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U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

**OPENING REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR
LAO/HMONG RESIDENT AT WAT THAM KRABOK IN THAILAND**

The United States Government will open a refugee resettlement program for those Lao/Hmong living at Wat Tham Krabok in Thailand. Any Lao/Hmong who was registered with Royal Thai Government authorities as of August 2003 and recognized as living at the Wat will be eligible to apply for the U.S. resettlement program. Any Lao/Hmong living outside the Wat will not be eligible to apply for the program.

Registration and processing will be done at Wat Tham Krabok. In January 2004 we will provide Wat residents with information regarding the registration process. The United States plans to begin registration for this program in February 2004.

This is a special program being opened only for Lao/Hmong living at Wat Tham Krabok. Registration will be open for a limited time and anyone eligible for interview and interested in U.S. resettlement should apply as soon as registration opens. Cases found eligible for interview will be processed as quickly as possible.

Those interested in participating in the program will receive further information. Participation is free and no one will be required to pay any money to register and be considered for U.S. resettlement.