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Dear Larry:

Let me extend my compliments on the way you handled the recent situation in Pakse. I held my breath as I read the reports, and I am delighted with the outcome of it.

As you know, I have an abiding interest in the school at Pakse and other reports on Brady and Johnson that have come back to me are very complimentary. Oudon is, of course, a very mercurial person and on occasion difficult to work with. I think your memorandum discussing our direct responsibility to the ENI director is most appropriate. On the other hand, the school directors must realize that the IVS people do have a line of responsibility to the American mission as well. Certainly the IVSer must inform the director of his reports, memorandums and his activities. Oudon and I use to spend a great deal of time discussing my lesson plans and I found his advice on how to present certain subjects quite useful. I would hope that a similar procedure is still being followed down there. I might add too that I have a great deal of respect for Oudon because I believe that a strong determined Lao such as himself are the real hope of the country.

I do hope things continue to go smoothly. I do correspond regularly with Oudon and also with Brady, however, I won't mention this incident unless you think it would be appropriate.

Cordially yours


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