

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 Aggie!