

OUT OF LAOS

A Story of War and Exodus,
Told in Photographs



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Dear Larry Woodson:

Please find enclosed a complimentary copy of OUT OF LAOS, just off the press. It is a visual history of the Laos war (1960-1975), a little bit like a printed version of a documentary film.. OUT OF LAOS got its start with pictures collected for my nonfiction book BACK FIRE: The CIA's Secret War In Laos (which has just won first prize in the Overseas Press Club's annual book awards). There were too many pictures to print in BACK FIRE, and they deserved a visually-driven treatment and a book of their own.

Many people contributed images to OUT OF LAOS – American pilots, AID workers and CIA operatives; Thais from the elite force known as the "Paru"; makers and collectors of Hmong and Laotian textiles; and even archivists from the Pathet Lao regime. Together these images form a more complete visual narrative of the Laos war than anything published before.

The publishers of this book, Lue Vang and Judy Lewis of the Southeast Asia Community Resource Center, and I are now at work putting together a bilingual Hmong/English version of this book. We expect it to be out by early summer.

OUT OF LAOS is not for sale through regular book stores. Instead, it is being distributed through a grassroots system. Groups of friends, student associations, and anybody and everybody interested in Laos are encouraged to buy "six-packs" or "cases" of books to keep their own expenses down and to put this story into as many hands as possible. Larry, you yourself were extremely kind to let me send out publicity notices for BACK FIRE. Any chance of some kind of a repeat experience here? Let's chat by e-mail.

With best regards,

Roger Warner

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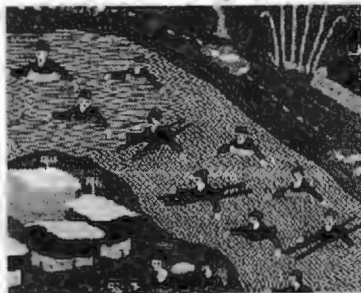
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