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H.E. Veng Sereyvuth
Minister
Prime Minister Cabinet
Ministry of Tourism
Kingdom of Cambodia

Your Excellency:

Last week I spoke with officials at Eastern Printing, where the Cambodian tourism magazine was printed, and they informed me of the following:

1) Given the length of time that Eastern Printing has had to store the outstanding copies of the tourism magazine, they have decided that starting in November a storage charge of 3% of the value of the stored materials will be charged per month. Eastern Printing tells me that there are 10,760 copies remaining in storage at their premises, which means that monthly storage fees could run around \$300 per month.

2) Eastern Printing also informed me that copies which have been taken by Cambodian government officials for shipment to either Cambodia or some other country have not had the proper documentation for export purposes. Apparently, Cambodia Airlines has agreed to ship some of these copies for free to Cambodia. However, while I appreciate the desire to secure free shipping, the end result is that Thai authorities have no way of accounting for the magazines that are exported and thus are threatening to charge the additional VAT tax to Eastern Printing, which, in turn, would have to be passed on to the Cambodian Ministry of Tourism.

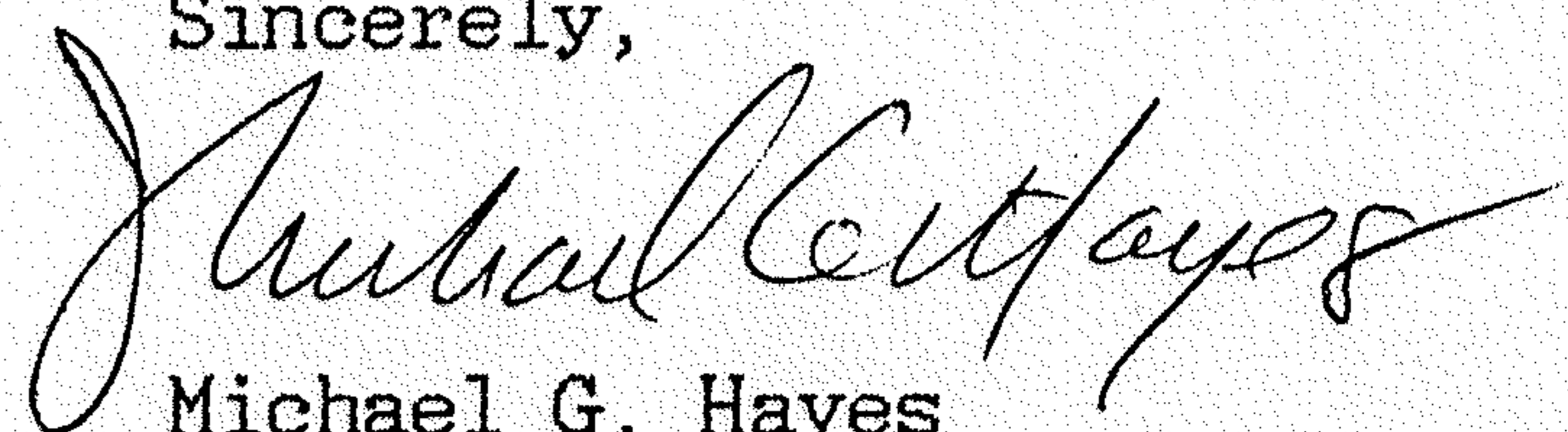
In this regard, what needs to be done is to contact a registered freight forwarder in Bangkok who will handle any shipments out of Thailand and who can thus provide the proper documentation to Thai government authorities and Eastern Printing.

Given the above, could you please inform the appropriate officials at the Ministry of Tourism of this situation and might I also suggest that the Ministry expedite the removal of the remaining copies of the Tourism Magazine so as to avoid any further storage charges.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this situation.

With sincere best wishes and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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