Thursday March 12, 2009

1200 – 1700 – Open Registration at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza

1730 – Reception – Cash Bar with heavy hors d’oeuvres – Holiday Inn Park Plaza

Friday March 13, 2009

0730 – Coffee Service

0800 – Opening Remarks

♦ Opening Remarks: Dr. Guy Bailey, President, Texas Tech University (tentative)
♦ Administrative Comments: Dr. Stephen Maxner, Director, The Vietnam Center

0830 – Session 1 – Panel Discussion:

Understanding the War in Southeast Asia through the declassified works of Thomas Ahern

Chair: Dr. Clayton Laurie, Historian, Center for the Study of Intelligence

♦ Dr. Jeffrey Race, Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, Bangkok, Thailand
♦ Col. Andrew Finlayson, Independent Researcher/Military Analyst
♦ Mr. Merle Pribbenow, Independent Researcher/Retired Intelligence Officer
♦ Dr. Timothy N. Castle, Historian, Center for the Study of Intelligence

1000 – Coffee Break
1030 – Session 2 – Vietnamese perspectives on the War in Laos and Cambodia

♦ North Vietnam – Pathet Lao Alliance During The Vietnam War: (Vietnam’s Official Perspectives)
  Mr. Chau Huy Ngoc, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

♦ The Relationship Between Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam and the Vietnam War
  Dr. Nguyen Thanh Long, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City

♦ The Cambodian Incursion In 1970
  Ms. Diu Huong, Graduate Student, Ohio University, Athens

1200 – Lunch

1245 – Lunch Speaker

  Mr. Jim Parker: CODENAME MULE, A CIA Case Office in Laos

  Introduction: Stephen Maxner, PhD, Texas Tech University

1345 – Session 3 – The CIA, Air America, and the War in Laos

♦ Laos – The Critical Years From 1956-1959 – A First-Hand Account
  Mr. Rufus Phillips, CIA, Laos

♦ The History Of Air America In Laos
  Mr. Allen Cates, Air America, Laos

1500 – Coffee Break

1530 – Session 4 – Controversy and the War in Laos

Chair: Stephen Maxner, PhD, Texas Tech University

♦ The Politics of Heroin Revisited: The CIA, War On Drugs And Secret Wars In Laos And Thailand
  Dr. Jeremy Kuzmarov, Bucknell University

♦ Werner Herzog’s Vision of Dieter in Laos
  Mr. Rob Weiner, Texas Tech University

1645 – End of first day presentations

1800 – Buses leave for dinner

1830 – Barbeque Dinner at 4-Bar-K Ranch
2000 – Buses return to hotel

Saturday March 14, 2009

0800 – Coffee Service

0830 – Session 5 – The War in Laos

♦ A Tipping Point For The United States In Laos: Operation Triangle, 1964
  Dr. John Prados, National Security Archive

♦ Phouvong and Kong Mi: Creating Communist and Non-Communist Ethnic Brao
  Spaces along The Laos-Cambodia Border
  Dr. Ian G. Baird, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver

♦ Laos and the International Commission for Supervision and Control: A Canadian
  Perspective
  Dr. Michael Carroll, SDF Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Calgary

1000 – Coffee Break

1030 – Session 6 – Postwar Laos

♦ Investment-Based Development In Northwest Lao PDR: A Lingering Postwar
  Landscape
  Mr. Michael B. Dwyer, University of California, Berkeley

♦ UXO and Postwar Laos
  Mr. Marcus Rhinelander, Independent Researcher and Filmmaker

1200 – Lunch with Speaker TBA

1400 – Session 7 – The War in Cambodia

♦ The Lao Accord and its impacts on Cambodia, Thailand and US objectives in SE
  Asia (1962-1963)
  Dr. Geoffrey Shaw

♦ Sihanouk Between The Cat And The Dragon: Cambodia From 1963-1964
  Mr. Steve Sherman, Independent Researcher

♦ Viet-Nam War And Its Aftermath: U.S. Invasion Of Cambodia
  Mr. Tan D. Thach, Independent Researcher
1500 – Coffee Break

1530 – Session 8 – The War in Thailand

   Dr. Tom Reich, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

♦ Did Thailand Send Mercenaries To Fight In South Vietnam? A New Challenge To An Old Label
   Dr. Richard A. Ruth, United States Naval Academy

♦ Domino By Design: Thai-U.S. Relations During The Vietnam War
   Sudina Paungpetch, Texas A&M University

1700 – Closing Remarks

1715 – End of second day presentations

1800 – Reception with Cash Bar and light hors d’oeuvres – Holiday Inn

1900 – Banquet with Speaker – TBA

SPECIAL NOTE: Please note that this year our conference banquet will take place on Saturday evening – not Friday.