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BLOCKED ON THE LAOS FRONTIER.

ON OUR WAY TO TAKE HOPE AND MATERIAL HELP TO THE CRIPPLED KIDS OF LAOS -In December/January the Exploration vessel "Henry Wagner" made a first-time-ever-by-sea-boat river-voyage from Bangkok, to Chiang Rai - a distance of over one thousand kilometers. Our crew were the same handicapped kids who took the boat earlier on tyhe first-ever crossing of the Kra (Som:one arm;Anant:one leg;Nok: cleft palate-mastoid,and Tristan: one leg, accompanied by Thomas Ettenhuber, photographer/mate).

We had approached the Laos Government for permission to enter Laos, and received fairly favourable responses before we hauled the boat to the Laos frontier near Chiang-Rai. Now there is nothing between us and Laos but navigable water - and MAN'S STUPIDITY.

THE DAY WE REACHED THE MEKONG RIVER A MINI-WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN LAOS AND THAILAND OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF TWO REMOTE HILLS FAR FROM THE RIVER. NOW THE LAOTIANS ARE SUPPORTED BY VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN "ADVISERS"- AND IT LOOKS AS IF THIS ARTIFICIALLY-ENGENDERED DEVIOUSLY-PLOTTED LITTLE MURDEROUS FRACAS WILL LAST FOR SOME TIME AND DELAY OUR ENTRY INTO LAOS.

WHILE EXPENSIVE FIGHTER PLANES ROAR OVER THE MOUNTAINS, WHILE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE THROWN AWAY, TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES, WHILE THE POLITICIANS MANIPULATE WE ARE DELAYED, WITH 100 SETS OF CRUTCHES ONBOARD FOR THE CRIPPLED KIDS OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES.

WE INTERRUPTED A WORLD VOYAGE TO GET INTO LAOS TO HELP  
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HELPING THE "HELPLESS".

THESE KIDS. I TOLD THE LAOS AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND THAT IN 50  
YEAR'S TIME THEIR STUPID LITTLE DISPUTE WILL BE FORGOTTEN,  
BUT THE CRIPPLED KIDS WILL BE REMEMBERED; THEY WILL STILL BE  
WITH US, AND SO WILL THE SPIRIT OF THE ATLANTIS ENDEAVOUR. I  
ALSO TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO WAIT - FOR YEARS IF  
NEED BE, BECAUSE HONEST HELP CANNOT BE STOPPED FOREVER - NOT  
BY ANY-ONE OR ANY SYSTEM. HISTORY PROVES THAT.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? EASILY AND WITH LITTLE EFFORT?  
INFORM YOUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEDIA ABOUT US. TELL  
YOUR CONGRESSMAN ABOUT US. NUDGE THE STATE DEPARTMENT.  
SAY THEY CAN CONTACT ME THROUGH TELEPHONE # BANGKOK 2333223-5  
ANYTIME -AND PRAY THAT WE SHALL SUCCEED.

PUBLIC OPINION WILL NOT BUDGE THE LAOS GOVERNMENT -  
BUT U.S GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE-CHARITY FUNDS HAVE BEEN  
PUBLICLY REQUESTED BY THE LAOS AUTHORITIES TO HELP THEIR  
HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. IF THEY SOLICIT HELP ON THE ONE HAND AND  
BLOCK IT ON THE OTHER AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE SHOULD KNOW  
ABOUT IT.

MEANWHILE THE KIDS WE ARE TRYING TO REACH THROUGH SO  
MUCH TREMENDOUS EFFORT ARE HOBBLING AND CRAWLING OVER THE  
ROCKY HILLS OF A SAD, HUNGRY, POOR LAND - AND THERE IS  
NOTHING BETWEEN US AND THEM BUT NAVIGABLE WATER AND UNSEEING  
LANDLUBBERS. IN BANGKOK WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS OUR CASE  
WITH THE LAOS GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE BRITISH AND SOVIET  
EMBASSIES, WHERE WE HAVE GOOD CONTACTS.

<sup>THOMAS</sup>  
~~ETIENNE~~ MURGER HELP US NOT TO GIVE UP. \$10 EQUALS ONE DAY'S OBDURACY.

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