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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 1999 9:15 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: The first jar from the PDJ

In a message dated 9/17/99 12:29:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

<< At least two jars were taken from the PDJ, the one at the Smithsonian that has been the focus of most of recent e-mail traffic, an another one which Ernie described in his e-mail of 1996. Ernie's e-mail referred several times to me and I have attached Ernie's text below for reference now that I have seen it (thanks, Mac). >>

Below are, hopefully, two photos of the jar at the Smithsonian warehouse. As I stated in an earlier email, Jack Huxtable did a great job in persistently tracking this down. One photo shows Phaythoune and I and the other Jack, Marge, Phaythoune and me.

There has been so much back and forth about "jars" that I'm not sure who has written what. Ref the jar in Vientiane. In an earlier email I stated that a jar was at Wat Pra Keo in 1971 and 1972. MAKE THAT April/May 1991 and September 1992. Have not been back there since so I do not know if there another at the war museum. Ma, you go to Vientiane often...why not take a look at both places?

Ref the story about VP having to prove to Souvanna Phouma that he had taken the PDJ is a little far fetched in light of all the documents that have been released lately plus just common sense given the time frame. Chao Saykham was certainly aware of what was happening plus it appears that Souvanna Phouma was also pushing for reoccupying, and holding, the PDJ. To claim that the government did not know about the operation makes a good story...and I consider it just that ...a good story. Sorry if a pissed anyone off. Also the story about VP "calling around" to find someone to pick up a jar is a good story. In fact Win just talked to an Air America pilot and we took off. We did have a new H-34 that had not had any heavy metal replacement/repairs and the chopper was very low on fuel to maximize the sling capacity. No big deal. I have the entire episode on 8mm movie film which has been transferred to tape so their question of what happened with Win and myself. Of course the chopper could not lift as the jar was estimated to be in the 3 to 4000 pound range based on chopper capability re fuel etc.

so long Ernie[Unable to display image][Unable to display image] If the photo do not come through I will try as attachments