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1. THE CBW TEAM OFFERS A PROPOSAL FOR ACTION
ADDRESSEES' CONSIDERATION AND DECISION REGARDING A

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HMONG BIOLOGIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL PROJECT IN A TRADITIONAL HMONG VILLAGE IN NAN PROVINCE, NORTH THAILAND.

2. WITH THE HELP OF THE TEAM'S ETHNIC HMONG THAI NATIONAL INTERPRETER, THE TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED TWO TRADITIONAL HMONG VILLAGES IN NORTH THAILAND WHICH APPROXIMATE THE ENVIRONMENT OF HMONG LIVING IN LAOS AND WHICH COULD SERVE AS A CONTROL POPULATION FOR CBW EXPOSED HMONG. THE TEAM PROPOSES A COLLECTION EFFORT ENCOMPASSING FOUR BLOOD AND URINE (TWO MALE AND TWO FEMALE) SAMPLES FROM EACH OF THE STANDARD 14 FIVE YEAR COHORTS FROM BIRTH TO 65 YEARS AND OVER. IN ADDITION, ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES INVOLVING FOOD, SPOTS ON FOLIAGE, AND DOMESTIC ANIMAL PARTS PRESERVED IN FORMALIN WOULD BE COLLECTED TO GIVE THE BEST ANSWER POSSIBLE ABOUT TRICHOHECENE PRODUCTION IN THE TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND ALTITUDE INHABITED BY THE HMONG PEOPLE.

3. THE TEAM, AT THIS POINT, PROPOSES TWO VILLAGES AS POSSIBILITIES:

- A. BAN ROM KLAO, CHIANG KLANG DISTRICT, NAN PROVINCE (QB 0727) IS A VERY TRADITIONAL HMONG VILLAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 50 FAMILIES (ON AVERAGE EIGHT PERSONS PER FAMILY) WHO ARE SLASH AND BURN CULTIVATORS AND HUNTERS. THEY ALSO RAISE PIGS, CHICKENS, HORSES AND WATER BUFFALOES. THE INHABITANTS LIVED IN THE MOST INACCESSABLE REGIONS OF NAN AS SUPPORTERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THAILAND

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UNTIL ACCEPTING THE THAI GOVERNMENT'S OFFER OF AMNESTY TWO YEARS AGO. THEIR WAY OF LIFE MOST CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THE TRADITIONAL HMONG WAY AS IT IS LIVED BY THE HMONG IN LAOS OUTSIDE OF LPDR GOVERNMENT CONTROL WHO MOST CLAIM CBW EXPOSURE.

- B. BAN THAM, CHIANG KLANG DISTRICT, NAN PROVINCE (PB 8842) IS A VILLAGE OF 100 FAMILIES IN TRANSITION FROM THE TRADITIONAL HMONG WAY TO A MORE MODERN THAI RURAL LIFE. THE INHABITANTS PRACTICE AGRICULTURE IN THE TRADITIONAL HMONG WAY BUT THE VILLAGE CONTAINS A THAI SCHOOL, SOME INHABITANTS OWN PICK-UP TRUCKS, AND THE DIRT ROAD PASSING THROUGH TOWN IS PAVED TO SUPPRESS ROAD DUST. THERE IS NO

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ELECTRICITY.

4. THE TEAM WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RTG APPROVAL IF AND WHEN THE ADDRESSEES DECIDE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS WORTHWHILE AND COST EFFECTIVE. THE TEAM ONLY WISHES TO APPRISE ADDRESSEES OF A POSSIBILITY. IF APPROVED, WE WILL APPROACH THE ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES FOR ASSISTANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR APPROVAL. THE THAI MILITARY MAY COMBINE THE STUDY WITH A MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROJECT WHICH WOULD HELP ELICIT DONORS. THE TEAM ESTIMATES THAT THE COLLECTION WOULD TAKE ONE TO TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE.
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