

June 17, 1980

Mr. William Conway
New York Zoological Society (Bronx Zoo)
185th St. & Southern Blvd.
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Conway:

Your secretary has told me that you were in the process of going to China when my first letter must have arrived at your office.

I am planning to go on a project in South Asia and end up in Thailand on or about July 18. I will be doing project work while in Thailand but can devote some time to the kouprey.

I have several problems to deal with in obtaining meaningful information.

One is that I don't speak Cambodian or French, but Ogden William, whom I mentioned in the original proposal does.

Secondly, I don't have that much time to devote to starting a dialogue, and hopefully negotiations, with one of the factions in most control *OF* the Northwest corner of Cambodia where it is felt kouprey might still survive.

In talking with Ogden, we feel that the proposed expenditures could be cut in half now that I will be in Bangkok on another mission. This would amount to about \$5000. Ogden is ready to go to Thailand prior to my arrival and make a tour of the border area, meet me in Bangkok and together we will try to set up a plan of contact and negotiations.

Since I plan to leave on June 22, you may contact Ogden in my absence if the plan interests you. His telephone number is 202-965-2139 in Washington.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harvey C. Neese

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cc: Mr. Ogden Williams

Good luck Oggie!