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Larry & Dee Woodson,
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Dear Woodsons:

I'm not sure that we know you folks on a personal basis because it's been many moons since we departed from Laos, and we were there from late 1970 to evacuation in 1975. I was attached to ADO and was instrumental in developing the Lao Savings and Loan Cooperative (LSLC).

Last month Don and Cherie Mitchell came by here and had a short visit with us, and they informed us about your efforts to keep the Laotian Veterans in touch with each other through the medium of the KHAO LAO bulletin. I think its a great idea. The Mitchell's also mentioned the idea of holding a reunion at some point in time - and of course, we think this could be a splendid idea, that would require some planning and sweat.

Thank you for the 1993 Topeka Version of the Bulletin. We read it with great interest, and came across the names of many people which we recognized and were acquainted with.

Both Emma and myself are living in Mesa, Arizona in a retirement complex known as Leisure World. Up to this point we are both enjoying good health, but can't do a thing about the aging process. I have a standing tee-time for golfing three days per week, am heavily involved with my computer and currently writing a novel. Whether it reaches the "best seller" list or not I don't know, but I'm hacking away. Emma is engaged in crafts, shopping and routine household activities. Deanna, the only one of our four daughters that lived with us in Laos during those years, is married but has no family of her own as yet. She is currently back in college striving to obtain a degree in International Marketing.

As you probably know, I was a Specialist in credit for small farmers, cooperatives and credit unions, and after leaving Laos in 1975, I did a four year stint in the Philippines as an advisor to the Dept. of Rural Banks and Savings and Loans Assn. Since 1980 to 1992 I have been doing part-time consulting work as a private contractor with AID/W, UNDP, FAO and the World Bank and the record now shows that I have performed work in my field from 30 to 120 days per year in forty-one countries, with the latest being Russia in 1992 for 5 weeks. All of this helps to keep me practising the five languages I can speak

Pedro Perez Gabino, who was my assistant in Laos now makes his home in Orlando, Florida, His wife Zoraida passed away about three years ago. His address is as follows:

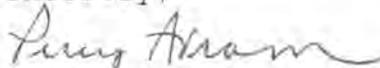
Mr. Pedro C. Perez Gabino


If you are well familiarized with Laos, then you will recall Gen. Vang Pao's hideout in Long Tieng in the Province of Xieng Khouang. I took photos of that valley and pieced the fotos together and made a framed copy for Gen. Vang Pao. This photo appeared in REDBOOK Magazine some years back, but I regret I lost my copy. Gave it to someone to read and it was never returned. However, I still have the negatives, and I had prints made recently which I am enclosing herewith, but as you will note the color of the prints indicates that the negatives have aged.

I am also enclosing the sum of \$8.00 as a contribution towards the expense of preparing, printing and mailing the Khao Lao. I hope this compensates you in some small measure for your effort and goodwill.

I hope that you and Dee are keeping well. Good Luck!

Sincerely,


Percy Avram

P.S. If you have a set charge for the Khao Lao, please advise us - we will comply.