

Memorandum

Lunch with Dr. Steven Cunnion, April 3, 2007

We met for lunch at Mai Thai on "H" street in Washington DC from noon until 2:30. CUNNION had taken degrees in organic chemistry, medicine and public health. He served durint 1970-71 in Viet Nam, then worked with SEA refugees in Hawaii and became Navy area epidemiologist in 1979. In this position he had wide public health experience in the Philippines and elsewhere in SEA. He jouned the State Defense CBW team in Thailand in November 1984.

The State Defense CBW team members were, in chronological order:

- 1) Michael Sauri, David Lambert and Donald Stader
- 2) Cunnion, Stader and Steven Waugh
- 3) Cunnion, Ronald LaGrone and James Bruno

State and Defense opposed creation of team. Ambassador John Gunther Dean went directly to President Reagan to obtain authorization for its creation.

The difference between what Hmong said in first interviews and what they said later was largely to be explained as differences in what the interpreter elicited. In many cases, it was the same interpreter, an American named Doug (possibly Hulcher?). Upon seeing the differences between first and later interviews, Doug apologized for having naively directed the first interviews. The responses depended on the questions asked.

No reason to suspect a Chinese role in generating the YR stories.

The number of re-interviews SC took part in was perhaps 6-7, involving perhaps 20 persons.

There is only one word in Vietnamese for smoke, fog and gas.

Ambassador Brown took the place of Ambassador Dean.

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