

June 26, 2006

The Honorable John R. Bolton
United States Mission to the United Nations
140 East 45th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ambassador Bolton:

The Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota has been working with the Hmong community in the United States to address the grave desecrations that took place in late 2005 at Wat Tham Krabok, Saraburi, Thailand. Our goals in this project are to: (1) prevent further digging of graves at Wat Tham Krabok; (2) locate the whereabouts of the remains that have been exhumed; and (3) return the remains to family members.

In order to achieve these goals the Human Rights Program has developed a questionnaire seeking further reliable information about the exhumations at Wat Tham Krabok. This issue is important to thousands of Hmong Americans, and we would appreciate it if you would review the enclosed information and use your diplomatic contacts to obtain answers to the enclosed questions for us.

I am also enclosing a copy of the official communication sent by the Human Rights Program, in March 2006, to the U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Religious Intolerance and Contemporary Forms of Racism. We have not received any response from the Thai government in relation to this communication.

We appreciate any assistance you can give us to resolve this situation in Wat Tham Krabok. We believe that with your help we can bring some peace of mind to the Hmong community who are greatly distressed by the desecration of their family graves.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Frey
Director

cc: Congressman Mark Kennedy
Senator Norm Coleman
Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Congressman Martin Olav Sabo