

July 6, 2006

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Rice,

I am writing to you again to express our concern over the desecration of Hmong graves at Wat ThamKrabok in Saraburi, Thailand that occurred in 2005. The lack of response from the State Department regarding this issue is highly disappointing since we sincerely believe there are substantial possibilities to stop further grave desecrations and reclaim the remains for families. We believe that the involvement of the United States Government will assist in a prompt and satisfactory resolution of this tragic situation.

We are again forwarding for your information the formal communication transmitted by the Human Rights Program to the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on Religious Intolerance and Contemporary Forms of Racism on March 9, 2006. This information has also been personally delivered to Secretary-General Kofi Anan by the mayor of St. Paul, MN, Chris Coleman in late April of this year.

Since March 16, 2006, the date we sent to you our first communication, the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Minnesota State Senate as well as the Minnesota House of Representatives have condemned the exhumations and called for United States involvement in resolving the situation. The documents are enclosed for your review.

I am also enclosing a questionnaire developed by the Human Rights Program to gather further information about the exhumations at Wat Tham Krabok. We would be pleased if the State Department would provide any information in response to these questions. We urge you to use your diplomatic relations to request the cooperation of the Thai government regarding this situation.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Frey  
Director