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Mr. Mike Wallace
CBS "60 Minutes"
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mike,

I appreciated hearing from you on the phone the other day regarding my story on the Hmong (Meo) refugees in Thailand which appeared in the Washington Post on September 17. You indicated that your colleague Barry Landau would be calling me from Paris in due course. It occurs to me to suggest that he might follow up with a telegram if he is unable to reach me, as I am often away from the phone.

If he does go ahead with the story, I suggest he get a small team into the refugee camp at Nong Khai to film and interview some key refugees, and also film refugees at certain Thai police posts immediately after their arrival across the Mekong from Laos, and that this be done informally through channels that I could lay on, if desired. Then, after the key footage has been obtained, the formal application can be made to visit the camp to the appropriate Thai Government office, and some further shooting could be done which might or might not be used. Unless this reverse procedure is followed, you might incur expensive delays, bureaucratic snow-jobs etc. Also, there is a rather charismatic ex-CIA type, married to a local girl, who now lives on a tapioca plantation about 50 miles from Nong Khai. He started on Iwo Jima, helped spring the Dalai Lama from Tibet, and worked for years with the Hmong during the war in Laos. Landau's people might want to meet him, etc.

Mr. William Shultz

In any case, I shall await any word from Landau.

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With best wishes,

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