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Dear Gerry,

It is good to hear from you. We did conduct about sixty interviews in Vietnam in 1970. Most of them, however, were with ethnic Vietnamese, not with Montagnard tribespeople. I have the original tape recordings plus English translations of each interview. You are welcome to borrow both. Rather than simply sending them on to you, however, I would appreciate it if you would contact me by telephone so that we can make sure these materials would be of some value to you.

What struck me about your interviews, as well as ours, is that Montagnards perceived herbicide spraying as not infrequently causing severe human illness and death. If that is so for herbicides, I wonder what the perception would be following exposure to air-delivered CS munitions. Is it even conceivable that the perceptions would match the reports of gas attacks on the Montagnards in Laos? What do you think?

Anyway, I would enjoy talking to you. My office telephone number is (617)-495-2264. Best Regards.

Sincerely Yours,

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