Called meeting of Agent Orange Working Group

Date: Tuesday, 28 June 2011
Time: 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM
Place: NGO Resource Centre Meeting Room, F1 La Thanh Hotel, 218 Doi Can St.
Contacts: Chuck Searcy chucksearcy@yahoo.com 0903 420 769
          Vern Weitzel vern.weitzel@gmail.com 04 3846 1751
          Catherine Ganley Catherine.ganley@eastmeetswest.org.vn 04 3834 7790

Draft Agenda
(Attendees are encouraged to suggest agenda items or topics and questions for discussion.)

The purpose of this meeting is to gather like-minded individuals and organizational representatives who are interested in issues related to Agent Orange. Since the AOWG has not met for quite a long time, one purpose is to update and share information about progress and developments that have been noted in media reports, and some limited correspondence over past months, although active dialogue through the AOWG list-serve has nearly ceased – for reasons which we may also explore.

The idea is to reopen some creative discussion about greater inclusiveness, and tapping the cooperative potential of individuals and groups concerned about Agent Orange – the health and social impacts as well as scientific and technology aspects – within the context of Vietnam and U.S. government policies, funds and resources available, and related development issues.

Chairs: Catherine Ganley (EMW), Chuck Searcy (HDI)

1. Introduction and Ground Rules

2. Introduction of attendees – name and organization, priority (01 minute each)

3. Agree on Agenda Items – all
   A. Suggested Item: Updates from USAID representative(s) on recent initiatives and future prospects for U.S. government involvement; and from UNDP representative; and Vietnamese agency representatives who are present.
   B. Suggested Item: Who is doing what, where? Progress so far? Lessons learned? Improvements to be made, how to be more effective, how to better cooperate? How to compile and share intervention data for the best use?
   C. Suggested Item: Discussion of more regular AOWG meetings, usefulness, benefits? How to improve communications among AOWG members? How to restart list-serve dialogue and discourage unnecessary or non-productive static?

4. Set next meeting date.

5. Close

Note: The meeting will be recorded for the Internet; and we are investigating the possibility of a Skype conference call hook-up for those not in Hanoi who wish to participate.

Please indicate by return e-mail if you plan to attend, with CC to Ms. Phan Thu Ha at the NGO Resource Center, haphan@ngocentre.org.vn.