

## CEASEFIRE AGREEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL FRENCH TRANSLATION OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT SIGNED FEBRUARY 21, BETWEEN QTE GOVERNMENT OF VIENTIANE AND LAO PATRIOTIC FORCES PARTY UNQUOTE:

ARTICLE 1: CONFIRMS COMMITMENT TO 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENTS, AND STATES LAO INTERNAL AFFAIRS SHOULD BE SETTLED BY LAO WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. RECOGNIZES TWO ZONES SEPARATELY CONTROLLED BY THE TWO PARTIES. GUARANTEES VARIOUS FREEDOMS (E. G., PERSONAL, RELIGIOUS, SPEECH, PRESS, MEETING, TO CREATE POLITICAL PARTIES, VOTE, CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION MOVEMENT, FREE ENTERPRISE, PRIVATE PROPERTY).

ARTICLE 2: CEASEFIRE EFFECTIVE 1200 HOURS LOCAL, 22 FEBRUARY 1973. ALL BOMBING, INTERVENTION, AGGRESSION AND MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS IN LAOS BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO CEASE. ARMED FORCES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO CEASE MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN LAOS. ARMED FORCES OF LAO PARTIES TO CEASE HOSTILE MILITARY ACTIVITIES BOTH ON GROUND AND BY AIR.

ARTICLE 3: ALL ATTACK, ENCROACHMENT OR THREAT, BY GROUND OR BY AIR BY EITHER PARTY INTO TERRITORY PROVISIONALLY HELD BY THE OTHER IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN. INCLUDES ACTIVITIES OF QTE BANDITS AND COMMANDOS UNQUOTE, AND ESPIONAGE BY GROUND

OR AIR. WHERE FOOD RESUPPLY OF ONE SIDE'S AREA REQUIRES PASSING THROUGH AREA OF ANOTHER, THE MIXED COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WILL CONSIDER AND AGREE ON MODALITIES OF FOOD RESUPPLY. ALL TERRORISM, SWEEPS, ATTACKS OR REPRISALS AGAINST PERSONS OR PROPERTY OF CITIZENS WHO HAVE AIDED OTHER SIDE ARE FORBIDDEN. REFUGEES WILL BE AIDED TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL VILLAGES FREELY ACCORDING TO THEIR DESIRES. INTRODUCTION INTO LAOS OF ANY KIND OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, REGULAR OR IRREGULAR, OR ANY ARMAMENTS OR WAR MATERIEL EXCEPT THAT SPECIFIED IN GENEVA AGREEMENTS OF 1954 and 1962, IS FORBIDDEN. WHERE REPLACEMENT OF ARMAMENT OR MATERIEL IS REQUIRED, THE TWO PARTIES WILL DISCUSS AND DECIDE A COMMON AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 4: WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER DATE OF FORMATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ON NATIONAL UNION AND OF NATIONAL POLICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND OF REGULAR AND IRREGULAR TROOPS, AND THE DEACTIVATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE COMPLETELY EXECUTED.

THE CTE SPECIAL FORCES UNOTE ORGANIZED, TRAINED AND COMMANDED BY FOREIGNERS MUST BE LIQUIDATED, INCLUDING BASES, INSTALLATIONS AND POSITIONS.

ARTICLE 5: BOTH PARTIES WILL EXCHANGE ALL PRISONERS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF NATIONALITY, WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. BOTH PARTIES WILL FURNISH FULL INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONS.

ARTICLE 6: ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD. DATE AND MODALITIES WILL BE FIXED BY TWO PARTIES. MEANWHILE, A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND A NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE POLITICAL COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED WITH 30 DAYS OF DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, TO CARRY OUT AGREEMENTS AND MANAGE AFFAIRS OF COUNTRY.

ARTICLE 7: NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONTAIN EQUAL NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OF VIENTIANE AND PL, PLUS TWO MEMBERS JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY TWO PARTIES. PRIME MINISTER NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE NUMBERS. GOVERNMENT WILL BE DIRECTLY INVESTED BY KING. IT WILL OPERATE ON BASIS OF UNANIMITY OF TWO PARTIES TO CARRY OUT AND MAINTAIN CEASEFIRE, PRESERVE PEACE, RECEIVE AND ALLOCATE COMMON AID TO LAOS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION COMPOSED OF EQUAL NUMBER REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO PARTIES PLUS CERTAIN NUMBER INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO BE DECIDED BY TWO SIDES. FUNCTIONS BY UNANIMITY TO: DECIDE ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY, ASSIST GOVERNMENT TO APPLY AGREEMENT, COLLABORATE WITH

GOVERNMENT ON ELECTIONS. TWO PARTIES WILL AGREE ON COMMISSION, SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENT, WHO WILL SUBMIT TO KING FOR APPROVAL.

ARTICLE 9: LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE NEUTRAL CITIES BY AGREEMENT TWO PARTIES.

ARTICLE 10: UNTIL ELECTION, EACH PARTY WILL CONTROL ITS PROVISIONAL ZONE AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO APPLY DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT. BOTH PARTIES WILL SEEK MEANS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN ZONES (VISITS, ECONOMIC EXCHANGES, ETC.) WITH GOAL OF REUNIFICATION. TWO PARTIES TAKE NOTE OF DECLARATION OF U.S. ACCORDING TO WHICH U.S. WILL CONTRIBUTE TO QTE BINDING UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR UNQTE AND POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION IN INDOCHINA. GOVERNMENT WILL DISCUSS WITH U.S.

ARTICLE 11: TWO PARTIES WILL IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH A MIXED COMMITTEE ON EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH EQUAL NUMBERS OF REPRESENTATIVES. COMMISSION WILL OPERATE BY UNANIMITY.

ARTICLE 12: INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN ACCORDANCE GENEVA AGREEMENTS.

ARTICLE 13: TWO PARTIES AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE PEACE, DEMOCRACY, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY, PROSPERITY.

ARTICLE 14: AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE SIGNED, SIGNED BY PHONG PHONGSAVAN, AND PHOUMI VONGVICHIT.

2. THIS ROUGH SUMMARY TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD ACQUAINT YOUR AMERICAN STAFF WITH IT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD:

A. REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT, EVALUATION OR INTERPRETATION.

B. REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF IT WITH LAO OR FOREIGNERS OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE, ANY PERSONS OUTSIDE YOUR AMERICAN STAFF.

C. REAFFIRM U.S. SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT AND ACTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER, IF ASKED FOR COMMENT BY LAO OR ANYONE OUTSIDE YOUR STAFF.

3. WE SHALL TRY TO KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. MEANWHILE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE NATURE, I SHALL TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

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