອງປະເທສຊາຕບ້ານເມືອງທີ່ກຳລັງພົບກັບວິກິດການຫຼົ້ມຈົມ ເສື່ອມໂຂມຢ່າງໜັກຈາກຣະບອບການປົກຄອງຂອງຣະບອບຜະເດັດການຜູກຂາດສັງຄົມນິ ຍົມຄອມມຸນິສຈຶ່ງເຮັດໃຫ້ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າຕັດສິນໃຈເຂົ້າຮ່ວມສະພາໂຮມລາວເພື່ອດຳເນີນການຕໍ່ ສູ້ເພື່ອຊາຕຕໍ່ໄປຈົນກວ່າຈະສຳເຣັດຕາມຈຸດໝາຍປາຍທາງ.

ເມື່ອຫວນຄົນຫຼັງເຖິງແຜ່ນດິນລາວທີ່ແສນຮັກແລະເຕັມໄປດ້ວຍຄວາມອົບອຸ່ນອຸດົມສົມບູນ ຮັ່ງມີຂອງທັມມະຊາດຊຶ່ງປະຊາຊົນລາວທຸກເຜົ່າພັນໃນສະໄໝນັ້ນສ້າງຢູ່ທຳກິນຢ່າງມີຄວາມສຸຂ ແລະເປັນເຈົ້າຂອງປະເທສຊາຕຂອງຕົນຢ່າງແທ້ຈິງ. ຈາກເຫດການຕ່າງໆຂອງສະພາບການ ບ້ານເມືອງໄດ້ເກີດຂຶ້ນຢ່າງບໍ່ຄາດຄິດ ຍ້ອນການປ່ຽນແປງຣະບອບການປົກຄອງຈາກຣະບອບ ເສຣີປະຊາທາປິະຕັຍໄປເປັນຣະບອບສັງຄົມນິຍົມຄອມມຸນິສ ໂດຍມີທັກປະຊາຊົນປະຕິວັດ ລາວປົກຄອງປະເທສແບບຜະເດັດການສຸດຂີດ, ການກົດຂີ່ຂົ່ມເຫັງບັງຄັບປະຊາຊົນແລະການ ຈັບກຸມຄຸມຂັງຄົນທີ່ຖືກກ່າວຫາຢ່າງບໍ່ມີຄວາມຜິດຫຍັງຫມົດເອົາໄປເຂົ້າຄຸກເຂົ້າຕະລາງຢ່າງທີ່

ອະນາມເຖິງຕາຍ. ຈາກນັ້ນຕໍ່ມາ ພັກ-ຮັຖຜະເດັດການໂຫດຫ້ຽມອຳມະທິດກໍໃຊ້ກຳລັງທະຫານຈັບກຸມບັນດາຮັຖມົນຕຣີ, ບັນດານາຍພິລນາຍທັນທະຫານຕຳຣວຈຂອງຮັຖບານແຫ່ງພຣະຣາຊອານາຈັກລາວໄປເຂົ້າສູນສັບທູຂຢ່າງສຸດແສນທໍຣະມານແລະຫຼາຍພັນຄົນກໍໄດ້ເສັຍຊີວິດໄປ. ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າກໍເປັນນຶ່ງໃນຈຳນວນຄຣູສອນທີ່ໄດ້ຮູ້ເຫດການອັນໄຮ້ສິລທັມຂອງພັກ-ຮັຖຜະເດັດການລາວແດງນີ້ທຸກຢ່າງ ແຕ່ຍ້ອນຄວາມເປັນຫວ່າງປະເທສຊາຕບ້ານເມືອງຈິ່ງຍອມອິດທິນເປັນຄຣູສອນເຍົາວະຊົນລາວຢູ່ໂຮງຮຽນປະຖົມສຶກສາທີ່ບ້ານລະຫານນ້ຳ, ເມືອງສອງຄອນ, ແຂວງສວັນນະເຂດໃນລະຍະນຶ່ງ, ຍິ່ງອິດທິນຢູ່ໄປເທົ່າໃດກໍຍິ່ງເຫັນຄວາມໂຫດຮ້າຍປ່າເຖື່ອນປົກຄອງຂອງພັກ-ຮັຖຜະເດັດການລາວແດງໜັກຂຶ້ນທຸກວັນ. ການສູນເສັຍອັນໃຫຍ່ຫຼວງຂອງປະເທສຊາຕບ້ານເມືອງຄັ້ງປວັດສາຕນີ້ມັນແມ່ນການສົ່ງໂກງພົກພົນສັນຍາສັນຕິພາບເພື່ອຄວາມຖືກຕ້ອງປອງດອງຊາຕ ວັນທີ 21 ກຸມພາ 1973 ຂອງພວກຄອມມູນິສລາວແດງຊຶ່ງໄດ້ກາຍມາເປັນບົດຮຽນອັນລ້ຳຄ່າສຳລັບປະຊາຊົນລາວທຸກໆຄົນ. ຄວາມເຈັບຊ້ຳນ້ຳໃຈຢ່າງແສນສາທັດນີ້ຈະຝັງແໜ້ນຢູ່ໃນຫົວໃຈຂອງປະຊາຊົນລາວຕລອດການແລະບໍ່ມີວັນຈະຫຼົງລົ້ມ.

ເມື່ອເຫັນຄວາມຊົ່ວຊ້ຳເລວຊາມໂຫດຫ້ຽມອຳມະທິດຂອງອຳນາດການປົກຄອງຂອງພັກ-ຮັຖຜະເດັດການລາວແດງແລ້ວ, ເຮັດໃຫ້ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າຄິດວາດພາບວ່າ ການໃຊ້ຊີວິດຢູ່ລາວມີແຕ່ຄວາມິດເມີນ, ໄຮ້ກຳຄິດແລະໄຮ້ຄວາມຫວັງຈິ່ງຕັດສິນໃຈຢ່າງເດັດຂາດເຊັ່ນນ້ຳຕາໝີຈາກປະເທສທີ່ແສນຮັກໄປເພື່ອສຽງຫາເສຣີພາບແລະຄວາມສວ່າງສໄວຂອງອະນາຄົດດ້ວຍໃຈມຸ່ງຫມັ້ນ. ຊາວໜຸ່ມຈຳນວນຫຼວງຫຼາຍຢູ່ໃນເຂດເມືອງສອງຄອນ ໂຕນເຂົ້າໄປອາສັຍຢູ່ໃນປ່າຈັບປືນຕໍ່ສູ້ກັບກຳລັງທະຫານຂອງພັກ-ຮັຖລາວແດງຢ່າງອາດທານບໍ່ຍອມຈຳນົນ ຍ້ອນຄວາມຮັກຊາຕແລະຫຼາຍຄົນກໍໄດ້ເສັຍຊີວິດຢູ່ຕາມປ່າດົງພິງໄພ, ຈຳນວນນຶ່ງກໍເອົາຊີວິດລອດຂວ້າມໄປຮອດປະເທສໄທຍ໌. ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າກໍໄດ້ອາສັຍກຳລັງຊາວໜຸ່ມທີ່ຕໍ່ສູ້ກັບທະຫານລາວແດງສົ່ງຂວ້າມນ້ຳຂອງໄປໄທຍ໌. ໃນຂະນະທີ່ກຳລັງຊ່ວຍກັນໝາຍເຮືອໃນຍາມກາງຄືນກໍມີເຫດການຢ່າງບໍ່ຄາດຄິດເກີດຂຶ້ນ, ພວກລາວແດງທີ່ສັກດຢູ່ໃນດອນກາງນ້ຳຂອງ ກໍໄດ້ຍິ່ງປືນສຸມໃສ່ເຮືອຂອງພວກຂ້າພະເຈົ້າ ເຮັດໃຫ້ເສື່ອນຍິ່ງຄືນນຶ່ງຖືກກະສູນປືນຕາຍຄາທີ່, ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າ

ກໍໄດ້ໂຕນລົງເຮືອແຕກສລຸພ່າຍກັນໄປ, ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າລອຍຂວັນນ້ຳຂອງຈົນເຖິງຝັ່ງໄທຍ໌ອາດ  
ຈະເປັນຍ້ອນບຸນວາສນາຊາຕາກັນຍັງບໍ່ຂາດຈິ່ງມີຊີວິດລອດມາ. ເມື່ອໄດ້ເຂົ້າໄປຢູ່ໃນສູນອົພ  
ຍົບເມືອງອຸບົນຣາຊທານີແລ້ວຈິ່ງຮູ້ຂ່າວວ່າເພື່ອນຊາຍຄົນໜຶ່ງໄດ້ເສັງຊີວິດໃນກາງນ້ຳຂອງ  
ຍ້ອນລອຍບໍ່ພົ້ນ, ເພື່ອນຍິງແລະເພື່ອນຊາຍອີກສາມຄົນກໍຖືກກຳລັງຫະຫານລາວແດງຈັບຄືນ  
ໄປຝັ່ງລາວ ຢັດໃສ່ຄຸກເມືອງເຊໂປນ ແຂວງສວັນນະເຂດ. ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າໄດ້ໃຊ້ຊີວິດຢູ່ສູນອົພຍົບ  
ພຽງເວລາເຄິ່ງປີກໍໄດ້ແຕ່ງງານ ແລ້ວຕິດຕາມສາມິນາຢູ່ສະຫະຣັຖອາເມຣິກາ, ປັດຈຸບັນມີລູກ  
ສາມຄົນແລະມີຫຼານຫົກຄົນ.

ຈາກວັນເວລາທີ່ພັດພາກບ້ານເກີດເມືອງນອນແລະປະຈົນໄພຍ່ຽງຊີວິດຂວັນນ້ຳຂອງ  
ພ້ອມທັງໄດ້ດຳລົງຊີວິດຢູ່ໃນສະຫະຣັຖອາເມຣິການີ, ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າກໍບໍ່ໄດ້ລົດລະໃນການເອົາໃຈ  
ໃສ່ເບິ່ງແຍງພໍ່ແມ່ຍາຕຕິພີ່ນ້ອງຢູ່ທາງເມືອງລາວຊຶ່ງໄດ້ຮັບຄວາມທຸກຍາກລຳບາກຕລອດມາ.  
ການປົກຂອງພັກ-ຣັຖສະເດັດການລາວແດງຍິ່ງນານວັນໄປເທົ່າໃດຄວາມທຸກຍາກເດືອດຮ້ອນ  
ຂອງປະຊາຊົນກໍຍິ່ງໜັກຂຶ້ນໄປເລື້ອຍໆ ດັ່ງນັ້ນ ຈຳນວນຊາຍໜຸ່ມ ຍິງສາວຢ່າງຫຼວງຫຼາຍ  
ຢູ່ພາຍໃນປະເທສລາວກໍພາກັນລັກລອບເຂົ້າໄປຊອກຫາວຽກເຮັດງານທຳຢູ່ປະເທສໄທຍ໌ຢ່າງ  
ຄົນຕິດກົດຫມາຍ ພາກັນລີ້ຊ່ອນ ລີ້ນອນ ເຮັດວຽກຕ່າງໆທີ່ປະຊາຊົນໄທຍ໌ເຂົ້າບໍ່ເອົາແລ້ວ  
ນັ້ນພໍລົງປາກລົງຫ້ອງໄປວັນໆເພື່ອກັ່ນຕາຍ. ພັກ-ຣັຖສະເດັດການລາວແດງບໍ່ສົນໃຈເບິ່ງ  
ແຍງປະຊາຊົນລາວເທົ່າທີ່ຄວນ, ໃຜຈະເປັນໃຜຈະຕາຍ ພວກມັນກໍບໍ່ຫຍຸ້ງກຽວ, ພວກມັນກຳລັງ  
ຍາດແຍ່ງກັນສີ່ໂກງ, ຍາດແຍ່ງກັນກອບ ໂກຍ, ຍາດແຍ່ງກັນຂາຍຊາຕຂາຍແຜ່ນດິນລາວຢ່າງ  
ໜ້າຕ້ານໆໃຫ້ຕ່າງດ້າວໂດຍໃຊ້ຄຳເວົ້າທີ່ວ່າ "ສຳປະທານ" ຮ່ວມທົວກັບຕ່າງດ້າວເພື່ອຜິດ  
ປໂຍດສ່ວນຕົວ, ອະນຸຍາດໃຫ້ຕ່າງດ້າວໃຊ້ສິດໃຊ້ອຳນາດກົດຂີ່ຂົນເທິງ, ຂູດຮີດປະຊາຊົນລາວ  
ຜູ້ບໍ່ຮູ້ສຸດ. ຍັງບໍ່ພໍເທົ່ານັ້ນ ພວກມັນຍັງຂາຍຂັພໃນດິນສິນໃນນ້ຳຂອງລາວ, ກອບ ໂກຍສີ່ຮາດ  
ບັງຫຼວງຢ່າງໜັກ, ຍາດກິນຊົງກັນກິນຢ່າງບໍ່ຮູ້ຈັກອີ່ມ, ຜູ້ໄດ້ຮັບເຄາະຮ້າຍພັດແຜ່ນປະຊາຊົນ  
ພາຍໃນຊາຕ. ພັກ-ຣັຖສະເດັດການລາວຄອມມູນິສປົກຄອງບ້ານເມືອງມາເປັນເວລາເກືອບ  
40ປີແລ້ວ, ສິ່ງທີ່ພວກເຮົາຫຼົວເຫັນຄືຄວາມສູນເສັຍເອກະຮາດ, ຄວາມຫຼົ້ມຈົມຂຸດໂຊມຂອງ  
ຊາຕ, ຄວາມເໝາະເໝັນຢູ່ໃນສັງຄົມລາວພາຍໃນປະເທສແລະຮີດຄອງປະເພນີອັນດີງາມຂອງ

ລາວຖືກຢຽບຢົາ,ປະຊາຊົນລາວຂາດສິດທິມະນຸດແລະຂາດຄວາມເປັນເຈົ້າຂອງປະເທສຊາດ.  
ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າ ບົວວັນ ສ ຊຸມສັກມະຣາດ ໄດ້ຕັດສິນໃຈສມັກເຂົ້າມາເປັນສະມາຊິກສະພາ  
ໂຮມລາວດ້ວຍເຫດຜົນຢູ່ສອງຂໍ້ຄື:

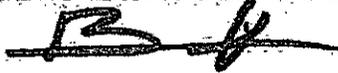
- 1- ເຫັນໄດ້ວ່າ ໂຊກຊາຕາກັມຂອງປະເທສຊາດ ກຳລັງຕົກຢູ່ໃນກຳມີຂອງກຸ່ມໂຈນ  
ພັກ-ຮັຖ ຜະເດັດການລາວແດງເປັນເວລາ 40 ປີແລ້ວເປັນການປົກຄອງທີ່ໄຮສິລທັມ  
ປະຊາຊົນພາຍໃນຊາຕໝູ່ກາຍຢ່າງໜັກ;ຂາດສິດທິມະນຸດ,ຂາດສິດເສຣີພາບປະຊາ  
ທິປະໄຕຍ໌,ປະເທສລາວເສັຽເອກະຣາດ ເປັນເມືອງຂຶ້ນຂອງວຽດນາມ.ການສູນເສັຽປະ  
ເທສຊາຕຈຶ່ງສ້າງພື້ນຖານແລະພະລັງແຮງຂອງຄວາມຮັກຊາຕເກີດມີເລືອດນັກສູ້ເຕັມ  
ຮ້ອຍເປີເຊັນໃນການຮ່ວມມືນຳທຸກໆທ່ານທີ່ຢູ່ໃນຣະດັບບັນຍາຊົນ.
- 2- ເຫັນໄດ້ວ່າ ສະພາໂຮມລາວ ເພື່ອສັນຕິພາບ,ເສຣີພາບແລະພື້ນຫູ່ຊາຕ ເປັນອົງການ  
ຈັດຕັ້ງການເມືອງທີ່ແໜ້ນໜາ,ມີຣະບົບ,ຣະບຽບດີ,ມີບ່ອນອົງອັນແໜ້ນໜາຄືມະ  
ຫາອຳນາດສະຫະຣັຖອາເມຣິກາແລະສະຫະປະຊາຊາຕກຳຣັບຮູ້ ສະພາໂຮມລາວມີ  
ຄຸນະຜູ້ນຳທີ່ມີຄວາມຮູ້ຄວາມສາມາດ,ມີທັມມະນູນແລະນະໂຍບາຍທີ່ຖືກຕ້ອງເໝືອນ  
ແສງສວ່າງກຳນຳພາມະຫາຊົນສືບຕໍ່ກອບກູ້ເອົາເອກະຣາດຂອງຊາຕຄືນມາ,ຕໍ່ສູ້ເພື່ອ  
ໃຫ້ປະຊາຊົນລາວທຸກເຜົ່າພັນໄດ້ມີສິດທິມະນຸດ,ມີຄວາມສເມີພາບ,ມີເສຣີພາບປະຊາ  
ທິປະໄຕແລະມີສິດເປັນເຈົ້າຂອງປະເທສຊາຕຢ່າງແທ້ຈິງ.ປະຕິບັດຕາມເຈຕນາລົມ  
ຂອງພຍານໍຣະປະໂມກ ນາຍພິລວ່າງປາວທີ່ນຳຄນະໄປຮ່ວມກອງປະຊຸມຫຼວງຂອງ  
ສະຫະປະຊາຊາຕໃນເດືອນພຶສພາ 18-27 ປີ 2006 ທີ່ນະຄອນນິວຢອກວ່າດ້ວຍ  
ພັກ-ຮັຖລາວແດງຂ້າລ້າງເຜົ່າພັນຊຶ່ງເປັນການຜິດຕໍ່ກົດໝາຍສິດທິມະນຸດຂອງໂລກ.  
ຜ່ານການສຶກສາຈາກບົດຮຽນແສນແສບ,ຜ່ານການຕິດຕາມຜົນງານຂອງຄນະສະພາ  
ໂຮມລາວຢັງມຢາມນະຄອນຫຼວງ Washington,DC 18-20 ສິງຫາ 2014 ແລະ  
ຜ່ານການອ່ານສຶກສາຄົ້ນຄວ້າ US House of Representative H 402  
Resolution (ມະຕິ 402). ທັງໝົດນີ້ ເຮັດໃຫ້ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າເຫັນຜົນງານຂອງການຕໍ່  
ສູ້ດ້ວຍສັນຕິວິທີ ສົມທົບກັບກະແສແຮງຂອງປະຊາຊາຕໃນໂລກເພື່ອສິດທິມະນຸດແລະ

ຮະບອບປະຊາທິປະຕັຍຈຶ່ງເປັນໄດ້ວ່າ ສະພາໂຮມລາວມີເອກສານຄົບຖ້ວນແລ້ວແລະເປັນອົງ  
ການດຽວຈະນຳເອົາການຕໍ່ສູ້ເພື່ອຮະບອບປະຊາທິປະຕັຍໃນລາວໃຫ້ເດີນໄປຕາມຈຸດໝາຍ  
ປາຍທາງ.

ຄວາມອິດທິນພະຍາຍາມຢ່າງບໍ່ຫຼົດລະປະກອບກັບການໃຊ້ສະຕິປັນຍາ,ຄວາມຮູ້ຄວາມ  
ສາມາດຄາດການສະພາບລ່ວງໜ້າເປັນເງື່ອນໄຂການຕໍ່ສູ້ຢ່າງມີປະສິດທິພາບ,ຄວາມສຳເຣັດ  
ແລະໄຊຊະນະກໍຈະເປັນໄປຕາມກາລເວລາ.ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າວ່າສິ່ງທີ່ສະພາໂຮມລາວກຳລັງທຳຢູ່ນີ້  
ຖືກຕ້ອງແລ້ວ.ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າຈຶ່ງຢາກຂໍຊວນເຊີນປະຊາຊົນລາວນອກທຸກກຸ່ມທຸກເພດທຸກວັຍ  
ເຂົ້າຮ່ວມສະພາໂຮມລາວເພື່ອສືບຕໍ່ພາຣະກິດອັນໃຫຍ່ຫຼວງແລະມີກຽດຂອງຊາຕຄັ້ງປັດ  
ສາດນີ້ຈົນກວ່າຈະໄດ້ຮັບໄຊຊະນະສຳເຣັດເຖິງເປົ້າໝາຍ.ພາບທີ່ຕິດຕາຂອງພວກເຮົາກໍຄືວາດ  
ພາບເຫັນເມືອງລາວຈະເປັນປະເທສເສຣີປະຊາທິປະຕັຍຢ່າງສົມບູນ.

ສຫະຣັຖອາເມຣິກາ 03-28-2015

ດ້ວຍຄວາມເຄົາລົບແລະນັບຖືຢ່າງສູງ



ບົວວັນ ສ ຊຸນສັກນະຣາດ

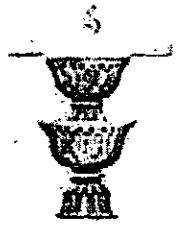
ຮຽບຮຽງ ໂດຍ: ຜະແນກຄົ້ນຄວ້າວິໄຈການເມືອງຂອງສະພາໂຮມລາວ  
ເພື່ອສັນຕິພາບ, ເສຣີພາບແລະພື້ນຟູຊາດ.



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ວາຣະ ດຽວ ກັນ ຂໍ ທ່ານ ທັງ ທາລາຍ ຈົ່ງ ປະ = ລິບ ພົບ ພັ  
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ໃນ ຂໍ ອິດ . ຈົ່ງ ຮັກ ລາ ຄວາມ ຮັກ ແຟງ ພວກ ພວກ ກູ ຂາຍ  
ພີ່ ມັງ ຮ່ວມ ຊາດ ຮ່ວມ ພາລາ ເພື່ອ ຄວາມ ສັນຕິ ພັ ທັງ  
ວອນ ຂອງ ປະ ເທດ ຊາດ ອັນ ແໜ້ນ ລັງ ທັງ ແຟງ ຂອງ ຊາດ  
ລາວ ໃຈ ທັງ ຄົນ .

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ຊ່ວຍ ຊາດ ໃຈ ທັງ ພວກ ໃນ ຂອງ ພວກ ປັດ ໃຈ ອັນ ລັງ ລັງ ອັນ  
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ເທົ່າ .

ໃຈ ຂອງ ທ່ານ ພະ ວັງ ໃຈ ອັນ = ທັງ ອັນ = ລັງ !  
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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives (or the Senate) regarding the urgent need for liberty, democratic reforms and international monitoring of free elections, human rights and religious freedom in the former Kingdom of Laos.

In the House of Representatives  
( or the Senate).

Messrs.....of Minnesota, California and Wisconsin submitted the following Resolution which was referred to the Foreign relations Committee on.....

RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 1975, the Kingdom of Laos, a constitutional monarchy and important ally of the United States during the Vietnam war, was overthrown by the marxist Lao People's Revolutionary Party with the assistance of the People's Army of North Vietnam;

Whereas the so-called Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) was established as a one-party regime in 1975 following the communist takeover;

Whereas, in 1961, President J.F. Kennedy initiated a meeting in Vienna (Austria) with Chairman Nikita Khrutchev which a few months later produced an International conference in Geneva to set in motion legal instruments aimed at guaranteeing the independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Laos;

Whereas the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) which participated in that meeting along with the United States and other countries, has flagrantly violated the terms of those agreements from the day they were signed;

Whereas the SRV has taken advantage of the withdrawal of the American expeditionary forces from Indochina to occupy by force the Kingdom of Laos;

Whereas the SRV has -since the conclusion of a secret agreement publically known as the Treaty of " Cooperation and Friendship" with the so-called LPDR, poured millions of its ragged citizens into Laos, thus creating an unacceptable situation tantamount to a blatant invasion of a member of the United Nations in violation of international law and the UN Charter;

Whereas the SRV has now become the sole illegitimate authority "governing and administring" the Kingdom of Laos where the Lao people are not allowed to enjoy basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, where peaceful pro-democracy protests have been brutally suppressed and where native Lao are considered second-class citizens compared with Vietnamese occupiers (actually numbering over 2 millions in a country of an estimated 4 million inhabitants); and

Whereas the United States has a vital interest in the worldwide promotion of liberal democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as democratic reforms in Laos .

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the House of Representatives (or the Senate) strongly support the following recommendations and urge the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the

1. examine as a matter of urgency the possibility of convening an International conference with the purpose of reviving the Geneva Accords of 1962 and the Paris Treaty of 1973 in the light of the occupation of the Kingdom of Laos by the SRV;
2. call on the SRV to scrupulously respect the terms of those legal instruments and withdraw within a period of six months its military personnel including armaments, munitions and war materiel as well as its civilian settlers from the Kingdom of Laos;
3. respect the national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Laos and refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the latter;
4. call on the European Union and ASEAN to closely collaborate with the United Nations in organizing democratically free elections in Laos with the full participation of the Lao people within the country and overseas who should now be allowed to form political parties according to their legitimate aspirations for human rights, liberty and democracy;
5. call again on the United Nations to assist the newly-elected National Assembly to draft a new national constitution on the basis of the old constitution of 1947 which should serve as an exemplary framework for the future government and administration of a free and democratic Laos; and
6. request all peace-loving nations around the globe to provide urgently needed political, economic and financial assistance to new-born Laos under the aegis of the United Nations, the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

( a draft provided by Tiao Phouangsavath, President of the United Lao Council  
for Peace Freedoms and National reconstruction for consideration  
by the Members of US Congress )



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## INVITATION

The United Lao Council for Peace, Freedom and Reconstruction (ULC) has the honor and pleasure to invite you to attend our upcoming **Annual Conference** in Fresno, CA. on **December 24-25, 2014**. For those who live out of State, please reserve your airplane ticket early to obtain a reasonable price. Detail information on the Conference will be sent to you as soon as possible. It is mandatory for all ULC Board of Advisors, Executive and Central Committees' members, States' Chairmen as well as Groups Leaders to attend this important Conference; all interested members are also encouraged to attend.

This year, the honorable **Chao Khamlouang NOKHAM**, Supreme President of ULC Board of Advisors and representing ULC President Tiao Phouangsavath, will lead the Conference as well as attending the Hmong International New Year Opening Celebration on December 26, 2014.

Please make effort to go and we look forward to see you all in Fresno.

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## **FY 2014 ULC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**DATE :** December 24, 2014

**TIME:** 9:00AM – 4:00PM

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **AGENDA:**

- 9:00AM - Registration/Security checks
- 9:30AM - Col. Ly Teng, ULC Advisor, to lead:
- \* Salute USA and Royal Lao National flags
  - \* Honoring our leaders and fallen soldiers who defended freedom, democracy and Laos.
- 9:40AM \* Welcoming remarks by Chairman Vang Na, CA/ULC.
- \* Opening remarks by Chao Khamlouang NOKHAM,  
Supreme President of ULC Board of Advisors, (Representing  
ULC President Tiao PHOUANGSAVATH).
- 10:00AM Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Chong VANG, Vice-President  
and President of USA/ULC.
- 10:15AM ULC Activities Reports for FY 2014 by LTC Tou-Fu VANG,  
ULC Secretary-General.
- 10:30AM Key Note Speaker, Chao Khamlouang NOKHAM, Supreme  
President of ULC Board of Advisors.
- 10:50AM Overseas Lao Political Activities, by \_\_\_\_\_

- 11:05AM** Encouraging all Lao people to get involved with the Political movement by **Mr. Lo-Cam OUN, V-P USA/ULC**
- 11:25AM** Cultural Activities – Lao Cultural Dances/Music
- 12:00PM** **LUNCH Provided by the United Lao Council (ULC).**
- 1:00PM** States, Ethnics and Special Reports:
- 2:00PM** **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** to lead by **Col. Gao MOUA** and **Panelist: Chao Khamlouang Nokham, Mr. WaChong Vang, VP Lo-Cam Oun** and **Col. Vang Geu.**
- 3:00PM** Closing Remarks by **Col. Ly Teng, ULC Advisor**
- 3:15PM** All Conference Participants to sing the Lao Song  
**"LAO HOUAM SAMPHANH".**
- 3:30PM** **MEETING ADJOURNS. (THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!)**

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**December 25, 2014: Special Session**

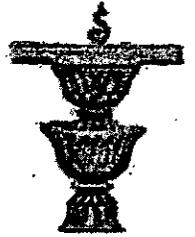
**9:00AM — 11:30AM** Discussion on ULC Actions and Political Activities Planning for FY 2015 — (for Core, Inner Circle and Advisors of the Organization only.)



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ເບິ່ງ ທ່ານຜູ້ຕາງໜ້າເພົາ, ຕາງໜ້າຮັກ, ແຂອງ, ກຸ່ມ, ເຂດ, ກົມຕ່າງໆ ແລະເພື່ອນສະມາຊິກ  
ທຸກທ່ານທີ່ຮັກແພງຊາບ.

ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າໄດ້ນຳສົ່ງເອກສານທີ່ຄະນະຜູ້ຕາງໜ້າສະພາໂຮມລາວໄດ້ເດີນໄປນະຄອນຫລວງວິຊິ  
ຕັນ, ຕີຊີ ເພື່ອເຂົ້າພົບບັນດາຮັກການຊັ້ນສູງ ຂອງອັກສພາແລະກະຊວງຫະບອງກົມຕ່າງໆຂອງ  
ສະຫະຣັກອາເມຣິກາຢ່າງເປັນທາງການເມື່ອວັນທີ 18 -20 ສິງຫາ(8) 2014 ມາໃຫ້ພວກທ່ານໄດ້ຊາບ.  
ຂໍໃຫ້ພວກທ່ານເຮັດໂກຍີແລະສົ່ງໄປໃຫ້ສະມາຊິກທີ່ຢູ່ໃນການຈັດຕັ້ງຂອງພວກທ່ານດ້ວຍ.

ຂ້າອ ໃຫ້ພວກທ່ານຊາບວ່າວັນທີ 24 ທັນວາ(12) 2014 ສູນກາງສະພາໂຮມລາວຈະໄດ້ຈັດ  
ກອງປະຊຸມປະຈຳປີຂຶ້ນທີ່ເມືອງແຟຣສໂນ, ອັກຄາລິຟໍຣເນັຽ. ດ້ວຍເຫດນີ້ ສິ່ງຂໍສອຍໂອກາດນີ້ເຊື່ອເຊີນ  
ທ່ານຜູ້ຕາງໜ້າແລະເພື່ອນສະມາຊິກທຸກຄົນໄປຮ່ວມກອງປະຊຸມຄັ້ງນີ້ໃຫ້ໄດ້. ລາຍລະອຽດຢ່າງອື່ນສິ່ງ  
ຈະສົ່ງມາຕາມຫລັງ. ນອກນີ້ ວັນທີ 26-31 ທັນວາ(12) 2014 ກໍແມ່ນບຸນກິນຈຽງໃຫຍ່ຂອງພື້ນຮຸ່ງ  
ນີ້ຢູ່ເມືອງແຟຣສໂນ ສິ່ງຂໍເຊີນພວກທ່ານໄປຮ່ວມດ້ວຍ. ຂໍຂອບໃຈ.

ດ້ວຍຄວາມຮັກ ແພງແລະນັບຖືຢ່າງສູງ.

ສຳນັກງານ ວັນທີ 17 ກັນຍາ(9) 2014

ທ່ານ ວ່າງຈິງ

ລອງປະທານຫລວງ ແລະປະທານສະພາໂຮມລາວ ເພື່ອ  
ສັນຕິພາບ ເສຣີພາບ ແລະພື້ນຟູຊາວ ຫະວີບອາເມຣິກາ

**ເພິ່ງລາວຮ່ວມສຳພັນ**

\*- ຕື່ນຖານບ້ານເກີດຂອງເຮົາ ມີແຕ່ພູເຂົາເລົ່າຜາປ່າດົງ  
ພິງໄພ່ຍ ອັນໃຫ່ຍແລະກວ້າງ ເມີ ພີ ພູ່ກວາງ ເລາະຕາມແຄມເຊ  
ເຊົ້າເຢັນເຮົາແລເທັ້ນໄມ້ ມີດມິວກິ້ວໃບ ແສງໃສສ່ອງມາ  
ແຂກເຂົາກາເວົ້ຂັນຮອ້ງ ພັງສຽງນ້ຳນອງ ໂຕນຕາດຕິນຜາ  
ອາບຫລັ້ນ ເຢັນໃຈຫາຍຮອ້ນ ຫາຍສ່ວງອູທອນ ພັກຜ່ອນກາຍຍາ

\*- ບ້ານເຮົາບໍ່ເປັນເຊັ່ນນີ້ ທັງກວ້າງຂວາງດີ ສຸດຊື່ນຊົ່ວຕາ  
ມີມ່ວງ ດວງດອກມາລີ ບັນຈໍ ຈຸມຈີ ມີໝາກໝັກໝາ  
ພົ້າວ ຕາມ ຫວານຜູຜາງສິ້ມ ເກີດແສນອູດົມ ທັງເຂົ້າແລະປາ  
ບ້ານຫລາຍຢາຍຕາມທັງໃຫ່ຍ ແຄມນ້ຳວັງໃສ ສ່ອງເທັ້ນໝູ່ປາ  
ບ່າວສາວທັງພວກຊາວບ້ານ ຢູ່ຕ່າງທ່າງາມ ຊື່ນບານອູລາ

\*- ດົນລາວ ຍິດຍາວຄາວໄກ ມີຊື່ລືໄວ້ ລ້ານຊ້າງເດີມມາ  
ຢູ່ເໜືອຫລືວ່າຢູ່ໃຕ້ ບໍ່ແມ່ນອື່ນໄກ ລ້ວນແຕ່ຊາວລາວ  
ພົ້ນອັງປົກປອ້ງກັນມາ ຢ່າຕີຢ່າວ່າ ລາວເໜືອລາວໃຕ້  
ຄົນໃດໄດ້ດີມີສຸຂ ຊ່ວຍຊູຜູ້ທຸກຂໍ້ ກັງວິນສິນໃຈ  
ເລືອດເນື້ອ ເຊື້ອແນວແຜວຜັນ ເຮົາຕອ້ງຮັກກັນ ຈົນຊື່ນຊົ່ວາ.

\*- ເພື່ອນເອີຍ ຮິບມາດ້ວຍກັນ ມາຮ່ວມສຳພັນ ທັງແສງທັງໃຈ  
ໄວໄວຮິບມາດ້ວຍກັນ ມາຮ່ວມປ້ອງກັນ ເລືອດເນື້ອເຊື້ອລາວ  
ໄວໄວຮິບຮູ້ສຶກໃຈ ຊ່ວຍລະວັງໄພ່ຍ ໃຫ້ລາວຍິນຍົງ  
ປົງຈິດຊີວິດແລະກາຍ ເປັນລູກຜູ້ຊາຍ ຄອມຕາຍເພື່ອຊາຕ  
ເລືອດຢາດຈະຢາດພຽງໃດ ຊະລະຊິພໄວ້ ໃຊ້ຊາຕຈະຍາວ

\* ຮັກແພງ, ເສຍຊະລະ, ກ້າຫານ, ແມ່ນຂວັນໃຈຂອງາຕ

September 23, 2014

Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request your help and leadership in contacting your colleagues to review the US Congressional Resolutions on Laos to help Laos regain its former status of national independence, territory integrity, justice, freedom and democracy as soon as possible so its overseas and inside Lao population can be reunified to reconstruct the country to be a peaceful, democratic and prosperous nation like its neighbors.

We would like to thank and congratulate the U.S. government in helping Myanmar (Burma) and Cambodia in regaining their independence, freedom, and democracy. There is only Laos left in that part of Asia that is still under Vietnamese control since 1975 as a result of the Indochina war.

Today, Laos is in danger of being swallowed up by Vietnam with the latter's influx of over two million people into Laos, along with its heavy investments in Laos' fertile land and the building of Vietnamese language high schools in the country. Communist Laos government is staffed with Vietnamese advisors from top communist Lao party. Moreover, government bureaucrats down to the village level are influenced by communist Vietnamese parties. There are still a large number of Vietnamese soldiers hiding in the forests who are disguised with Pathet Lao soldier uniforms and pretending to be laborers and road repairers along Laos' highways. Laos has suffered severely under Vietnam's colonization since 1975 in human lost, environment deprivation due to daily timber woods being cut and transported to Vietnam, and natural mineral resources depletion. The environment devastation has caused serious flooding to the rivers and land sliding to the country's roads every year during the raining season, causing millions of dollars of loss to the population from north to south.

Laos is strategically located in Indochina and is a small country. It only asks to regain its former status as an independent, peaceful, democratic and sovereign nation and be friendly to all its neighbors for its survival. We ask that you take a proactive role in the fight for freedom and democracy in Laos by reviewing US Congressional Resolutions on Laos and, if possible, by calling Round Table Meetings of US Congress men/women who represent large districts of Lao-Hmong-American populations in order to find better solutions in maintaining an independent and free Lao nation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and we look forward to hearing from you regarding the progress of US Congressional revisions of Laos Resolutions in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE H. RES. 402 RESOLUTION**

- 05/13/2004
- Laos
- RESOLUTION (ALSO MOTIONS)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Whereas, in 1975, the Kingdom of Laos, a constitutional monarchy and important ally of the United States during the Vietnam War, was overthrown by the Marxist Lao People's Revolutionary Party with the assistance of the People's Army of North Vietnam;

Whereas the Lao People's Democratic Republic was established as a one-party regime in 1975 following the communist takeover;

Whereas tens of thousands of Laotian and Hmong people, a prominent highland minority group, were killed or died at the hands of communist forces while attempting to flee the Lao communist regime, and many others perished in reeducation and labor camps;

Whereas tens of thousands of Laotian and Hmong became refugees, eventually resettling in the United States where they now reside as American citizens and lead constructive lives as members of their communities;

Whereas the only political party allowed by law in Laos is the communist Lao People's Revolutionary Party;

Whereas, in 1989, Laos held its first elections since the establishment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, but only candidates who were approved by the communist Lao People's Revolutionary Party were allowed to seek public office;

Whereas, in 1991, Laos adopted its first constitution which purports to guarantee the people of Laos a wide range of freedoms, including the freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion;

Whereas the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Congress meets every five years and controls or influences the organs of the state in Laos, including the armed forces, the security services, and the National Assembly;

Whereas the Lao People's Revolutionary Party promulgates the five-year state plans that control the economy and do not need to receive the approval of the National Assembly;

Whereas, in 1999, peaceful pro-democracy demonstrations held by Laotian students in the capital of Vientiane calling for political and economic reforms were suppressed by force by the Lao government, which arrested many of the students;

Whereas Amnesty International reports that many Laotian student leaders from the 1999 pro-democracy demonstrations continue to be held by the Lao government and languish in the Lao prison system or remain unaccounted for;

Whereas, in 2001, Olivier Dupuis, a Member of the European Parliament, was arrested and jailed in Laos along with a group of pro-democracy activists after peacefully protesting for the release of the Lao students and for democratic and human rights reforms in Laos;

Whereas international election monitors are currently not permitted to enter Laos to monitor elections;

Whereas Laos remains a one-party communist state that continues to prohibit the organizing of opposition political parties to the Lao People's Revolutionary Party;

Whereas, in 2002, elections for the Lao People's Democratic National Assembly were held nearly a year earlier than scheduled and excluded all candidates from political parties other than the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, as well as all overseas Laotians;

Whereas Amnesty International and other independent human rights organizations are not permitted to enter Laos to monitor or investigate the human rights situation or reports of alleged human rights violations;

Whereas, in 2003, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom issued a country report on religious persecution in Laos, recommending that the President designate Laos as a 'country of particular concern';

Whereas the Department of State reported in its most recent Country Report on Human Rights Practices in Laos that Laos restricts its citizens from enjoying the freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion, and from undertaking activities to change their government;

Whereas, in 2003, the United Nations Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination stated that the Lao government had failed to honor its obligations, and the Committee expressed its grave concerns at the information it had received of serious and repeated human rights violations in Laos;

Whereas, in October 2003, Amnesty International issued a statement detailing its concern about the use of starvation by the Lao government as a weapon of war against civilians in Laos and the deteriorating situation facing thousands of family members of ethnic minority groups, predominantly the Hmong;

Whereas, in 2003, Amnesty International's International Secretariat, in a statement further detailing its concerns about Laos, condemned in the strongest terms the use of starvation as a

weapon of war against civilians and cited it as a clear and serious violation of the Geneva Conventions that Laos has ratified;

Whereas because many Laotians and Hmong, including those in the overseas communities, are not members of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, they do not meet with its approval as political candidates, but they are nevertheless successful businessmen, technocrats, and community and religious leaders with democratic aspirations and concern for the people of Laos; and

Whereas the United States has a vital interest in the worldwide promotion of democratic principles and respect for human rights, and supports democratic reforms in Laos: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives strongly supports the following points and urges the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Nations, the European Union, and the Association of South East Asian Nations—

- (1) to work to provide unrestricted access to Laos by international election monitors for upcoming presidential and National Assembly elections;
- (2) to work to provide unrestricted access to Laos, including special closed military zones and closed provinces, by international human rights organizations, the United Nations, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and humanitarian aid organizations;
- (3) to work to ensure that opposition political parties and their candidates are allowed to run for public office in multi-party elections without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, religion, economic standing, or political affiliation, and that all adult citizens of Laos, including overseas Laotian citizens, are permitted to vote and run for public office;
- (4) to allow the citizens of Laos to assemble and peacefully protest against the Government of Laos, the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, and individual public officials, and to freely organize opposition groups and independent political parties;
- (5) to heed the call by the United Nations Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the Lao People's Revolutionary Party to halt immediately all acts of violence against the Hmong population and provide them with humanitarian assistance;
- (6) to work to gain the immediate release of those students and their family members arrested and jailed in connection with the 1999 pro-democracy demonstrations, as well as all other political prisoners, prisoners of conscience, and those jailed for their religious beliefs or ethnicity; and
- (7) to work to implement the recommendations of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom with respect to promoting religious freedom in Laos.

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**Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.**

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**June 2, 1998**

Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations June 25, 1998 Reported by Mr. HELMS, with amendments [Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*]

**RESOLUTION**

**Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.**

**Whereas in 1975, the Pathet Lao party supplanted the existing Lao government and the Lao Royal Family, and established a 'people's democratic republic', in violation of the 1962 Declaration on the Neutrality of Laos and its Protocol, as well as the 1973 Vientiane Agreement on Laos;**

**Whereas since the 1975 overthrow of the existing Lao government, Laos has been under the sole control of the Lao People's Democratic Party;**

**Whereas the present Lao Constitution provides for human rights protection for the Lao people, and Laos is a signatory to international agreements on civil and political rights; Whereas Laos has become a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which calls for the creation of open societies in each of its member states by the year 2020;**

**Whereas despite that, the State Department's 'Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1997' notes that the government has only slowly eased restrictions on basic freedoms and begun codification of implementing legislation for rights stipulated in the Lao Constitution, and continues to significantly restrict the freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion; and**

**Whereas on January 30, 1998, the Lao government arrested and detained forty-four individuals at a Bible study meeting in Vientiane and on March 25 sentenced thirteen Christians from the group to prison terms of three to five years for 'creating divisions among the people, undermining the government, and accepting foreign funds to promote religion': Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the present government of Laos should—**

- (1) respect international norms of human rights and democratic freedoms for the Lao people, and fully honor its commitments to those norms and freedoms as embodied in its constitution and international agreements, and in the 1962 Declaration on the Neutrality of Laos and its Protocol and the 1973 Vientiane Agreement on Laos;
- (2) issue a public statement specifically reaffirming its commitment to protecting religious freedom and other basic human rights; [Struck out->] and [<-Struck out]
- (3) fully institute a process of democracy, human rights, and openly-contested free and fair elections in Laos, and ensure specifically that the National Assembly elections--currently scheduled for 2002--are openly contested [Struck out->] . [<-Struck out] ; and
- (4) allow access for international human rights monitors, including the International Committee of the Red Cross to Lao prisons, and to all regions of the country to investigate allegations of human rights abuses, including those against the Hmong people, when requested.

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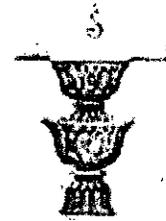


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**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LAOS**

**THE HONORABLE DANIEL A. CLUNE**

**VISITING MINNESOTA ON MARCH 17, 2015.**

### **RATIONAL FOR VISITING**

The State of Minnesota has the largest concentration of Lao-Americans, including the Hmong, in the Twin Cities with approximately 70,000, and over 620,000 Lao-American of all ethnics call the United States home. They have strong tie to Laos and MN State leaders want to see that Laos and Minnesota to have good relationship for the good of their two Lao population. Every year thousands of Lao-Americans are visiting Laos, especially during Hmong New Year of November and December. Therefore, the visit of the Ambassador to Minnesota is very important to the Lao-American community. The State is in the process of building a Lao-Hmong-American Veterans Memorial to be completed this Summer and hope that the Ambassador can come back to commemorate it.

### **Observation on Social-Economy**

The Ambassador came to Minnesota to learn about the progress the Lao-American community has made so far and to share what he has observed in the short time of a year and half in Laos with emphasis on the social-economic conditions and the bilateral relationship between the US and Laos. He has traveled to 16 of the 18 provinces of Laos and will visit the other two: Saysomboun and Phongsaly beginning this Spring. He heard that they are building an electrical elevator from the bottom of Phoubia to the top of this highest mountain in Laos and wants to see how ready it is for the official opening in December, 2015. He said Laos economy is growing well at the rate of 7%-8%, but thus far based only on natural resources distraction and hydropower. This is not good for the long-term economy and the US is encouraging Laos to diversify its economy based on the needs of the population. So now, Laos is expanding its economy to include tourism, factories and agriculture, including animal husbandry. Laos is also a very young country with 70% of the population under the age of 30; it's not like China or Japan. So, the Lao-American community of over 620,000 in the United States has so much to offer. He also said the rural is still very poor with bamboo houses and thatched roofs.

**US-Laos Bilateral Relationship**

The US is encouraging Laos to seek investments from all over so that it will not depend on just one or two countries like China and Vietnam. The US is trying to build a trust and reliable partner with Laos with emphasis more on helping Laos to be ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and still also working on some of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century issues. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century issues include UXO clearance and MIA cases. Thanks to the cooperation of the Lao government, 220 MIA cases have been accounted for from a total of 525 cases. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century activities include helping Laos with building infrastructure, governing under the rules of laws, education, health, economy and energy with security, environment and court system improvement, development of the Lower Meking Initiative and monitoring human rights, democracy and labor rights violations and improving transportation and technology, so that Laos can graduate from being considered as among the poorest countries in the world.

The Ambassador ended his visit of MN in a Dinner Forum with good foods and colorful dances. The Ambassador loves Lao arts and cultures and we wish him continued success in representing America in Laos.

Reported by ULC Secretariat.

March 24, 2015.



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US SECRETARY OF STATE, JOHN KERRY'S

2015 LAO NEW YEAR WISHES

ທ່ານ John Kerry ລມຕ ການຕ່າງປະເທດ ສຫລ ອວຍພອນປີໃໝ່ ແກ່  
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On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States of America, I  
am honored to wish the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic peace  
and prosperity on the occasion of the Lao New Year.

The start of a new year is a time to celebrate all we have accomplished and look  
ahead with hope for the future. I was delighted that the United States had the  
opportunity to join the Government of Laos in co-hosting the Extraordinary  
Meeting of the Friends of the Lower Mekong in Pakse this past February. The  
coming year will be an important one for Laos, and I hope it brings joy to Lao  
people around the world. The United States values its important friendship  
with Laos. May the New Year bring us closer together.