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FAX TO: Andrea Hamilton, 510-643-9136

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FROM: Michael Hayes

Dear Andrea,

Thanks for your fax. Sorry for not getting back to you sooner. I did get your earlier fax and started to draft a response a month ago.

We've taken a close look at our reporting needs and financial resources and have decided that we can offer you \$200 a month for a three month period to come out and work as a journalist for the Post.

I realize that this is only peanuts (or perhaps less) and may not be enough to enable you to accept our offer, but that's the kind of budget we're working on. Simply put, we just don't have much extra cash to do the kinds of things we'd like to.

In return, we would expect you to work for the Post full-time, although you would be free to try and sell your articles to anyone else you wanted, as long as they ran in the Post first. The stories we would want you to write about will depend on the news at the time, but I expect that there will be sufficient flexibility to allow you to tackle some quite interesting stories both here in Phnom Penh and around the country (on trips up-country we can cover basic expenses).

You would need to have your own computer as we are already overloaded on our existing system. We produce the paper on Mac equipment, but can convert from IBM compatible.

As far as what it would cost you to live here I can give you some rough figures: rent might cost you \$200 per month for a room in a shared house. Worst case scenario you could live in a "backpacker hotel" for \$10 a day, which from what I've heard are quite tolerable (of course, as a former backpacker myself, having done so for many years, my standards may be questionable).

I'm not sure what food would cost. We can give you a free lunch every day, as we do for other staff. If you eat at "home" the rest of your meals would be cheap, but if you have to eat out daily this can add up.

A ball park figure on what you might have to spend per month to subsist is about \$600 to \$800, maybe more.

Anyway, let me know if our offer makes it possible for you to come out and work with the Post or if you have any other questions.

I'm off to Bangkok tomorrow morning with the paper and will return Friday.

Sincerely,


Michael Hayes

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