# HANS on Tour in Thailand

1969 and 1970

Compendium

by Helga von Schweinitz

# Introduction

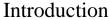
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Due to his experiences in Thailand he was award the following Ribbons and Medals. More information is provided in the section after this introduction.

### Ribbons

Center bottom GIA LAO Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Ribbon with Palm for Unit Citation

Right bottom Vietnam Campaign Medal 1960 (Vietnamese: Chiến Dịch Bội Tinh), with 26- banner

### Medals

IMG0956 4th Right of MSGT ensign with yellow ribbon and red/green strips: United States of America Republic of Vietnam Service Medal IMG0957 5th Right of MSGT ensign with Yellow ribbon and red strips, medal is across: GIA LAO Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal IMG0958 6th Right of MSGT Green/White ribbon and star medal: Viet-nam Chien-Dich Boi-Tinh 60- Vietnam Campaign Medal 1960 (Vietnamese: Chiến Dich Bội Tinh),

The Ribbons and Medals images are included in Hans AF Career Compendium. The below is an explanation of only the ribbons and awards related to his Thailand tour.

GIA LAO Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Ribbon with Palm for Unit Citation Ribbon. And GIA LAO Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal. Awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy. Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level. The Gallantry Cross with Palm: cited at the Armed Forces level.

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the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam. Since March 1966, the medal was also awarded to any service member who, while serving outside the geographical limits of the Republic of Vietnam, contributed direct combat support to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces for six months. This stipulation most often applied to members who performed Vietnam War support from the 7th Fleet (all members of the fleet serving off the coast of Vietnam), Thailand and Guam.

United States of America Republic of Vietnam Service Medal. The Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) was awarded to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in Vietnam and its contiguous waters or airspace, after 3 July 1965 through 28 March 1973. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or airspace there over, during the same period and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam are also eligible for the award.

This compendium includes photos about working on Udorn Air Base. It starts with Hans traveling through Hawaii before he arrives in Thailand. In the remaining sections the photos are organized some by subject, but there are no captions provided.

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There is always a lot of humor within the Air Force about how the experiences change a person, and that it is difficult for "citizens" to understand. Part of the informal debrief package contained the following fill-in-the-blank letter to the spouses.

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Accommodations in Hawaii







On the flight, Hans took photos through the window at the landscape of Thailand







Hans in Thailand: AF only 1969 to 1970





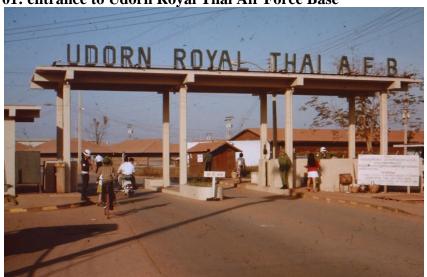








01: entrance to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base









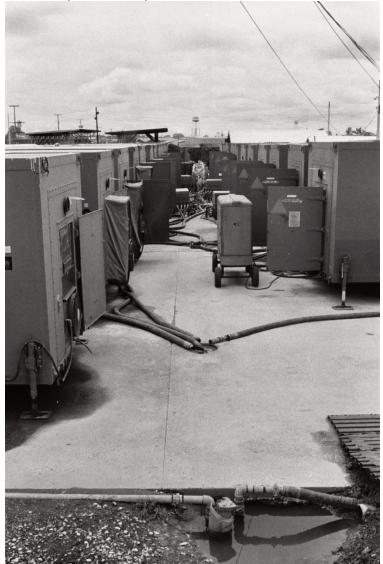






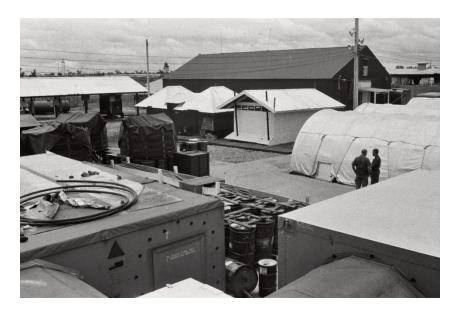


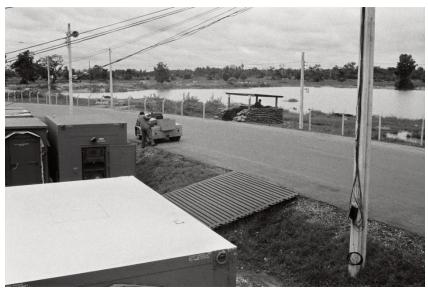
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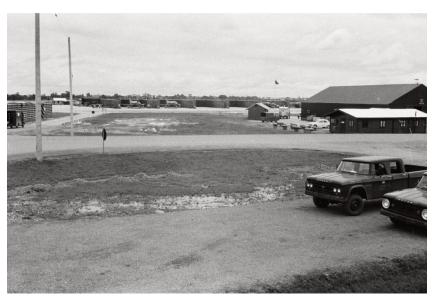










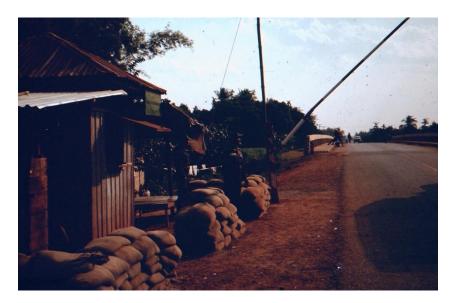










































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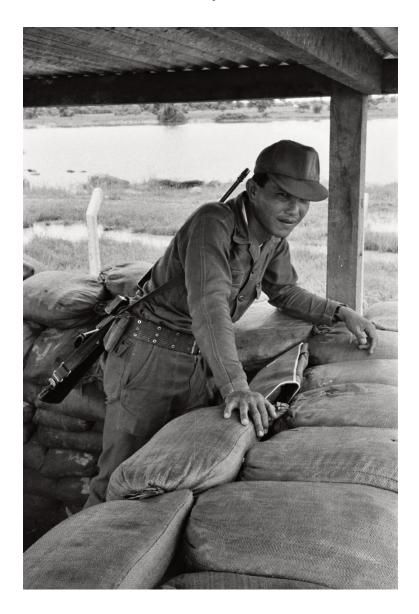


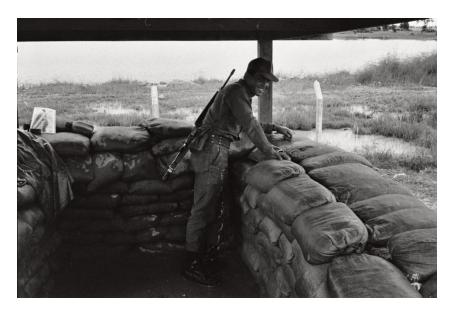




















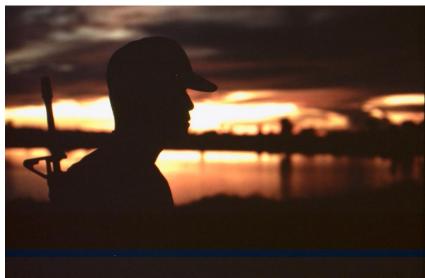




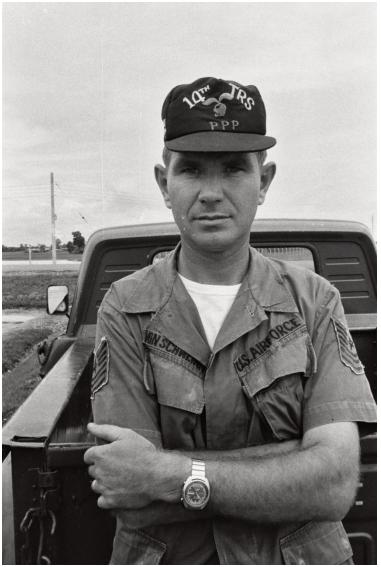


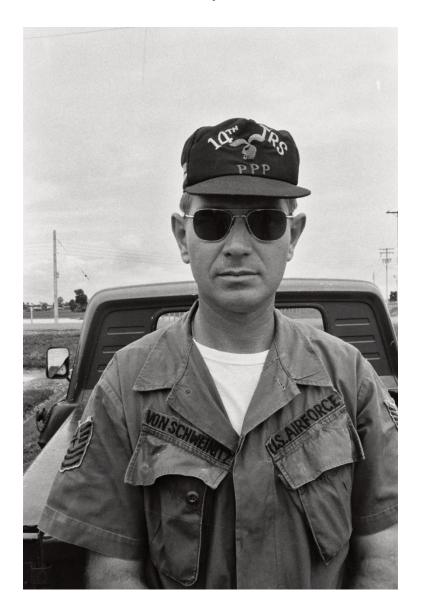


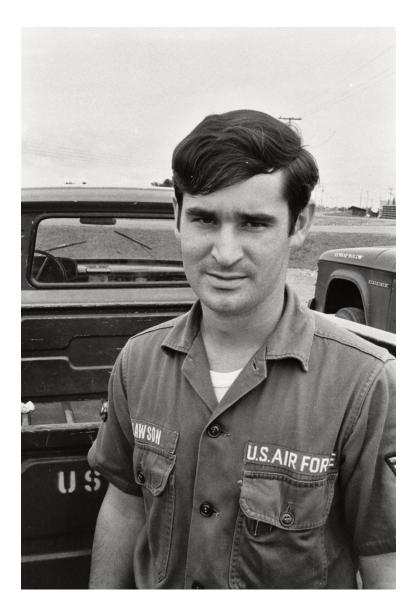




04 At Work on Base































































































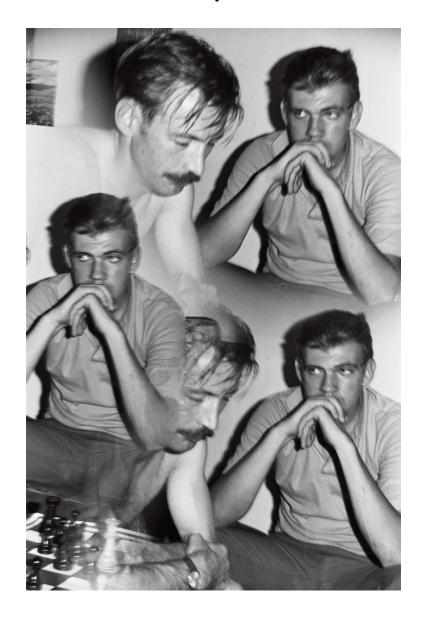








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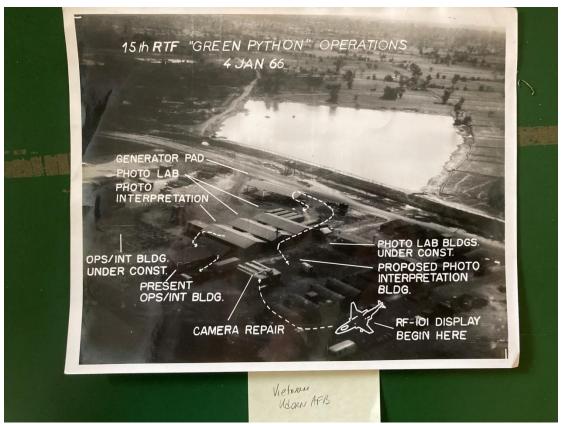


07 Photos from Recognizance Lab



Arial photos of Udorn Base in Thailand











Arial photo of downed plane

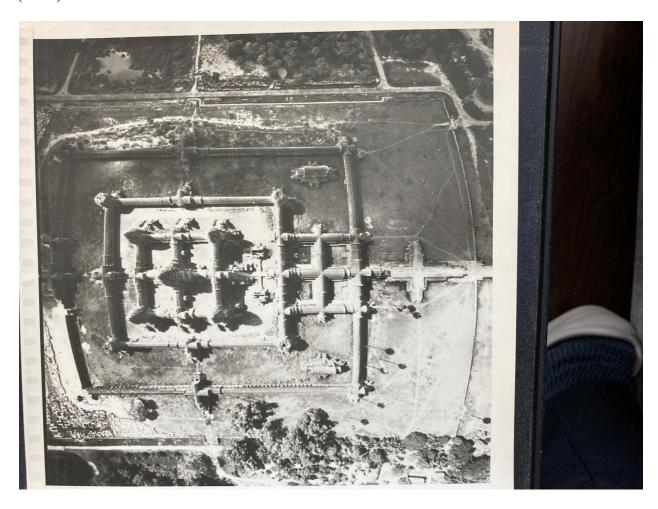


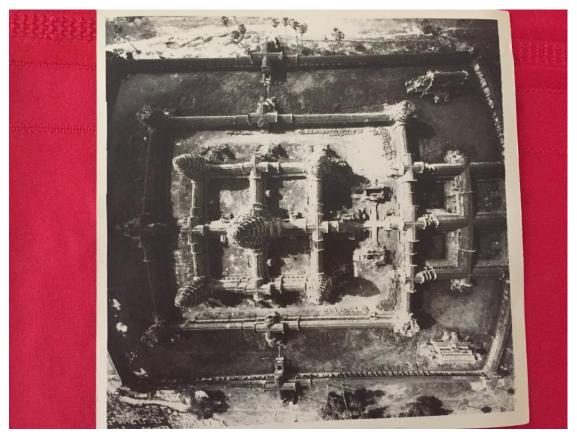
Downed crew

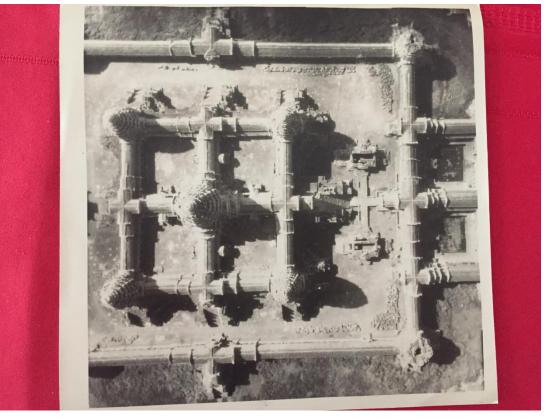
Angkor WAT Cambodia July 1970

NVA regulars were attacked by hundreds of Cobras (US Helicopter), which were seldom seen in the temple area before. Cambodian and SVRA troops recaptured the WAT in late July. At the present time (1 Aug 70) the WAT is not accessible to tourists. Neither is Cambodia nor is there any hope in the next 6 months.

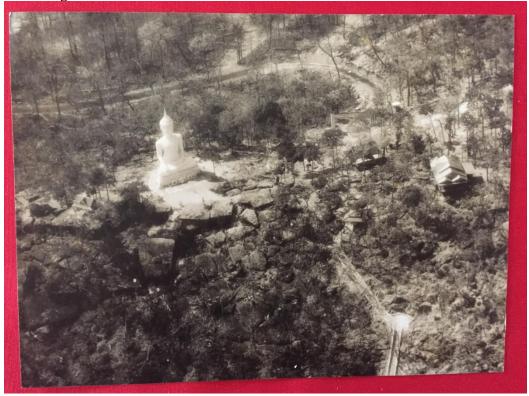
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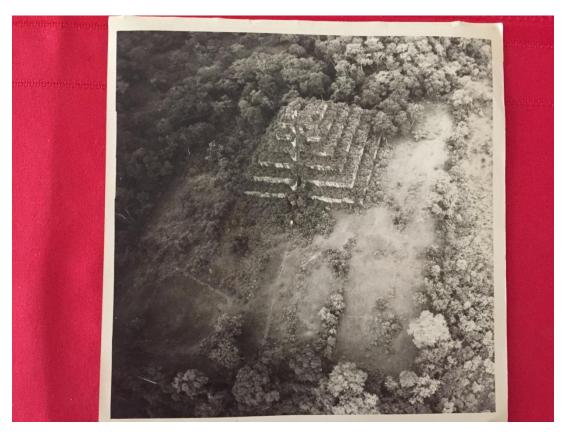




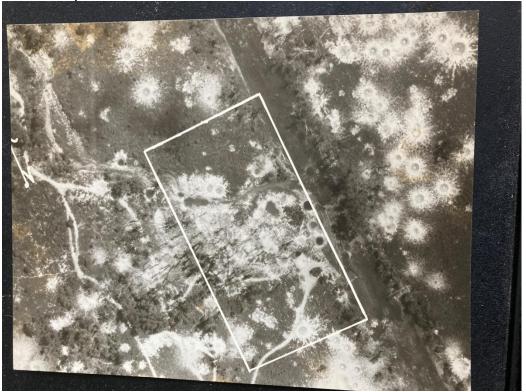


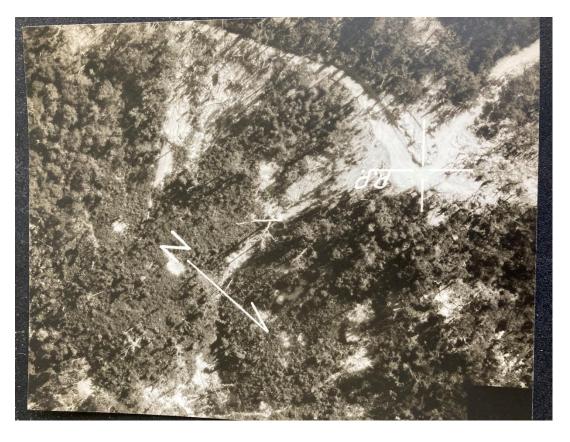
other religious sites





misc recon photos of missions





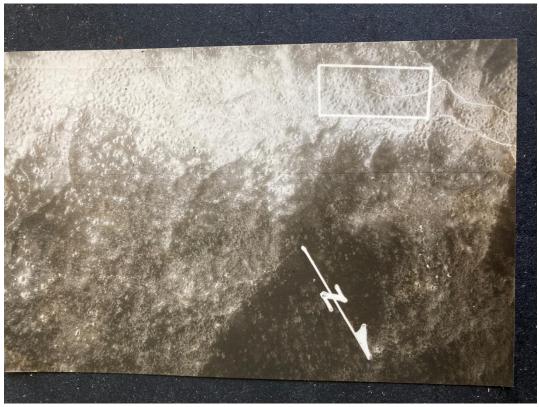


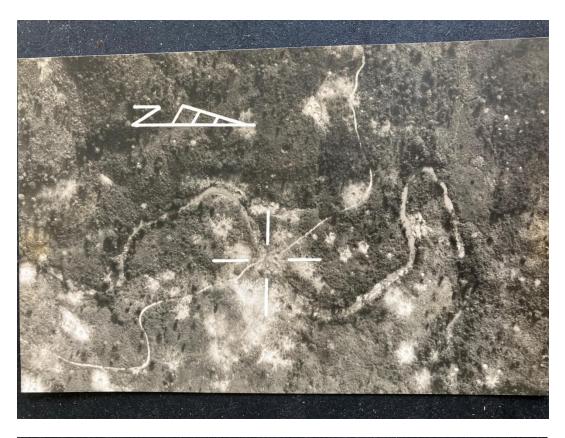


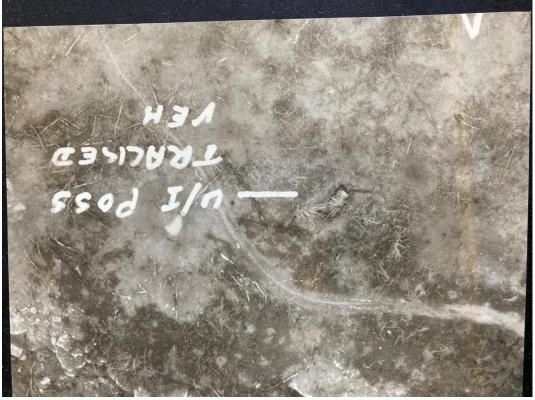


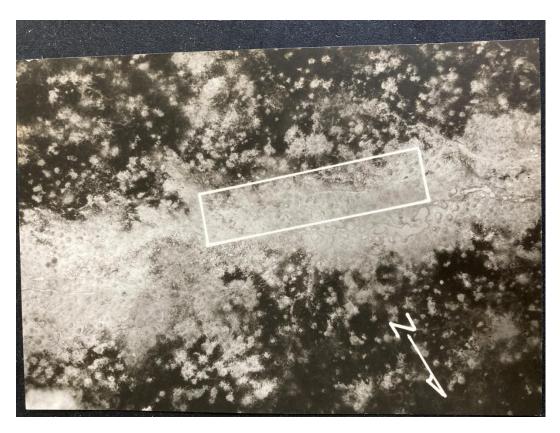










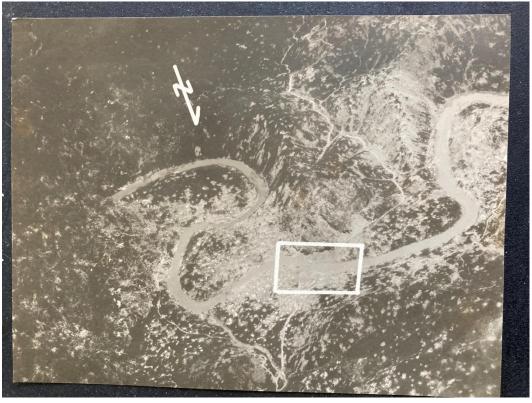


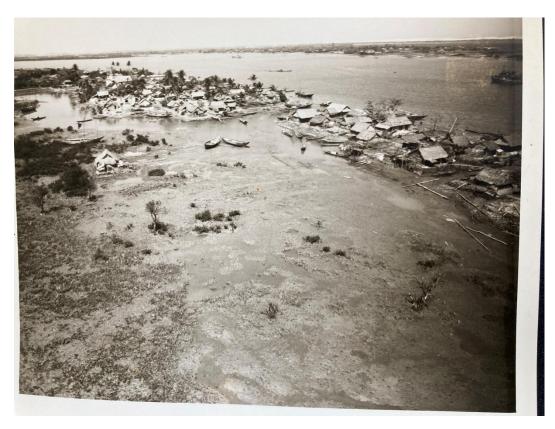
























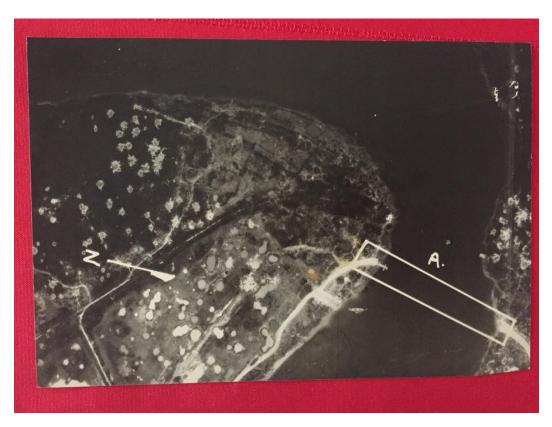


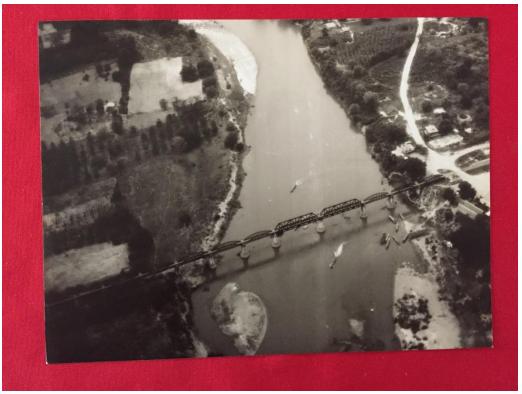


















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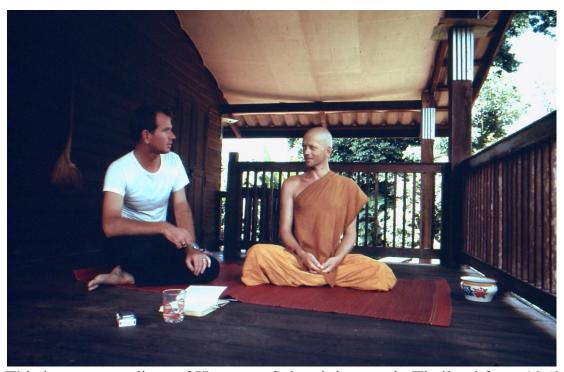
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Through his US Air Force career, Hans was exposed to various religions through the world. Sometimes through his co-workers, and sometimes from the country he was stationed, such as Thailand with its Buddhism.

Hans was stationed in Thailand from 1968 to 1970 during the Vietnam War. Being involved in all that strife and with representing a country (USA) that was in turmoil, Hans was amazed on the calmness and acceptance of the Thai people. He finally realized that the Buddhism religion that the Thai practiced effected not only their belief of the supreme being, but also effected how they behaved towards events and other people in their normal everyday actions.

During his time off, Hans travelled throughout Thailand and many times would visit Buddhist temples and shrines. He even struck up a friendship with a Buddhist monk and had many long talks. Exploring the Buddhist religion helped Hans to cope with his own stress and anxiety. In a letter to his wife, Helga, Hans included a quote from Buddha called "on Loving Kindness".

"on Loving Kindness" is a quote from Buddha and is originally written in Pal. Recitation (or practice) of this should be practiced thousands of time daily in Buddhist countries.

Prequel
Not to do any evil,
But to cultivate the good
and to purify the mind.

## On Living Kindness

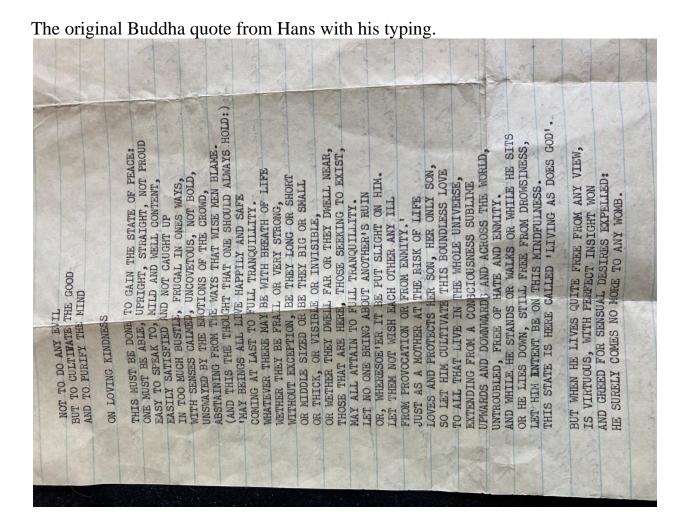
This must be done to gain the state of Peace:
One must be able, upright, straight and not proud,
easy to speak to, mild and well-content,
easily satisfied and not caught up
in too much bustle, frugal in one's ways,
with senses calmed, uncovetous, not bold,
unswayed by the emotions of the crowd,
abstaining from the ways that wise men blame;
(and this the thought that one should always hold;)

May beings all live happily and safe

Coming at last to full tranquility,
Whatever there may be with breath of life,
whether they be frail or very strong,
without exception, be they long or short,
or middle-sized, or be they big or small,
or thick or visible or invisible
or whether they dwell far or they dwell near,
those that are here, those seeking to exist;
may all attain to full tranquility.
Let no one bring about another's ruin,
or, wheresoever it be put slight on him,
let them not wish each other any ill
from provocation or from enmity.

Just as a mother at the risk of life loves and protects her son, her only son, so let him cultivate this boundless love to all that live in the whole universe; extending from a consciousness sublime upwards and downwards and across the world, untroubled, free of hate and enmity. And while he stands and while he walks and sits or he lies down still free from drowsiness, let him be intent on this mindfulness: this state is here called "Living as does God".

But when he lives quite free from any view, is virtuous, with perfect insight won, and greed for sensual desires expelled: he surely comes no more to any womb.



Like many religions, Buddhism has requirements for ordained Monks, and not all people can meet these requirements. For multiple reasons, many aspiring Monks who cannot be ordained become Maechi. They wear the white robes, instead of the orange robes. The presence, practice and social status of the Maechi is very controversial.

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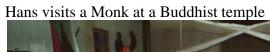




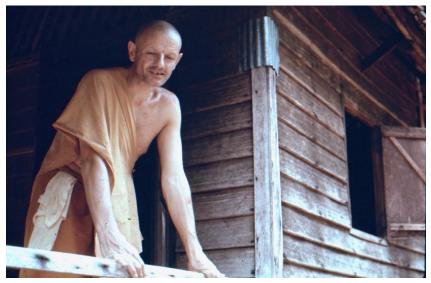






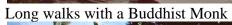








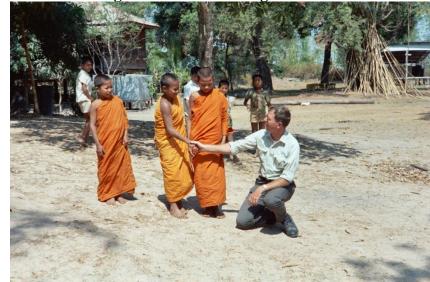








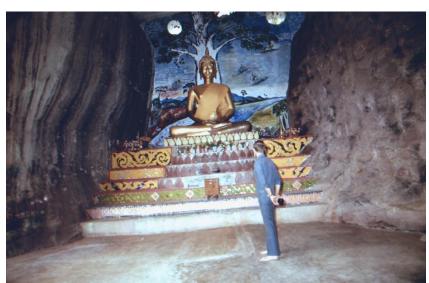
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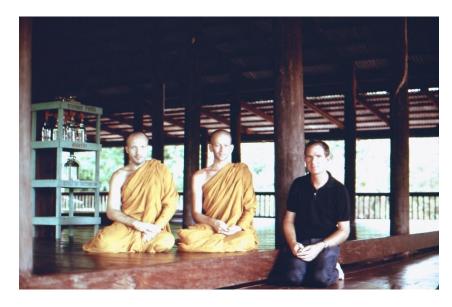






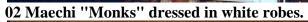














## Hans in Thailand 1969 to 1970 Buddhism

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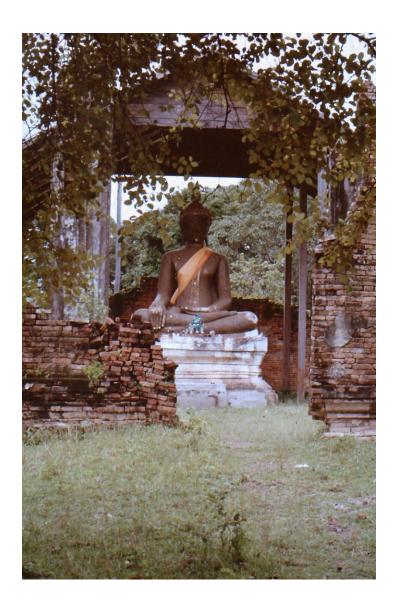


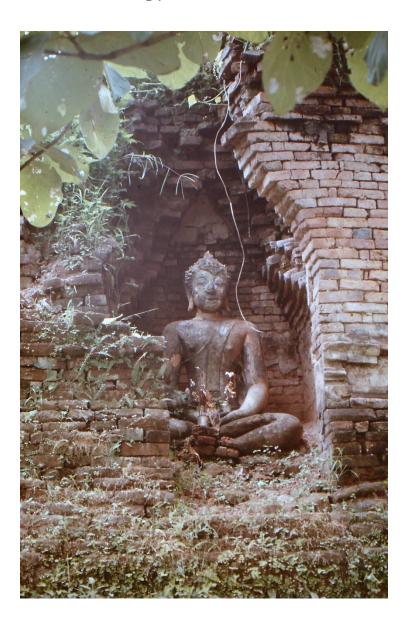
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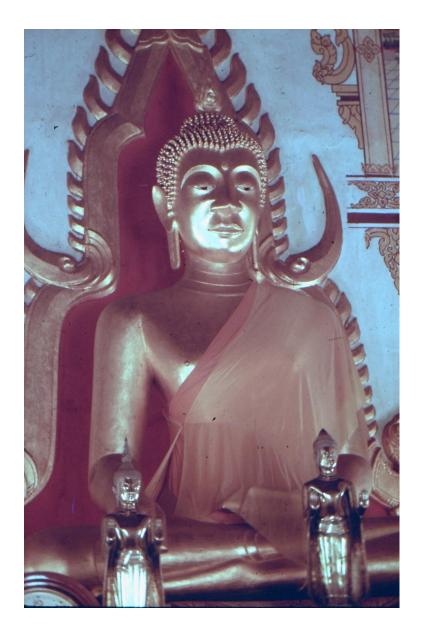


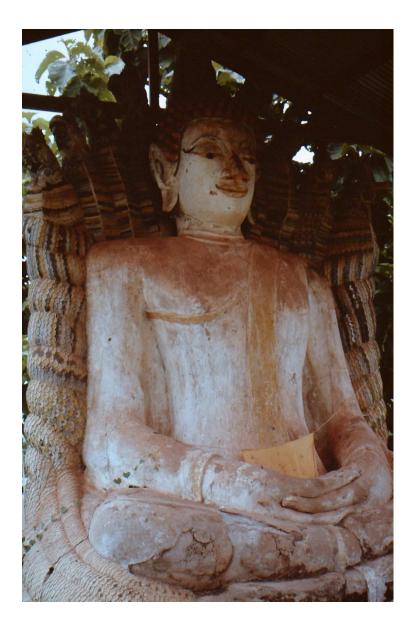








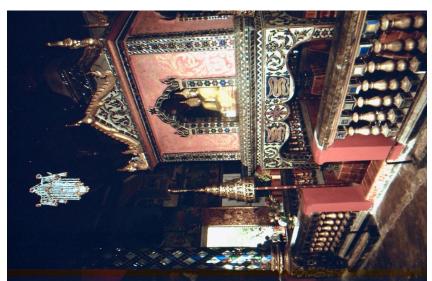








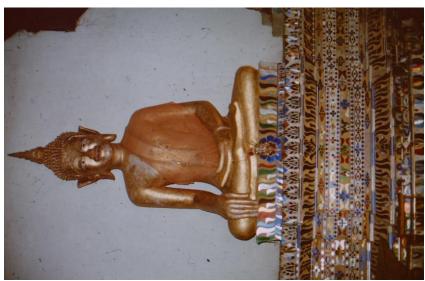
























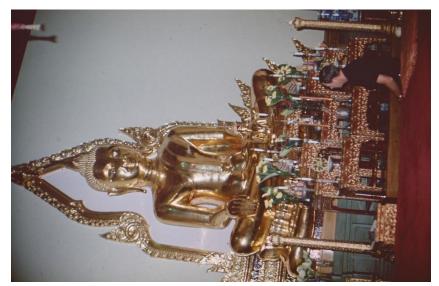










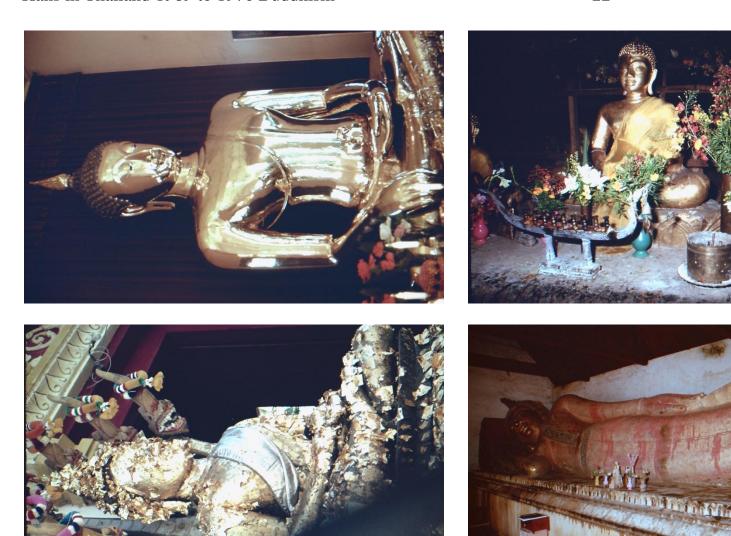




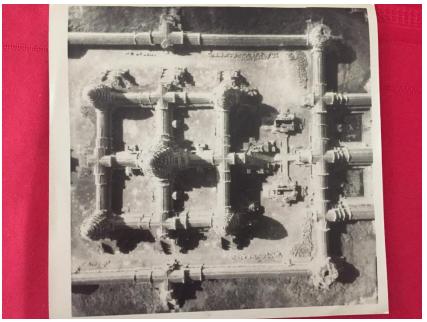












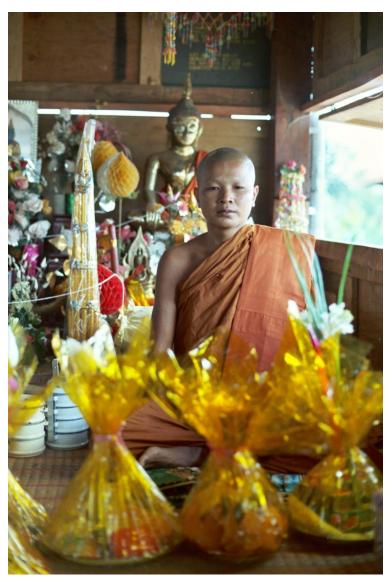


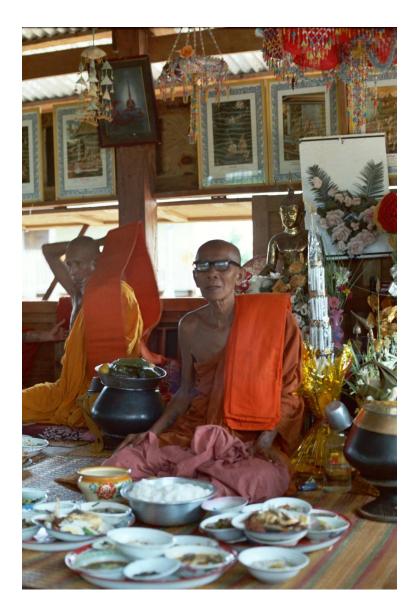






















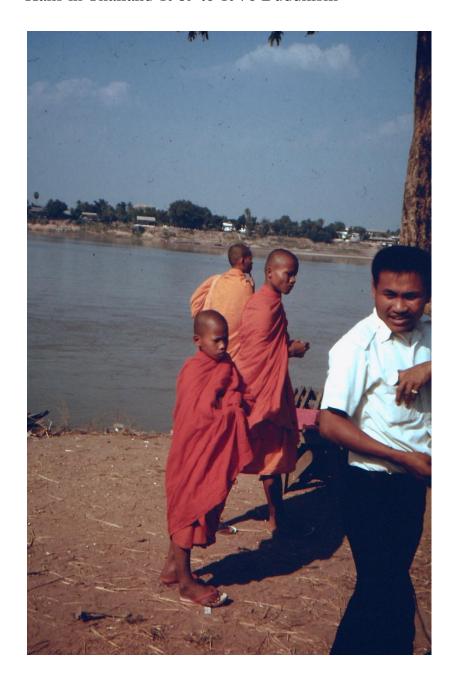












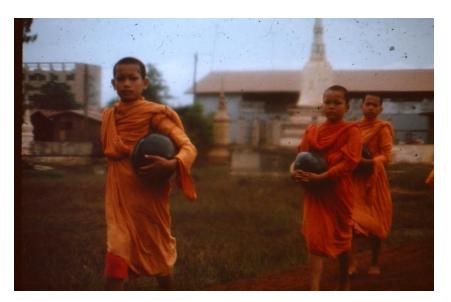




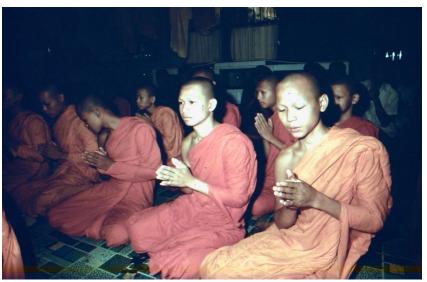


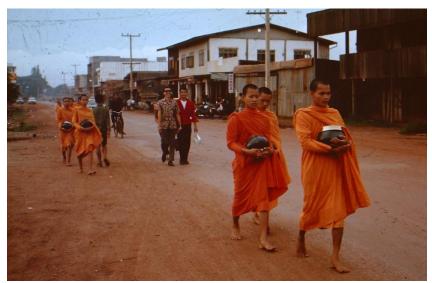








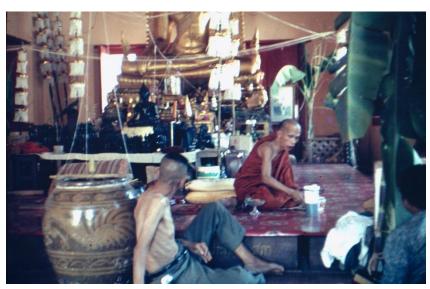


























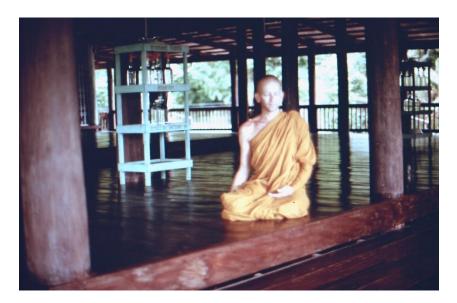












































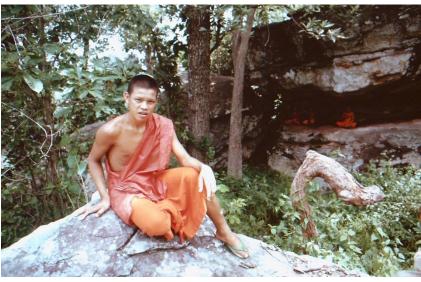






















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Off Base Living

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Hans lived off base for multiple reasons. The main reason was because Hans was always fascinated with other cultures. And the best way to learn about cultures is to live and mingle with the locals. The other reason was so that he could have a girlfriend. Hans and Helga had decided that 12 months of abstinence was too much strain on a healthy

sexually active adult. And if Hans had a steady girlfriend, it was health wise safer than finding a girl just for the evening. So Hans rented a house on stilts, found a steady girlfriend who also had several brothers. Hans hired the brothers to guard their sister and Hans. One of the dangers of living off base, was that rebels or disgruntled Thai's would target US Airman.

Hans would communicate with his family using letters and audio tapes. He also sent many packages back to his family. He used English when communicating with his children, but spoke and wrote German to his wife, Helga. Hans was very home sick, which he expresses in his letter of 28 Aug 70 to Helga.

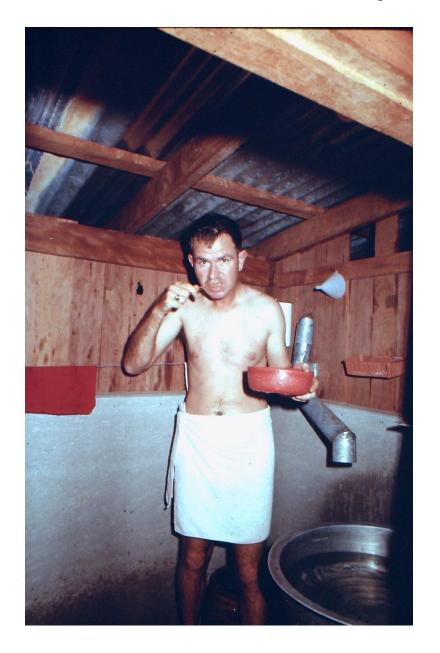
## 01 Hans' house off base



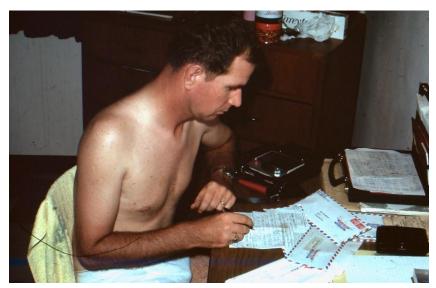




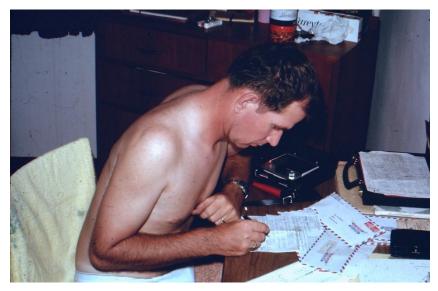


























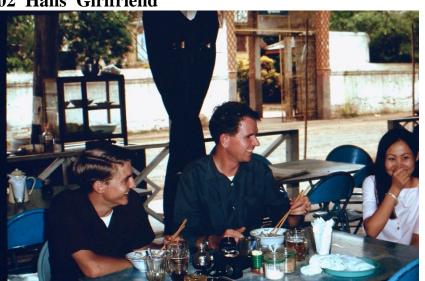










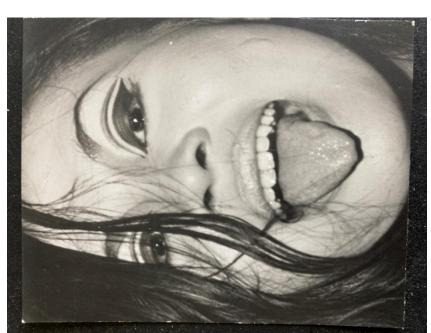
























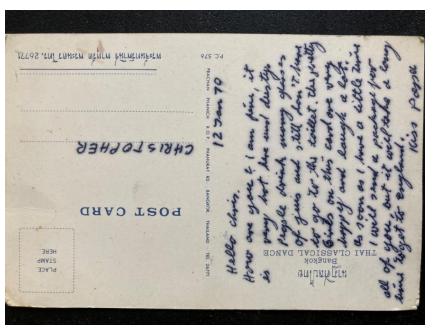




# 03 Hans' letter to Helga, and postcard to son Christopher

Post card to son Christopher





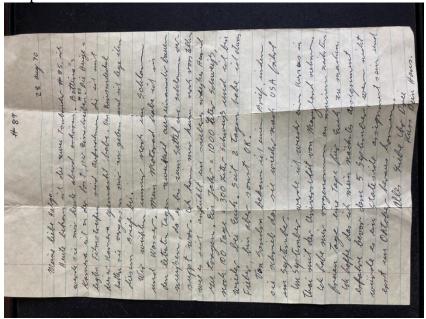
12 Jan 70 Hello Chris,

How are you? I am find, it is very hot here and dusty. People drink many glasses of jois and still don't have to go to the toillet. The pretty girls on this card are very happy and laugh a lot. As soon as I have a little time I will send a package for all of you, bit it will take a long time to get to England.

Kiss Papa.

Letter to his wife Helga on 28 Aug 70.

He also included the quote "on Loving Kindness" with this letter. Information about this quote is included in the Buddhism compendium.



28 Aug 70 Meine liebe Helga,

Heute bekom ich die zwei Tonbander #85, ich werde sie mir heute abend anhören. Bettina's Kamera ist in der Post, per Einsdreiben #88. Die beige legten Filmstreifen sind aufnahmen die ich mit dieser Kamera gemacht habe. Den Linsendeckel hatten sei vergessen mir zu geben und ich lege ihn diesem Brief bei.

Wir wühlen immer noch im Schlaum and Wasser. Mein Motorad habe ich in den leteuten tagen zweimal auseinanender bauen muißen, da es bis zum Sattel im schlaum versuppt war.

Ich kann mir kamm noch vorstellen wiles sich anfült, ein sauberes wießes Hemd zu tragen. Ein Jahr = 1000 liter schweiß, noch 100 tage = 300 liter schweiß und ich bin wieder bei Euch. Seit 2 tagen habe ich etwas Fieber, bin aber sonst OK.

Von Sandra bekam ich einen Brief, inden sie schrieb das sie wieder nach USA fährt im September.

Im September werde ich wieder einen Kurseus in Thai mit der Universitat von Maryland nehmen. Ich habe mir vorgenommen an meinen nachsten freien Tage eine Tape für Euch zu machen. Ich hoffe das ich mein nächstes assignment erfahre before dem 5 September, wenn nicht würde es ein Stateside assignment sein und erst im Oktober heraus kommen. Alles Liebe Ihr Drei Kuss Dein Hans.

## My Dear Helga

Today I got the two tapes #85, I will listen to them tonight. Bettina's camera is in the mail, by letter #88. The attached filmstrips are recordings I made with this camera. They forgot to give me the lens cap and I am enclosing it with this letter.

We are still wallowing in mud and water. I have had to disassemble my motorcycle twice in the last few days because it was soaked in mud up to the saddle.

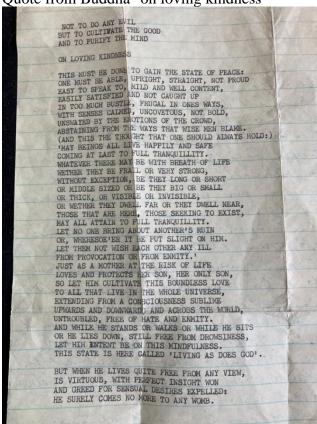
I cannot imagine what it feels like to wear a clean white shirt. One year = 1000 liters of sweat, another 100 days = 300 liters of sweat and I'll be with you again. I've had a fever for 2 days, but I'm otherwise OK.

I got a letter from Sandra in which she wrote that she was going to the USA again in September.

In September I will again take a course in Thai with the University of Maryland. I have decided to make a tape for you on my next days off. I am hoping to get my next assignment before September 5th, if not it would be a Stateside assignment and I would not get out of here until October.

Love you three Kiss your Hans.

Quote from Buddha "on loving kindness"



04 Hans' travels throughout Thailand, Hans is included in these photos

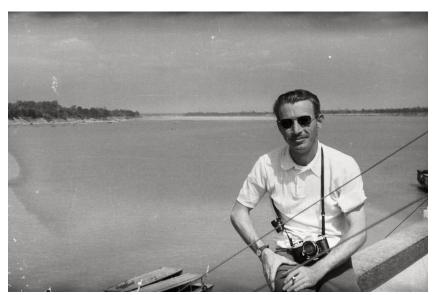






















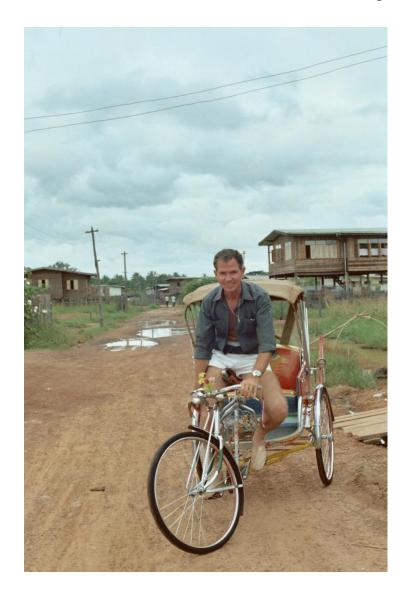






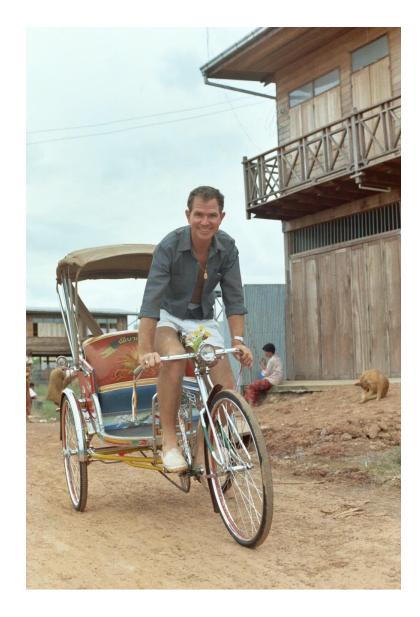


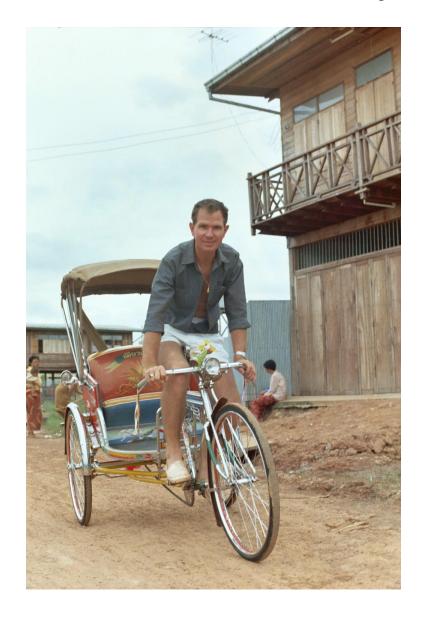


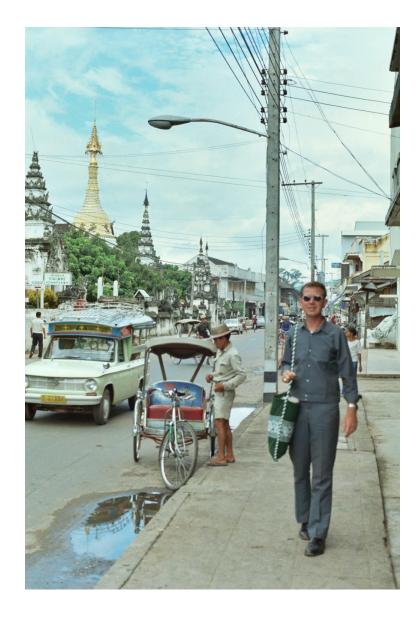


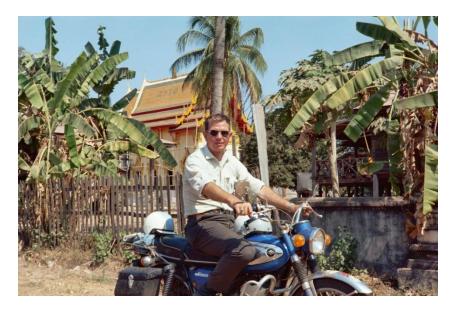






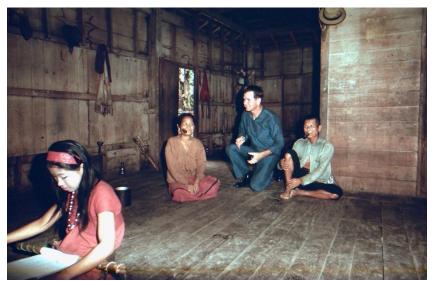
































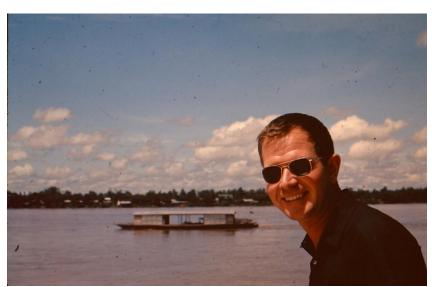
























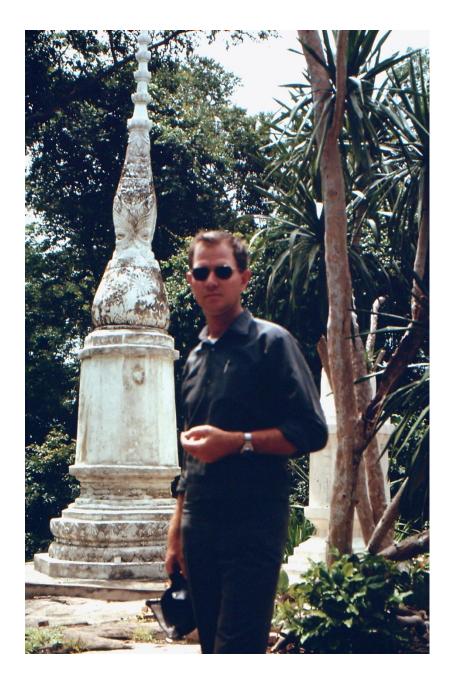


















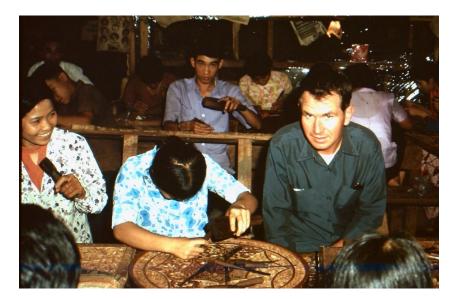














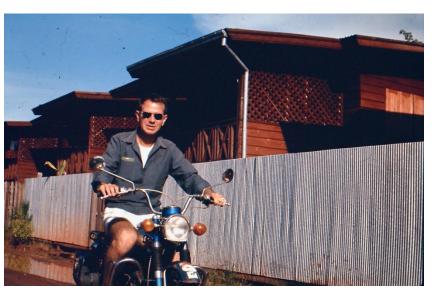




















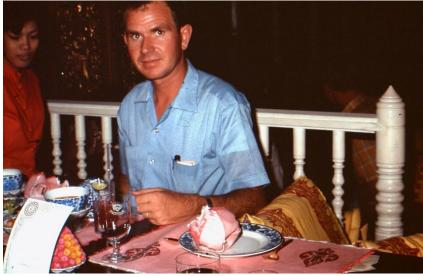


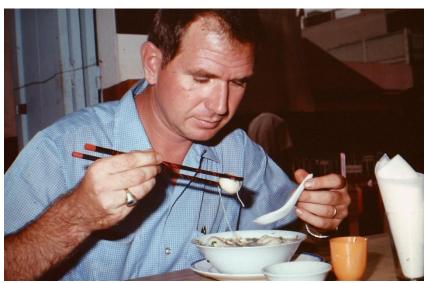
















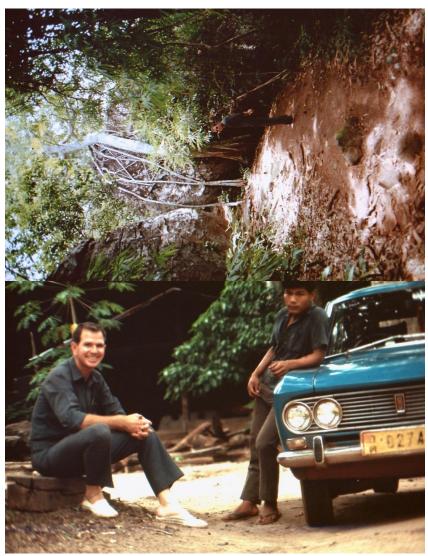










































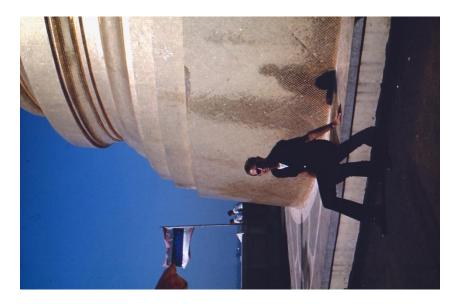






















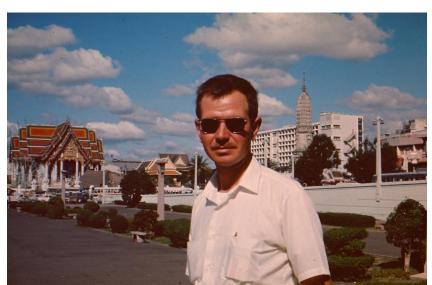


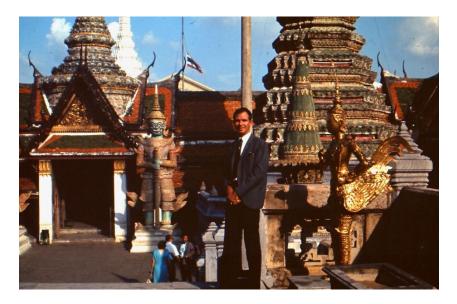












































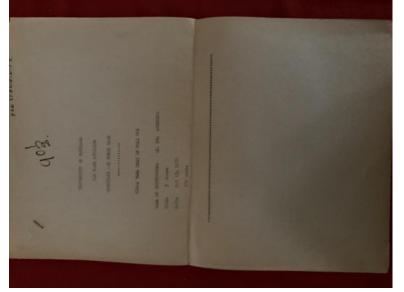


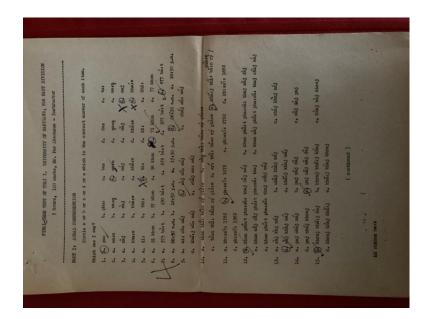


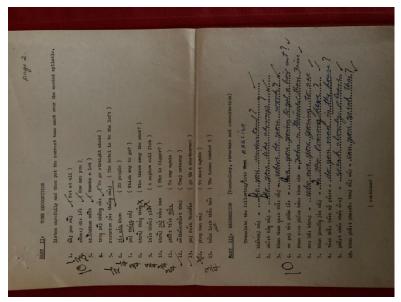


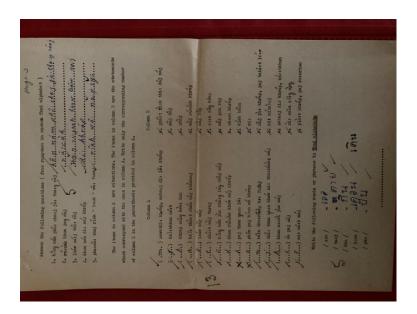


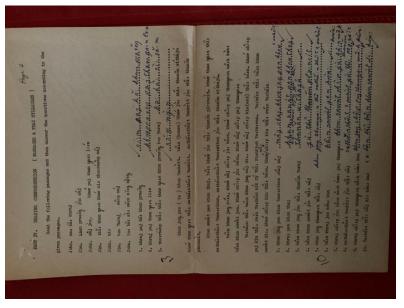
06 Thai language course

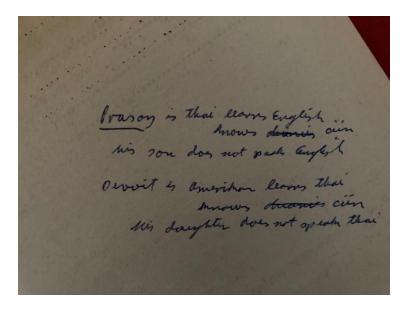


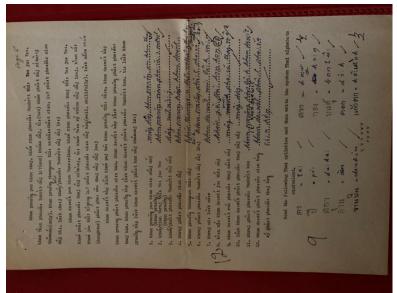


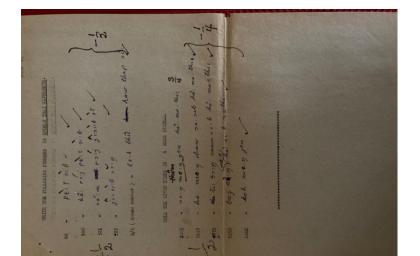




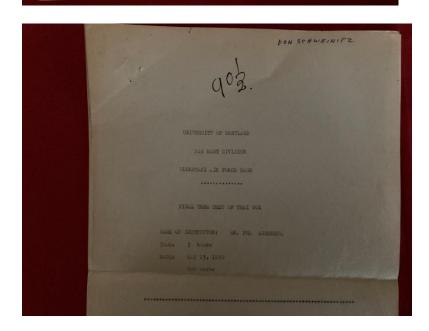












Compendium of HANS'
Tour in
Thailand:

Misc Photos

by Helga von Schweinitz

## Introduction

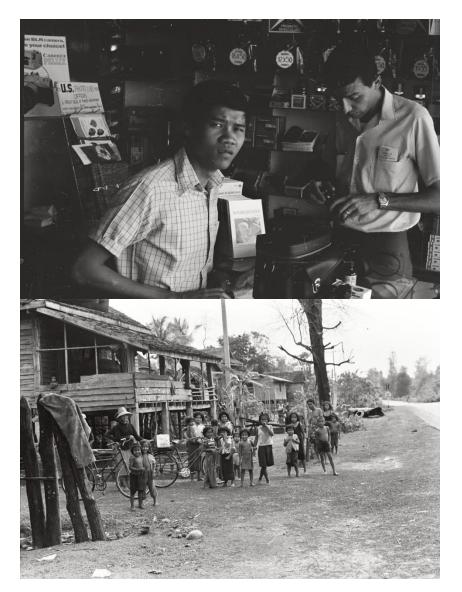
This is a compendium of Hans von Schweinitz tour in Thailand from 1969 to 1970. Hans took thousands of photos. Many were just photo depicting live in Thailand in 1970, and they are included herein. His AF career, his off-base housing, fascination with Buddhism, and Thai transportation are included in other compendiums.

Before Hans was stationed in Thailand, he was stationed in Upper Heyford, United Kingdom (England). Helga (neé Pörtner), Bettina (daughter), and Christopher (son) von Schweinitz continued living in Banbury, England.

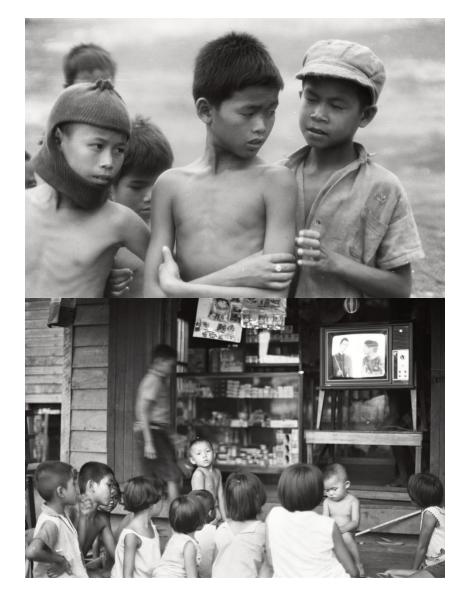
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Although heavily influenced by the conflict in Vietnam and US operations in Cambodia and Laos, in 1970 Thailand was still not greatly influenced by Western culture or architecture. This is reflected in these photos. Later in 1979, Hans took Helga back to Thailand and they visited many of the same areas. In the 1979 Thailand compendium, you can see what difference just 10 years made. Streets are paved, buildings are higher, hotels are more western, and there is a lot more traffic. Now in 2022, Bangkok looks just like any other Western Metropolitan, high rise sky scrapers, glittering lights, western retail, etc.

This compendium is in only two sections. In the first section the photos has people. The second section has only buildings, shrines, temples, or landscape. There are over 700 photos and no captions.









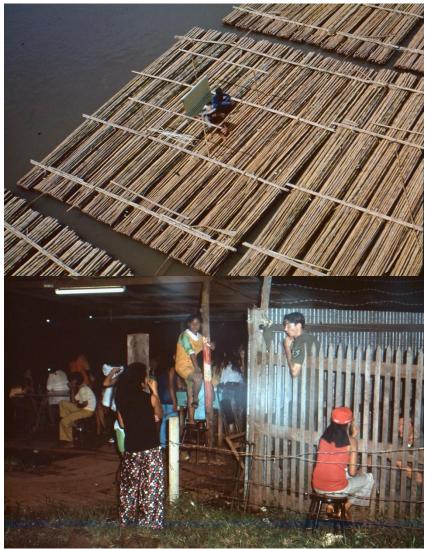






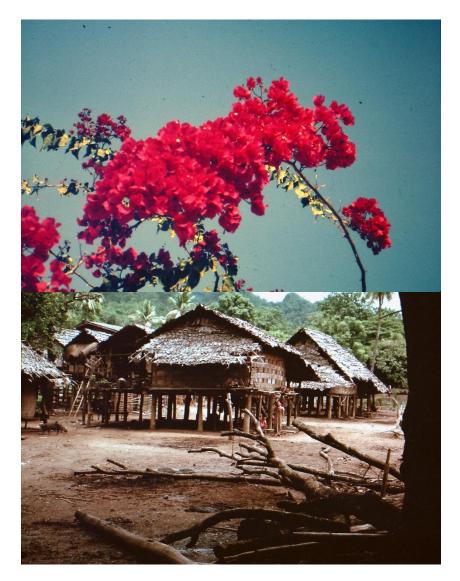


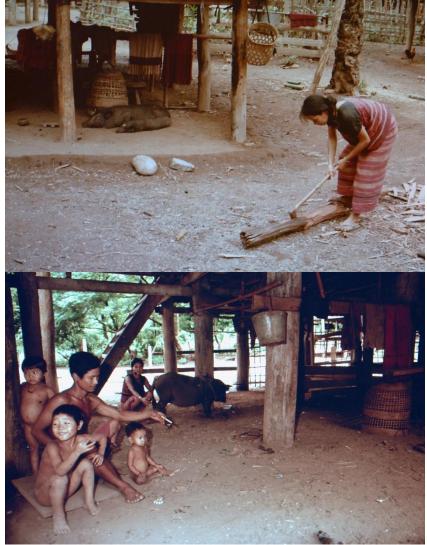


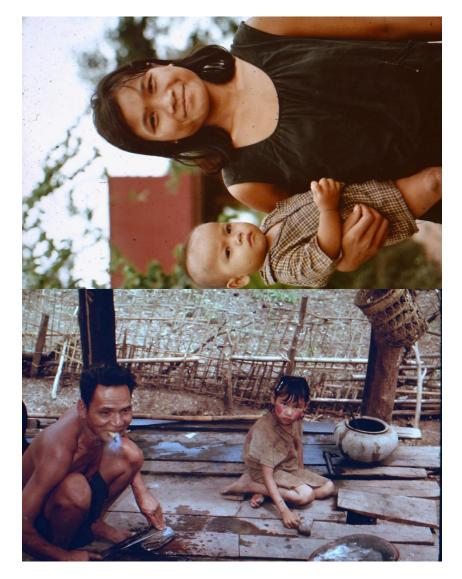




















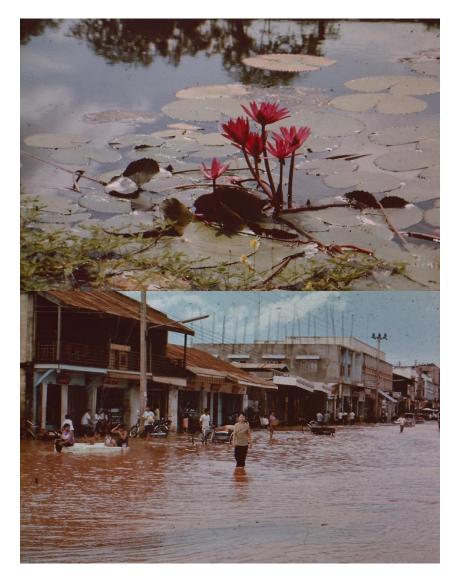


















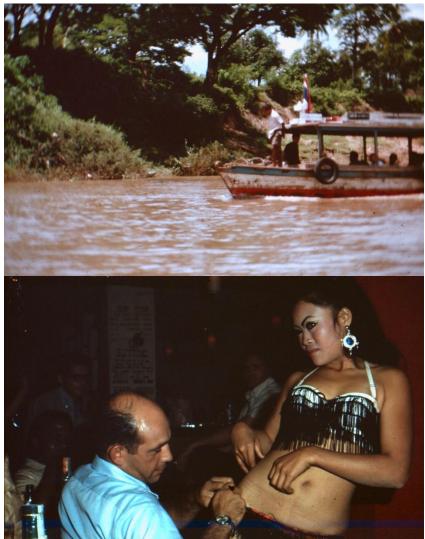


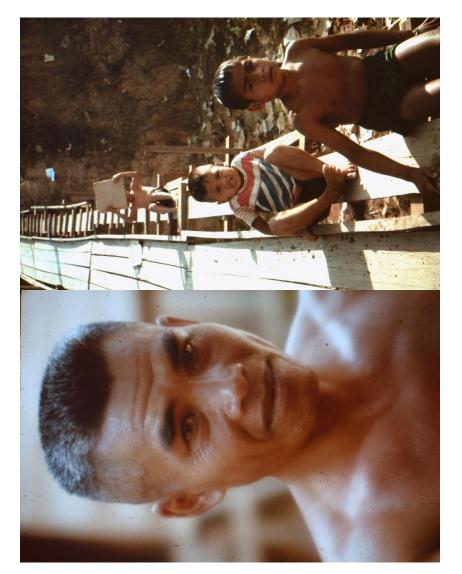














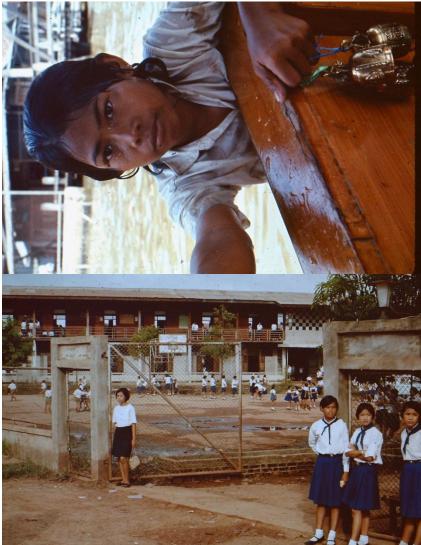






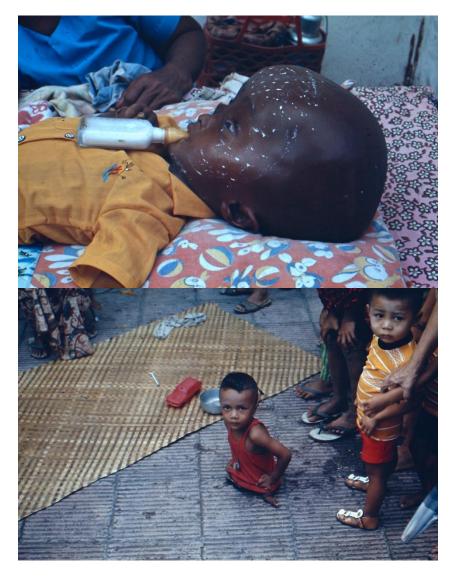












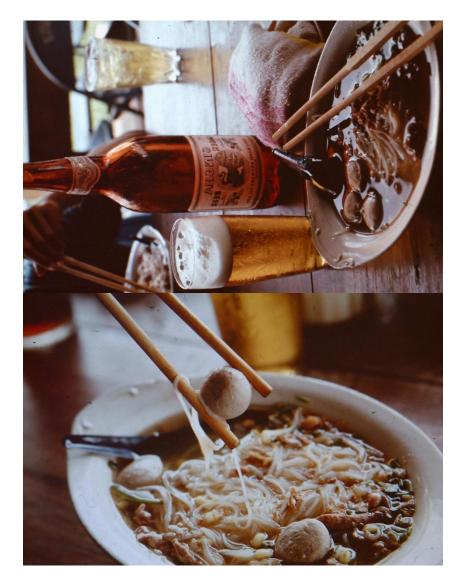


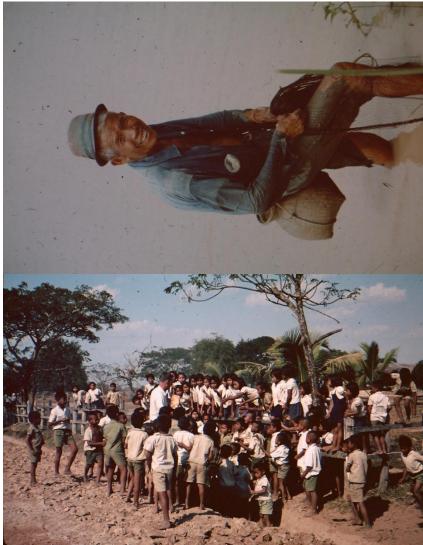


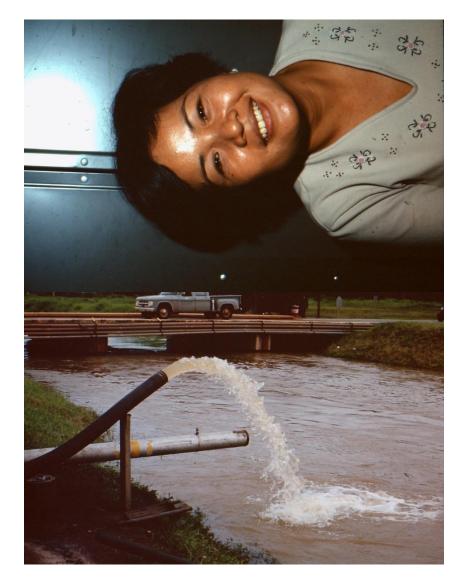
























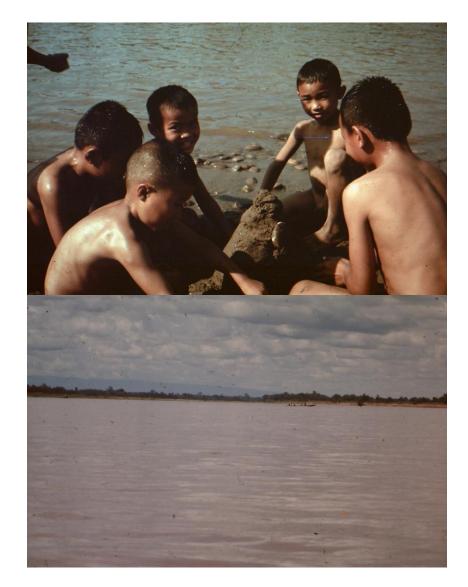
















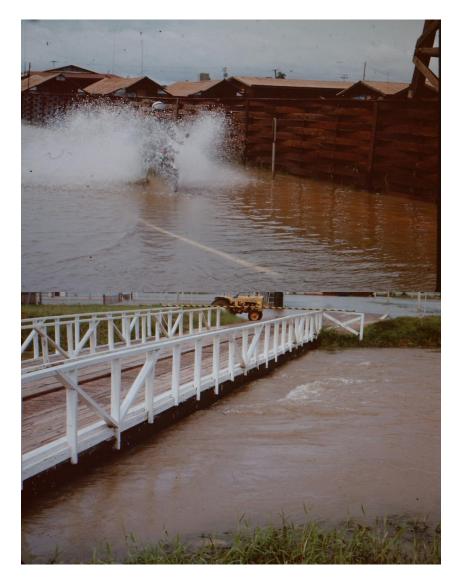




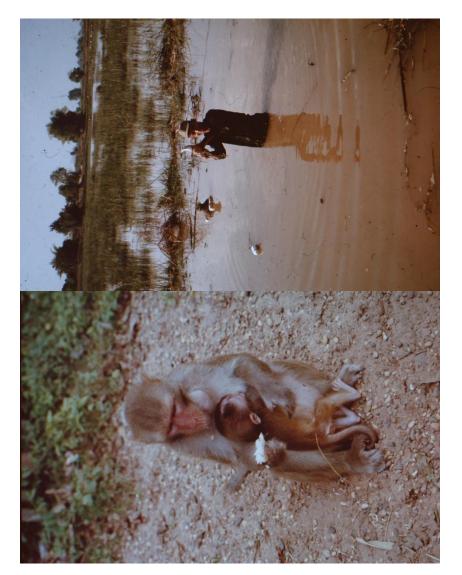












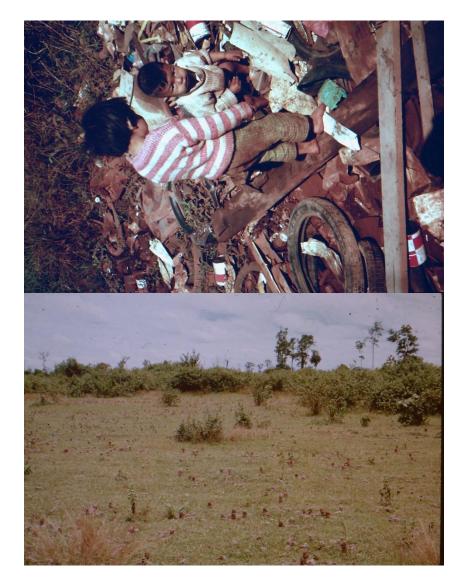














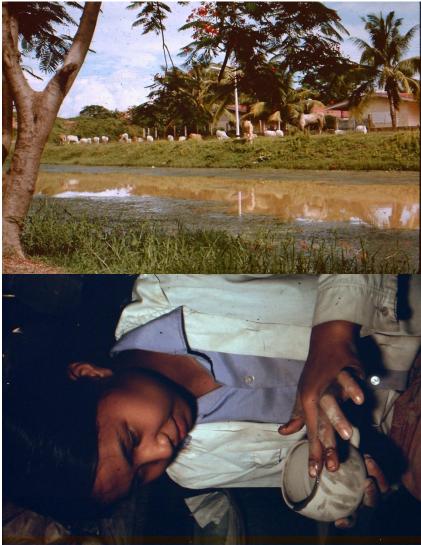














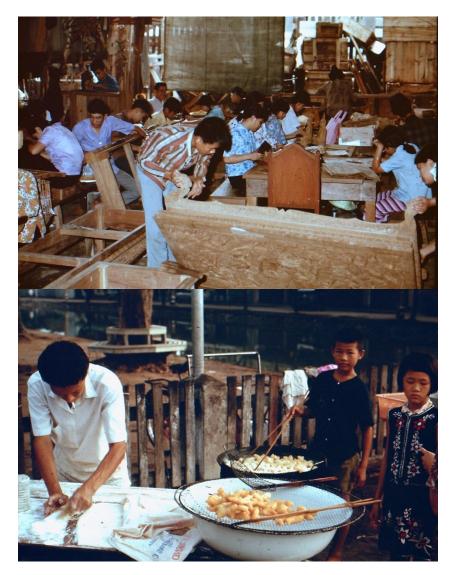


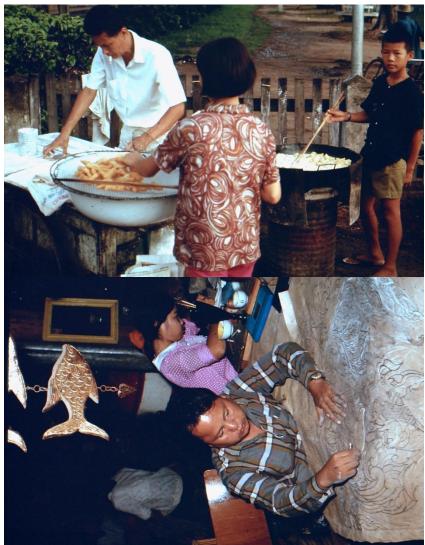


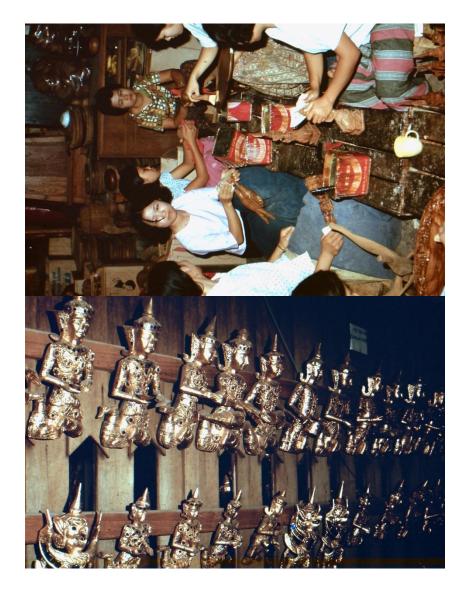








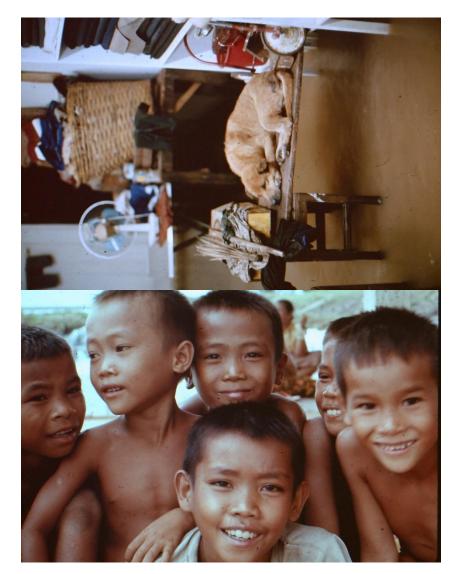












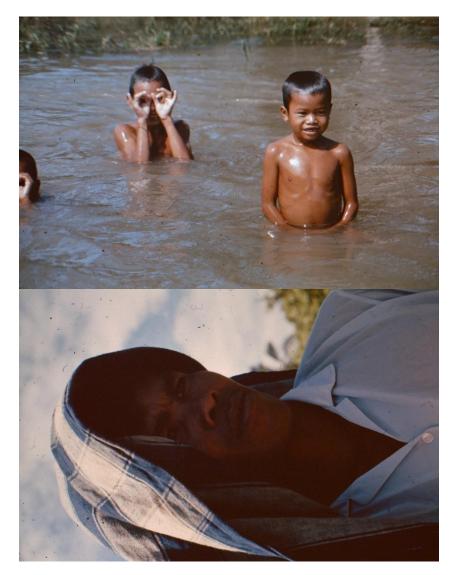




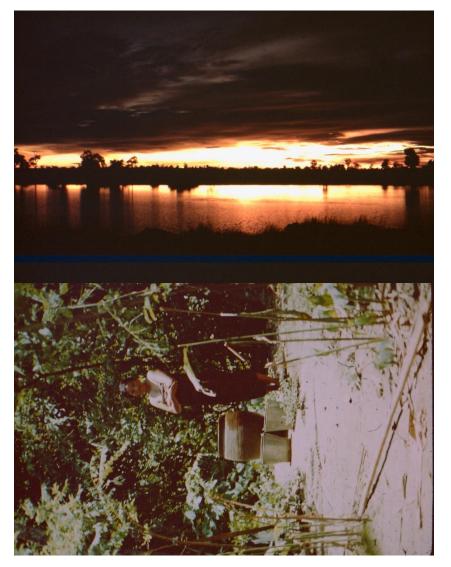








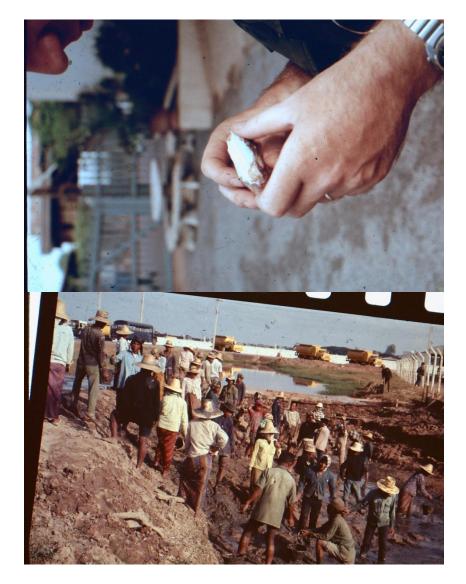






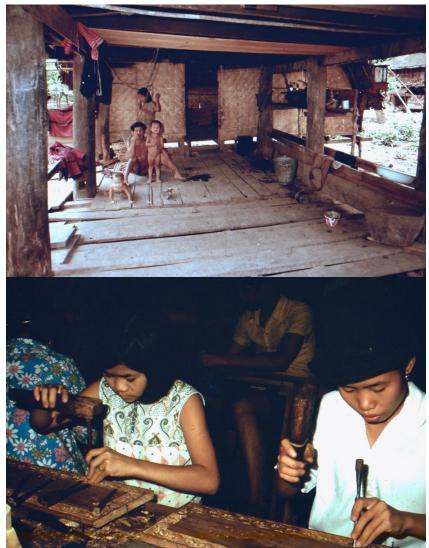




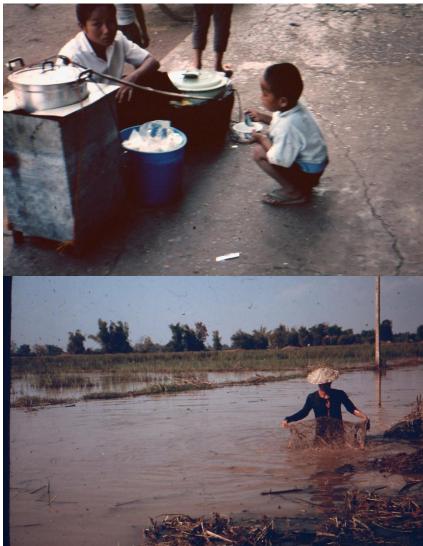










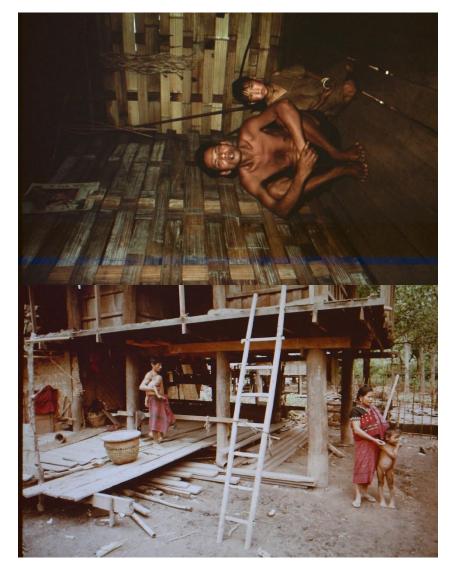




















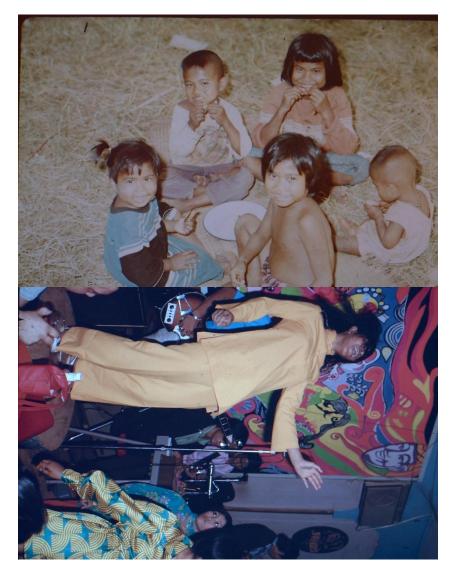


















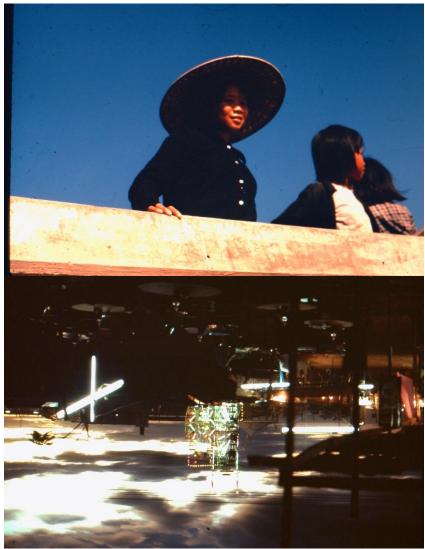


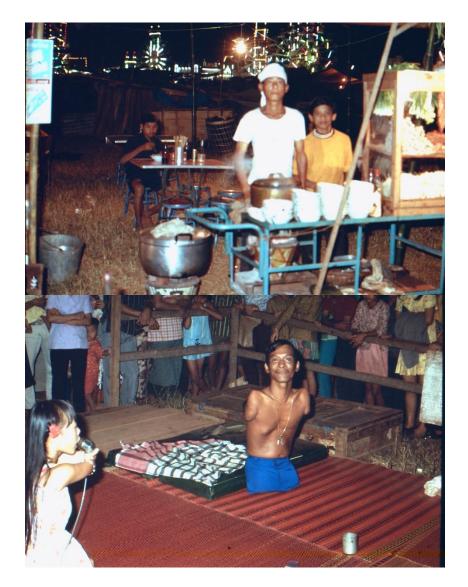












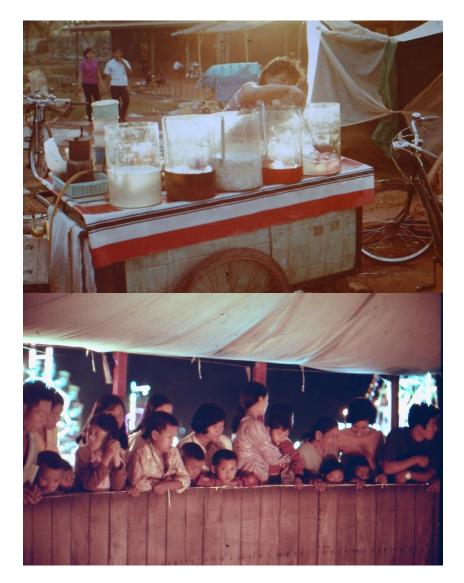




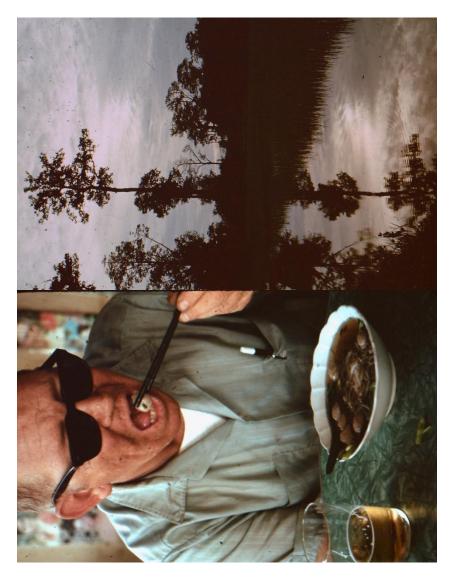














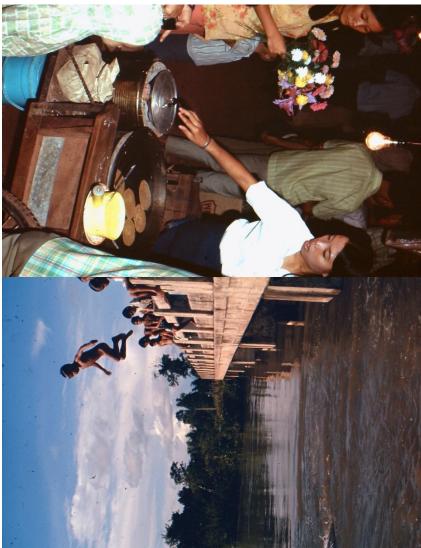


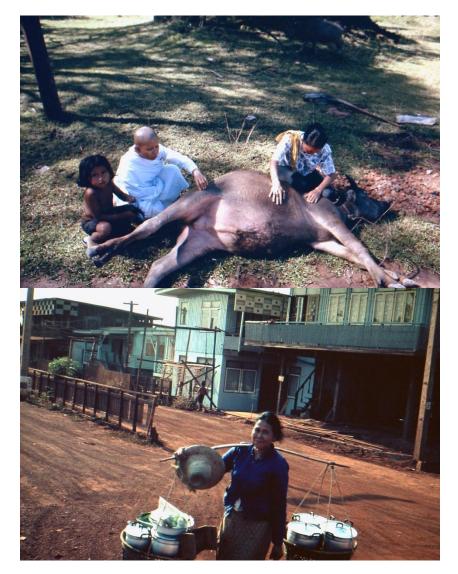




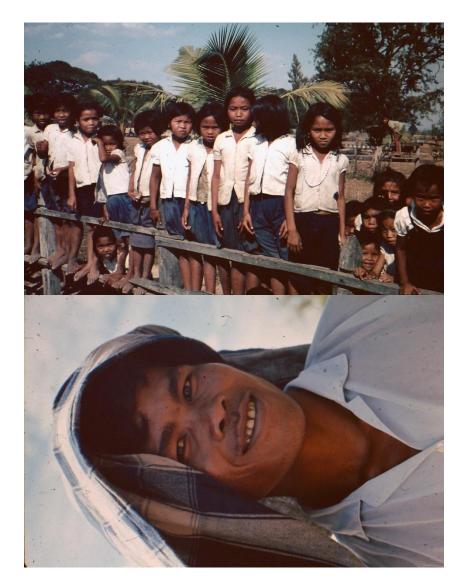






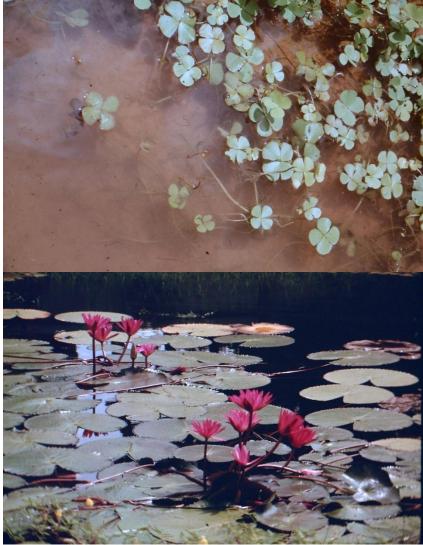








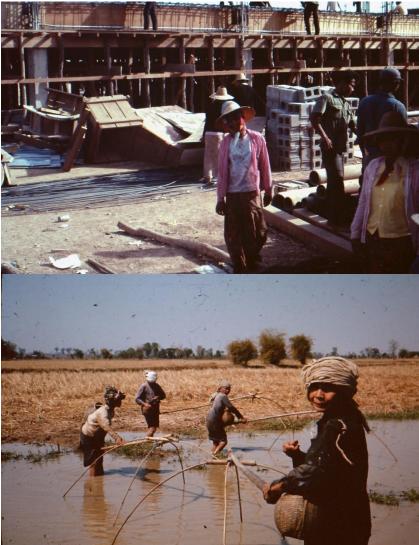


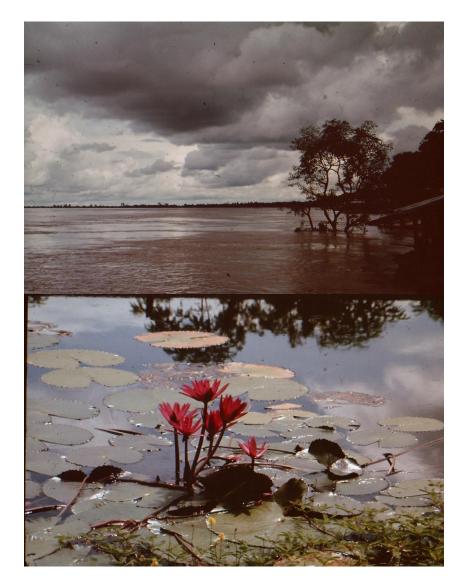






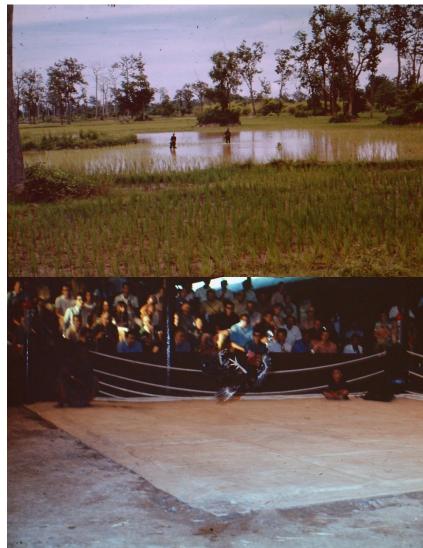










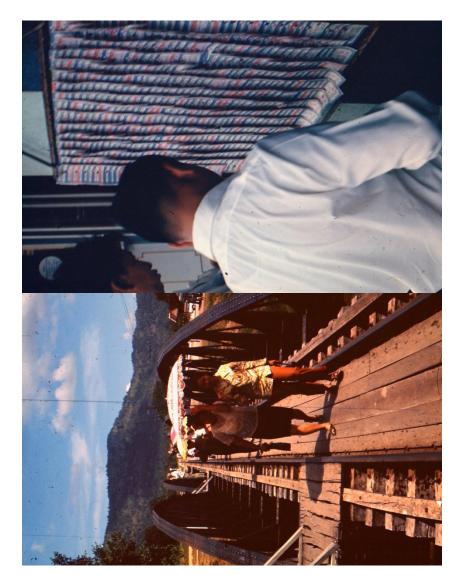














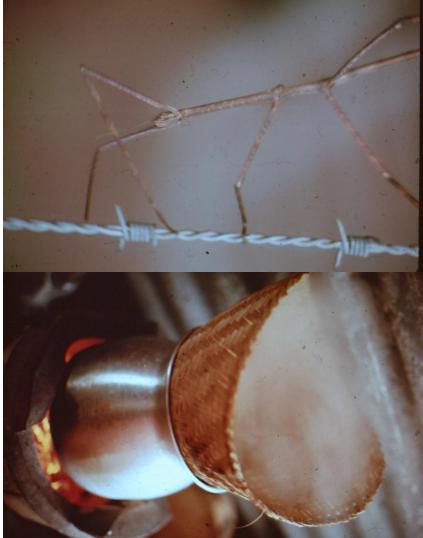






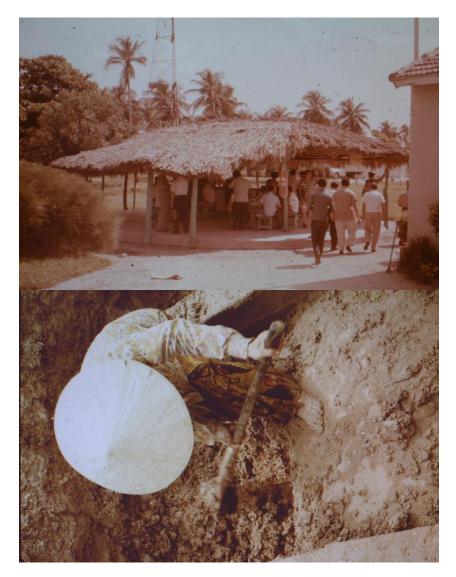


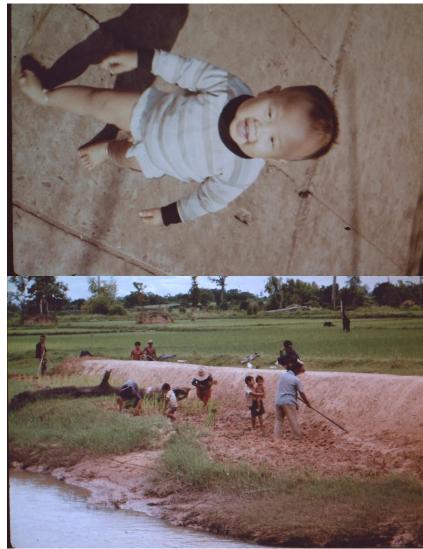


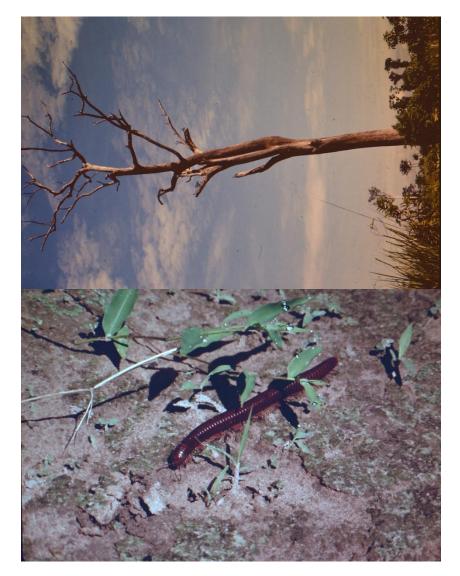












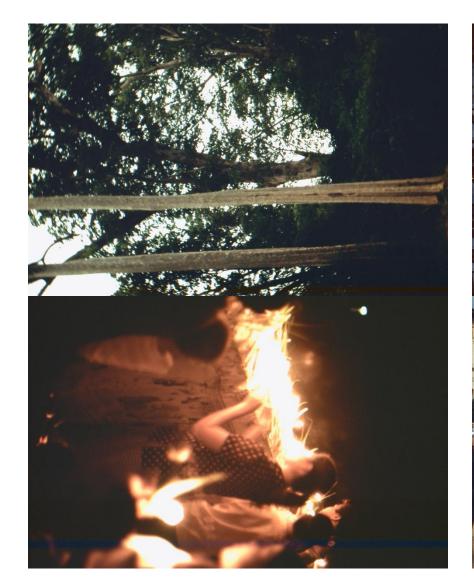




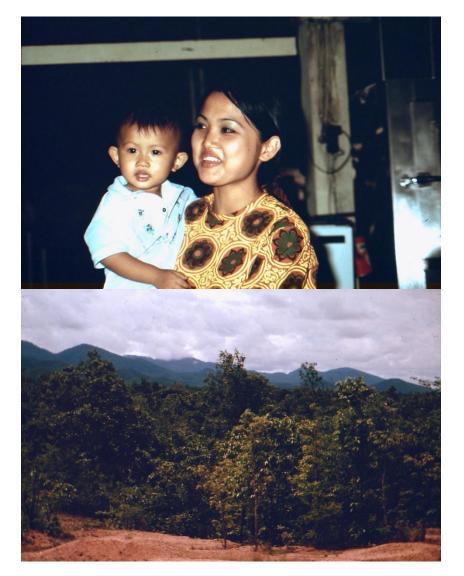






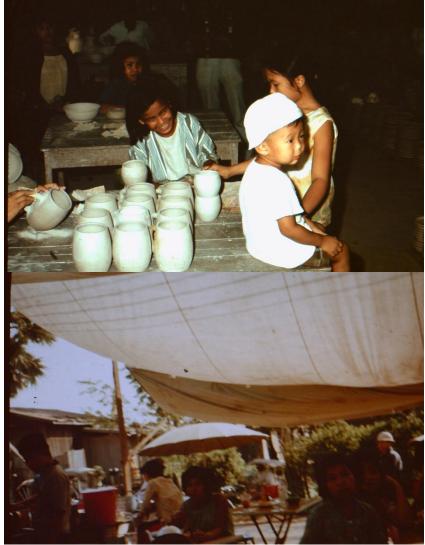






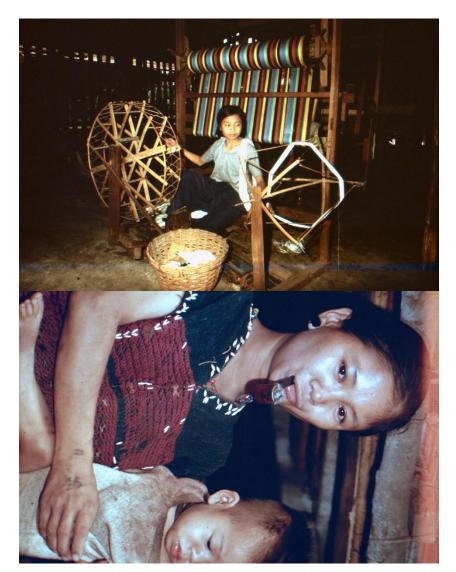
















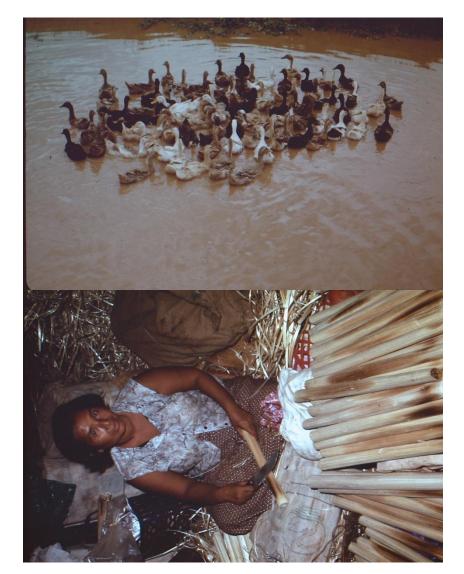




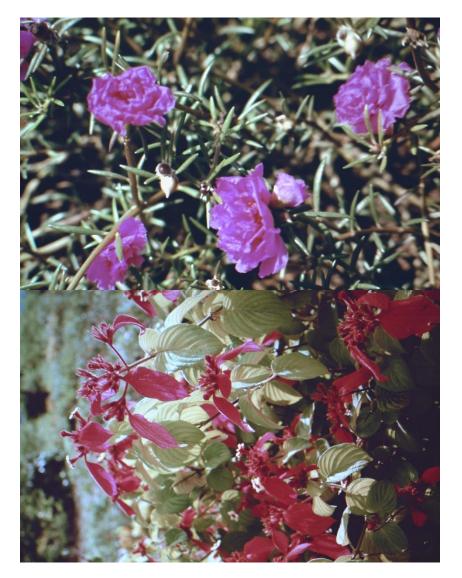
































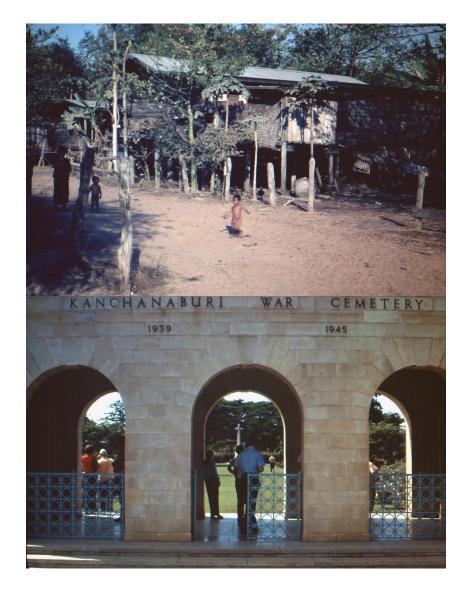
















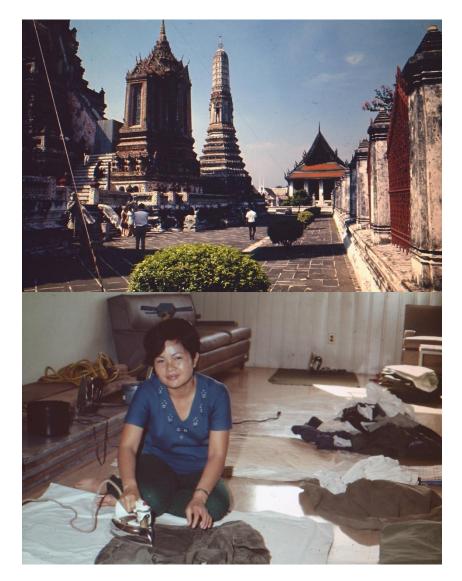










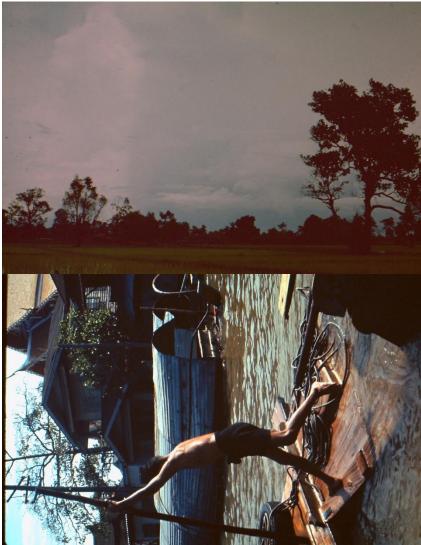














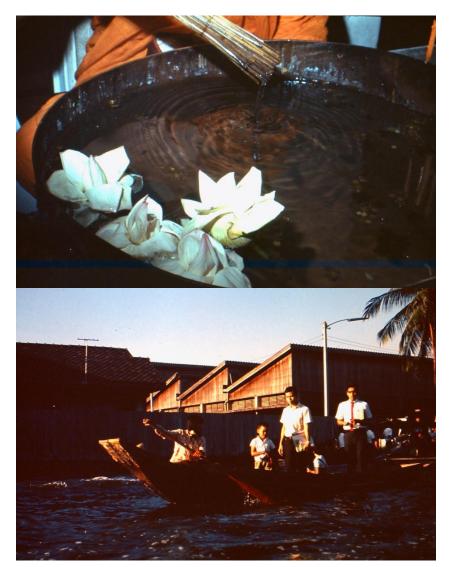






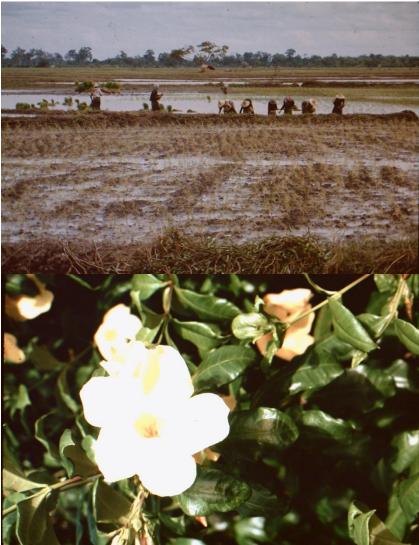




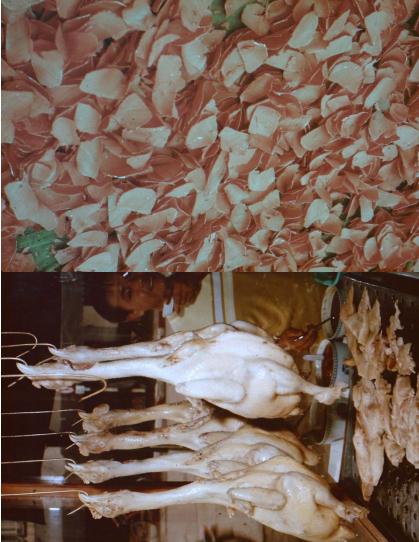


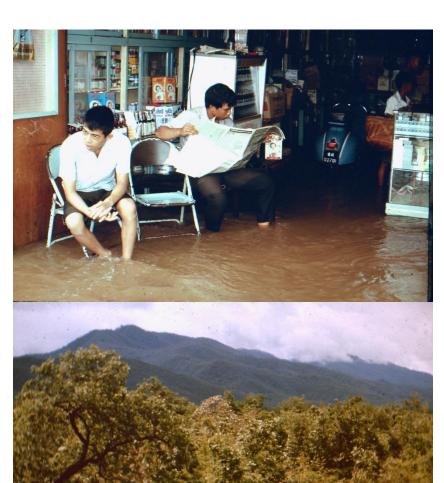




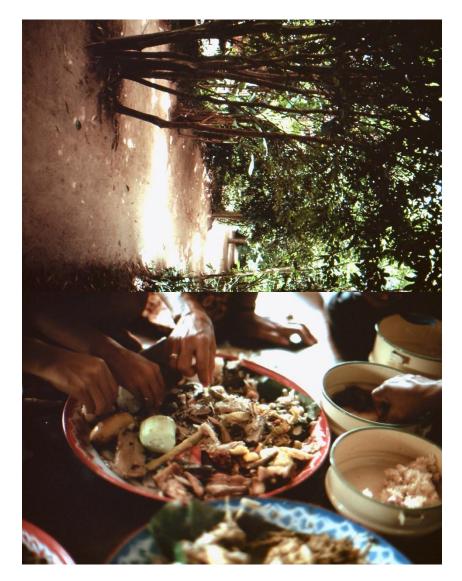








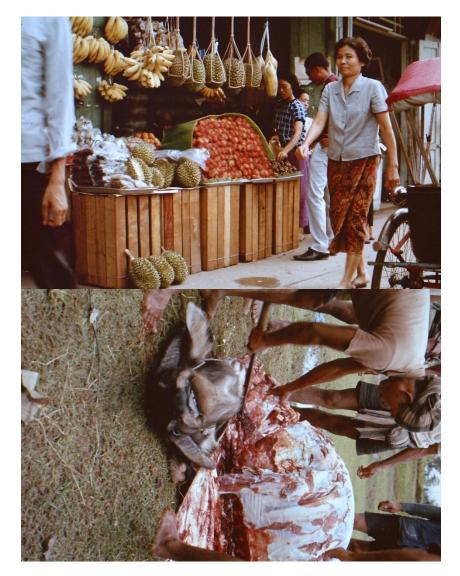






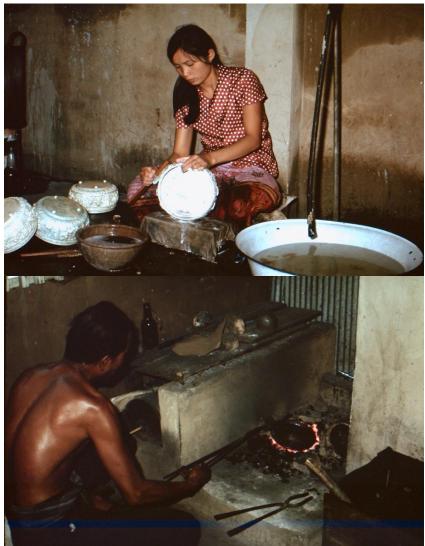










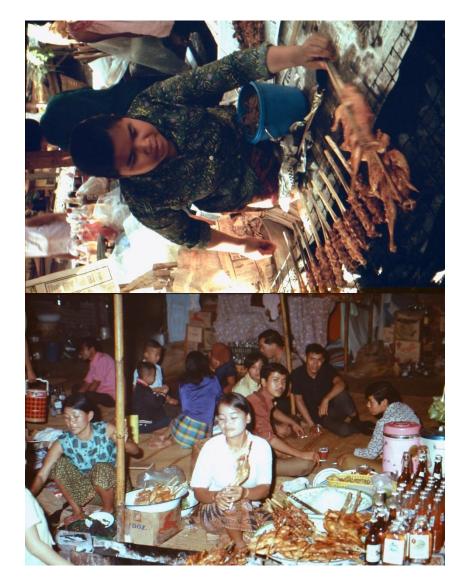




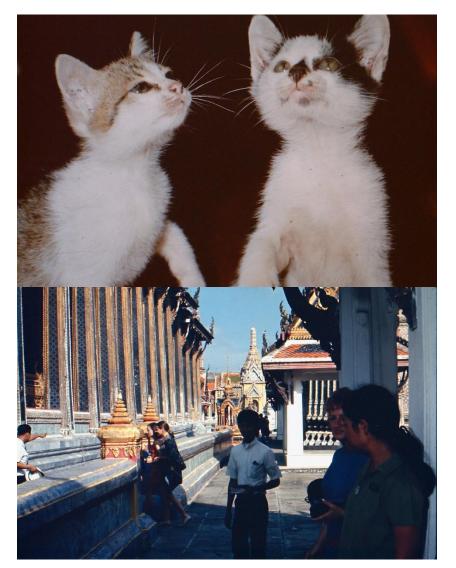








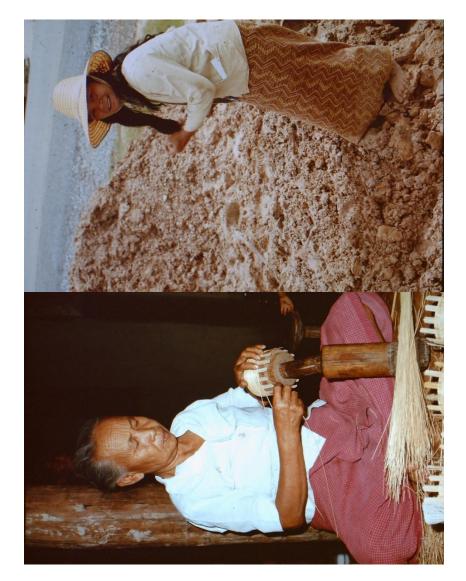






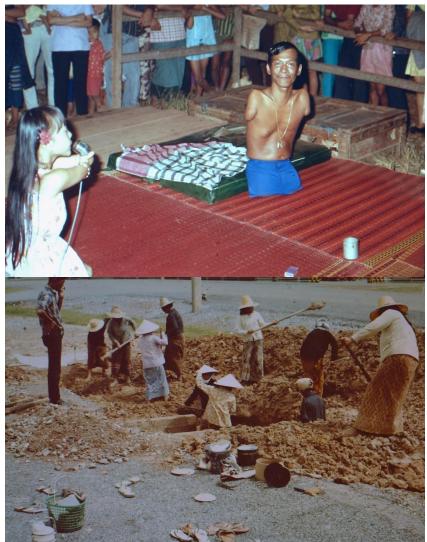




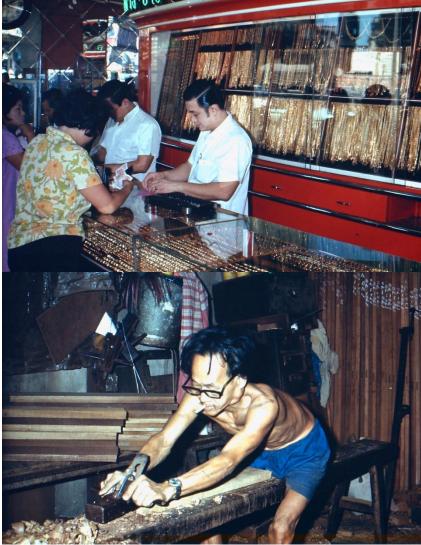










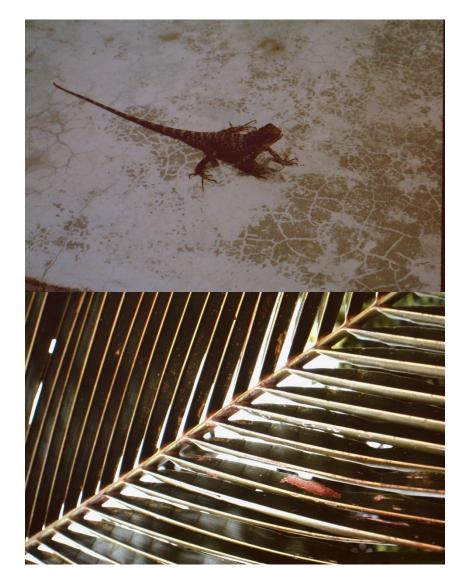




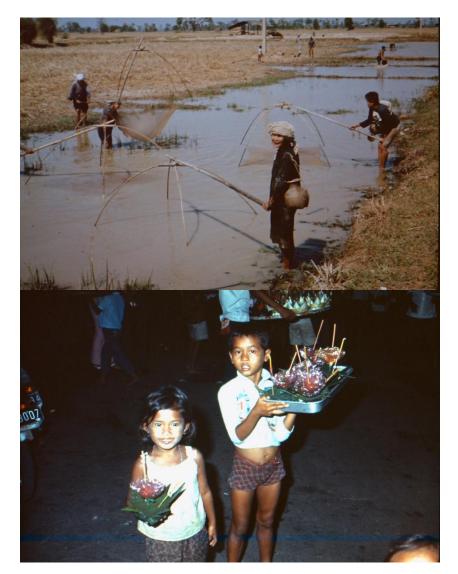




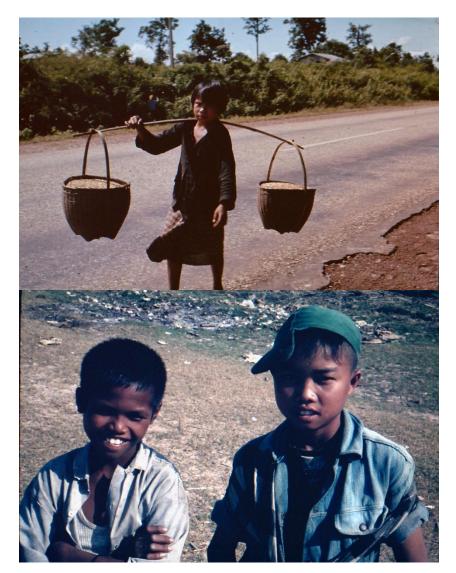




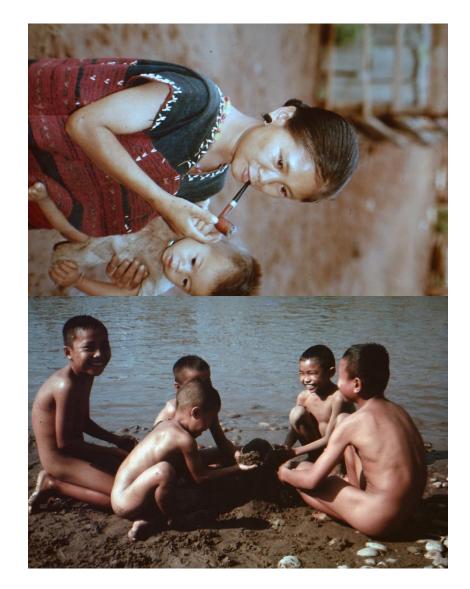




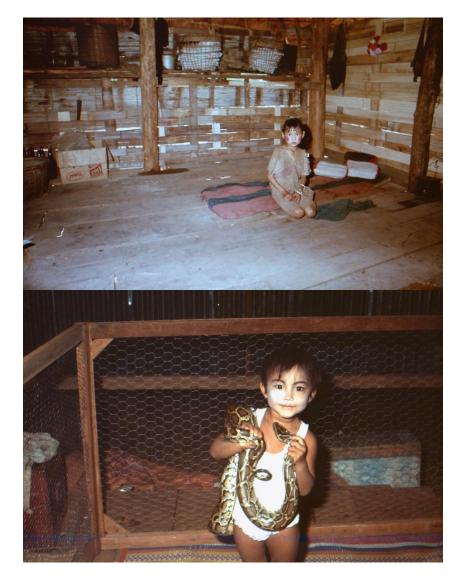








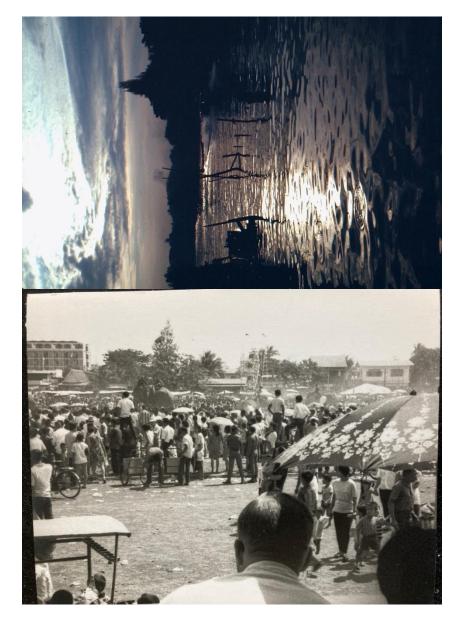












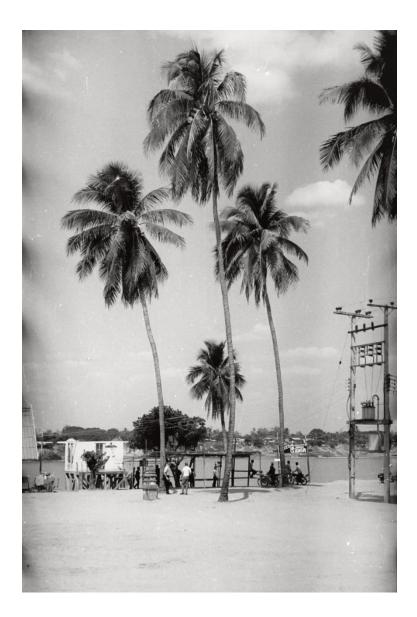


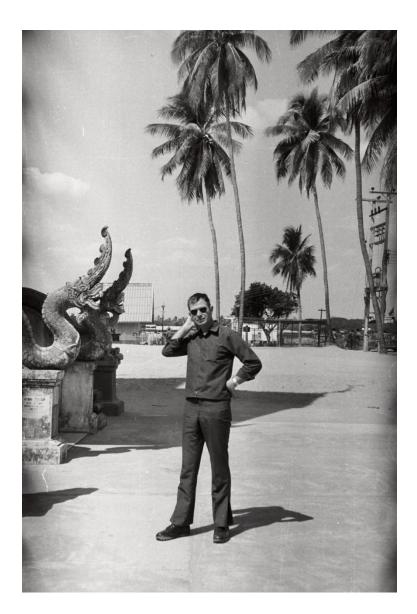




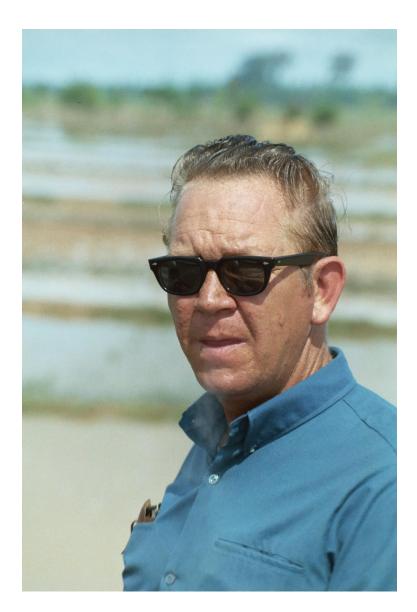


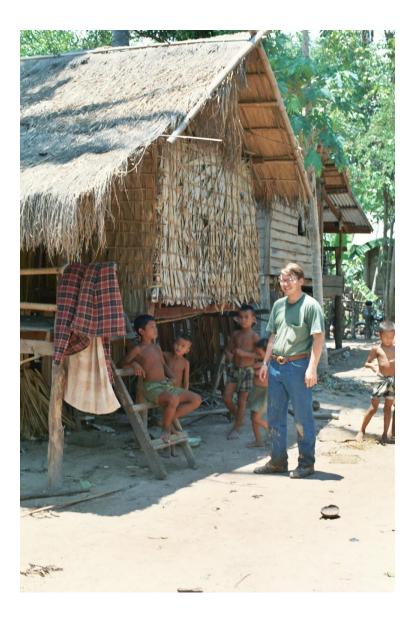






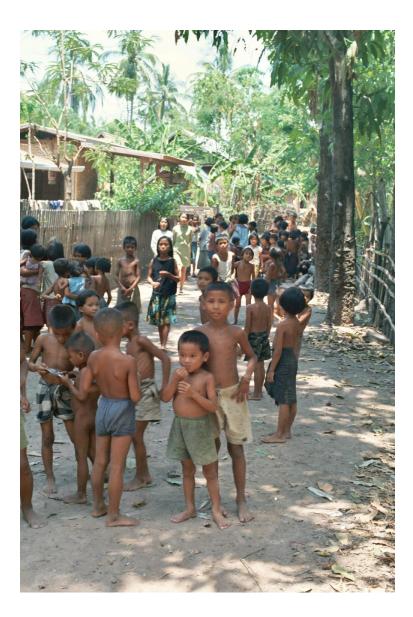




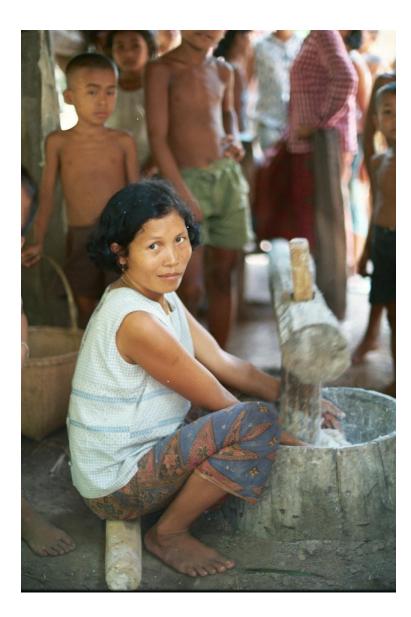


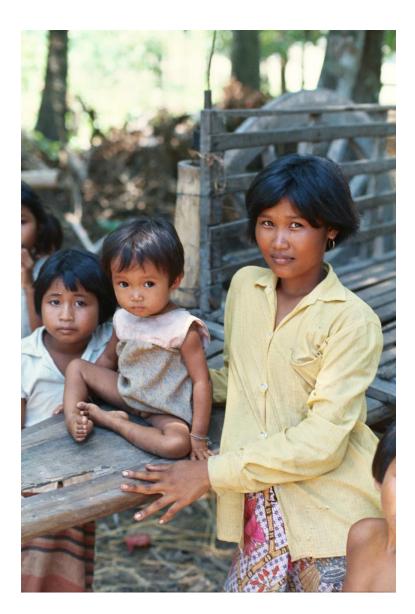


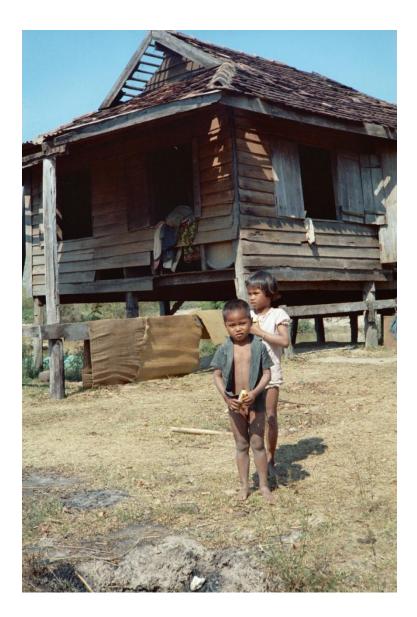




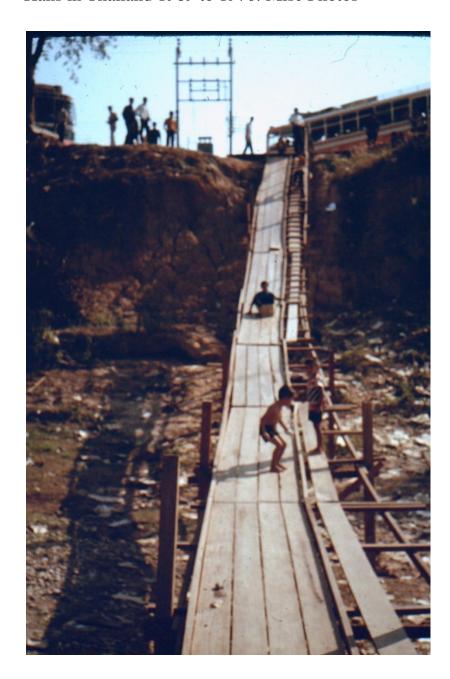










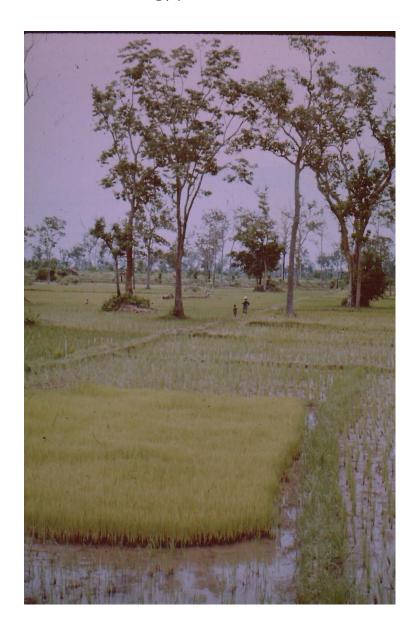


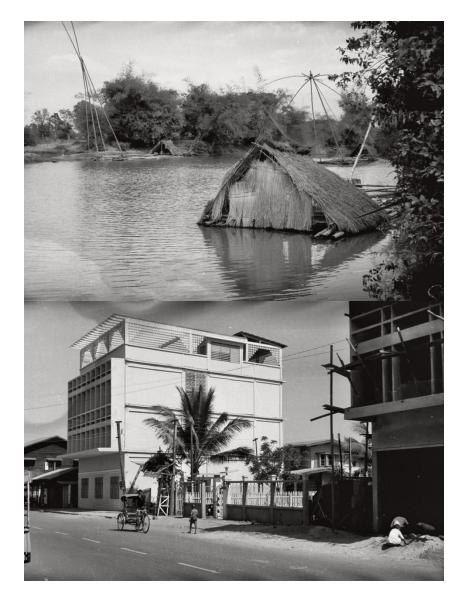








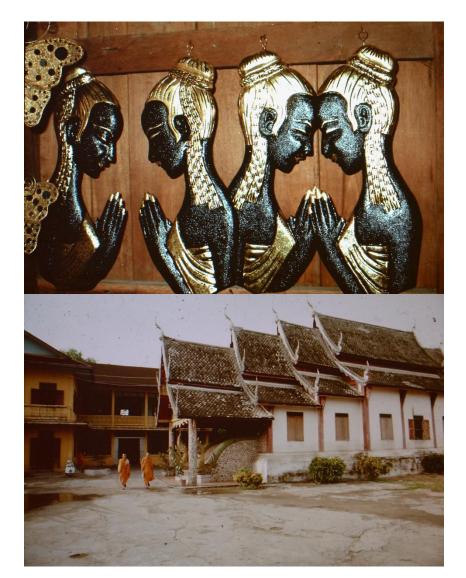


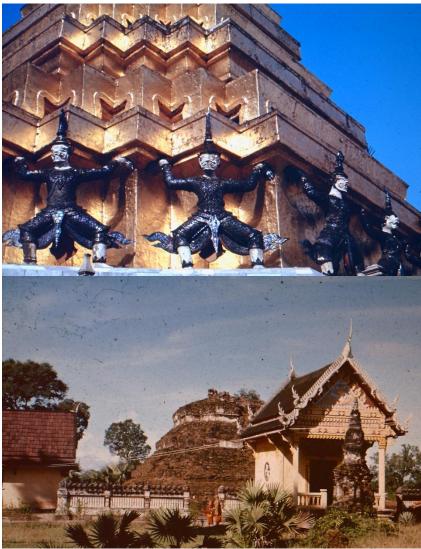




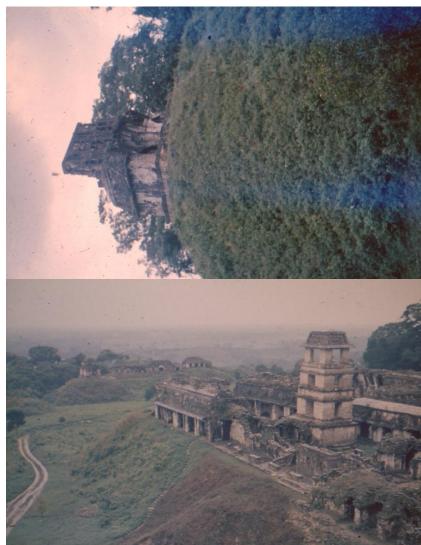


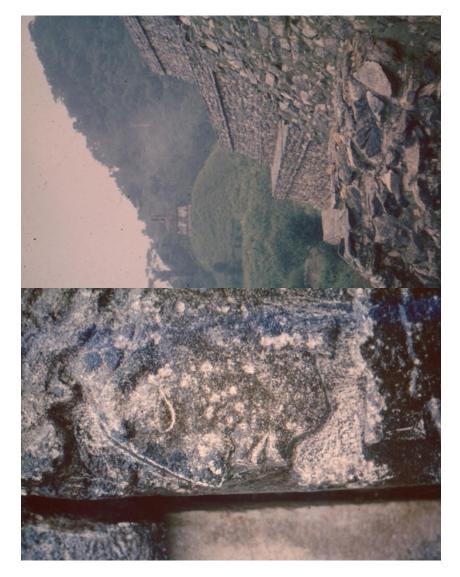












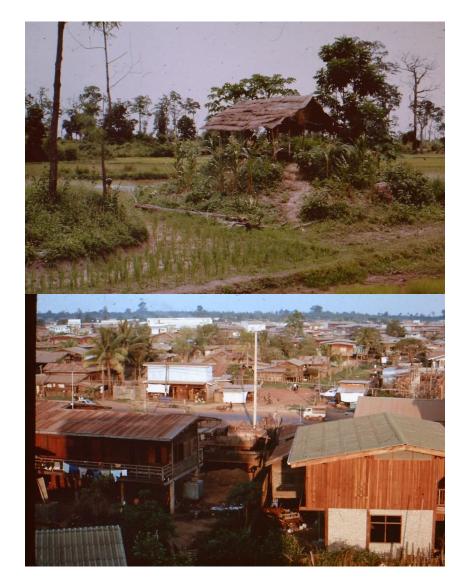


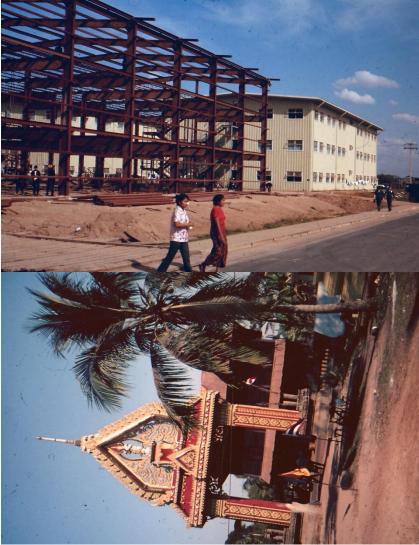
















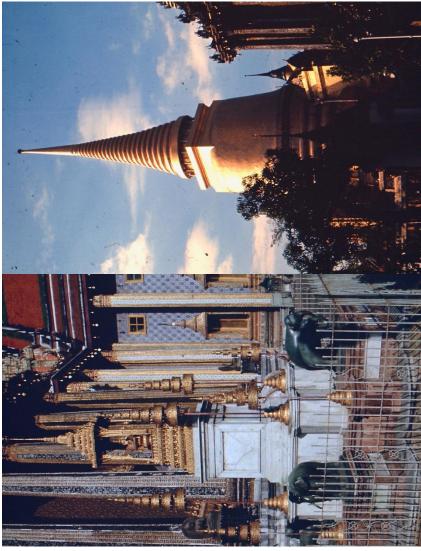


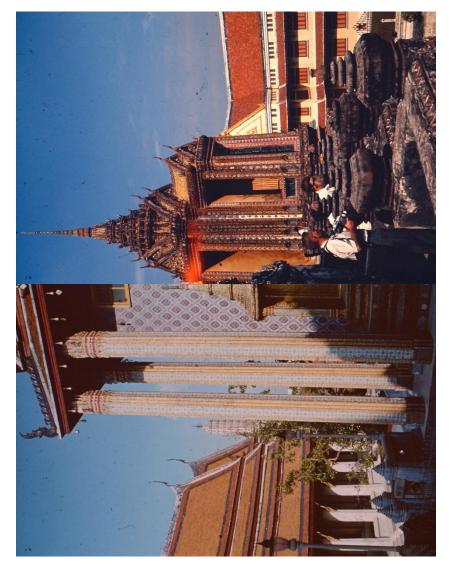






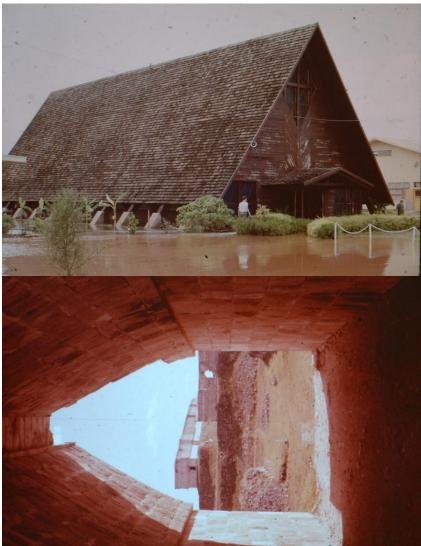


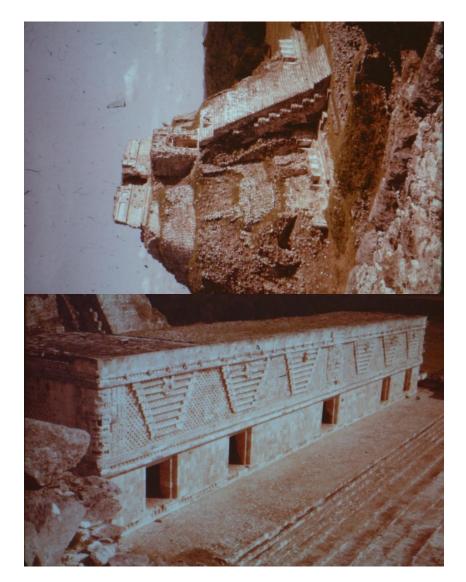


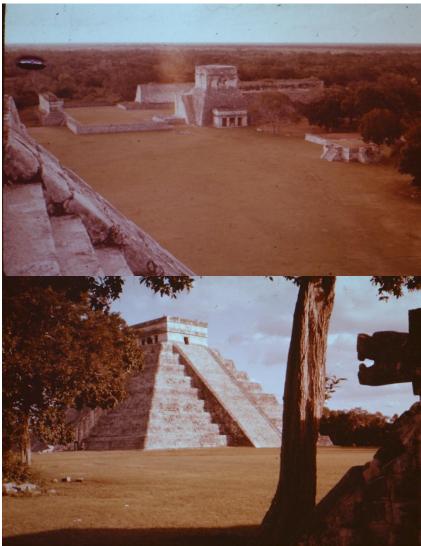


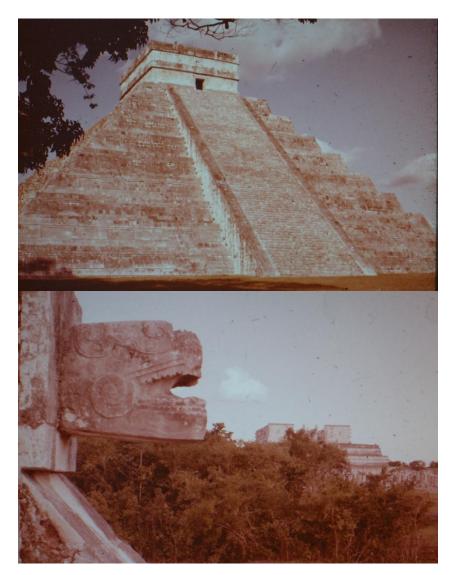








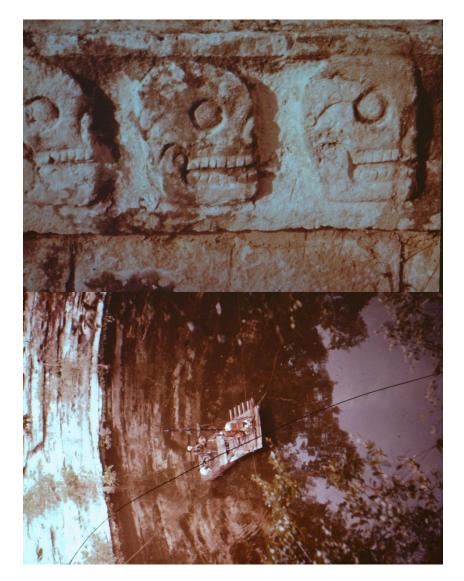


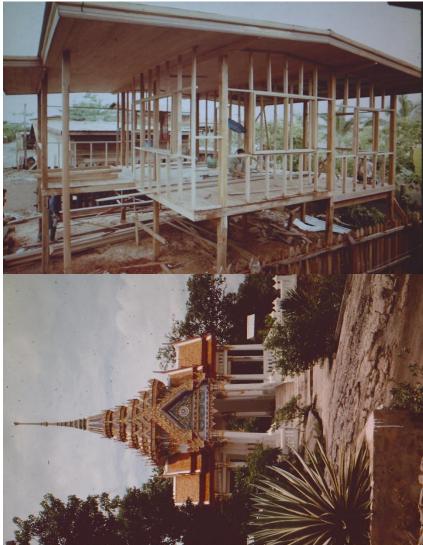






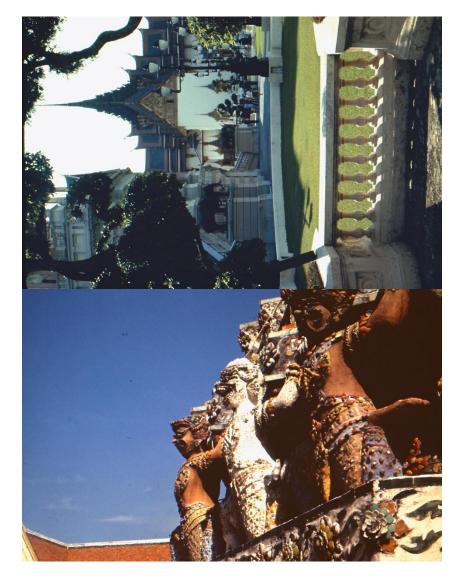


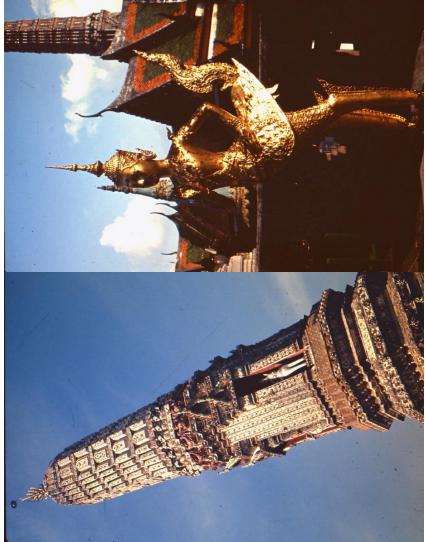




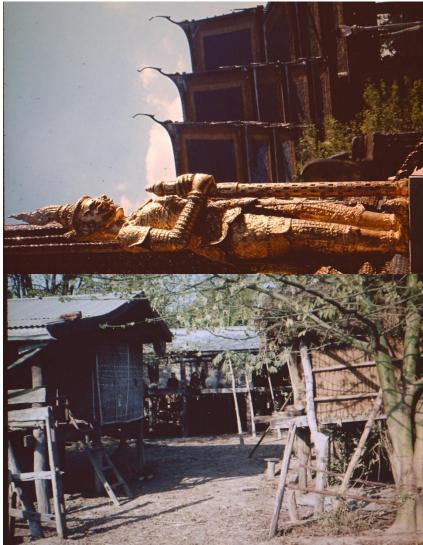






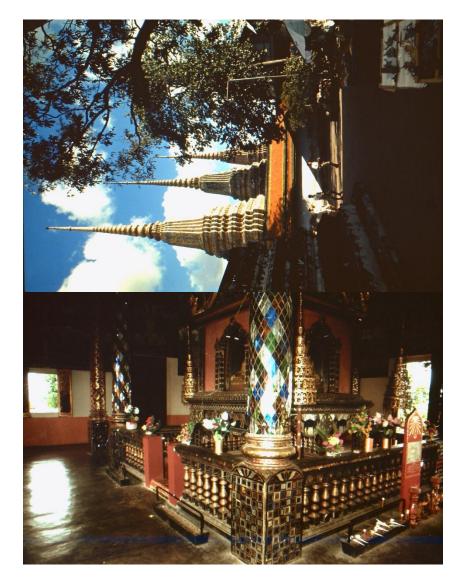




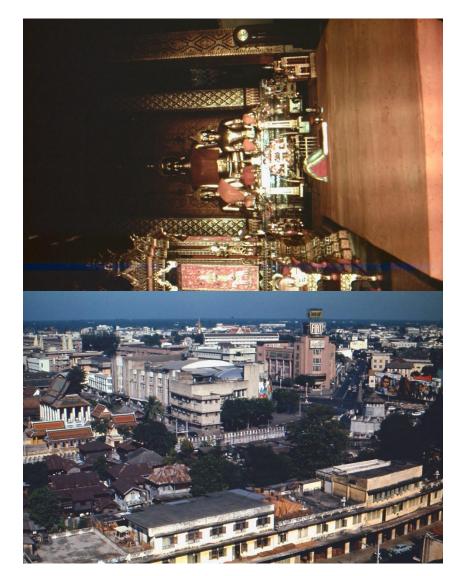


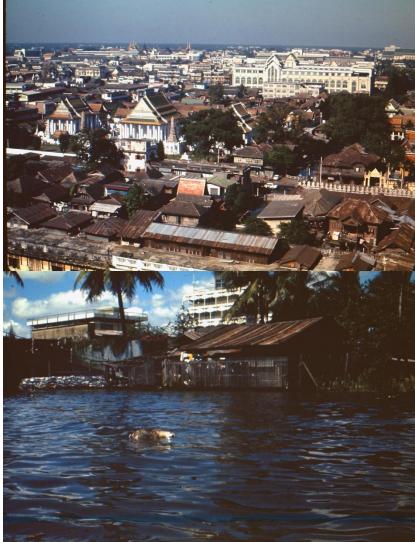


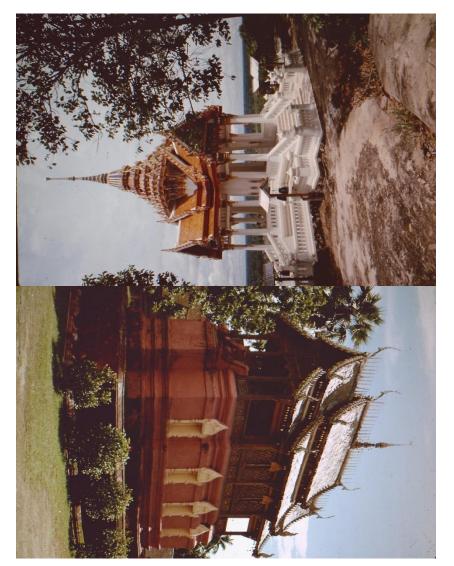










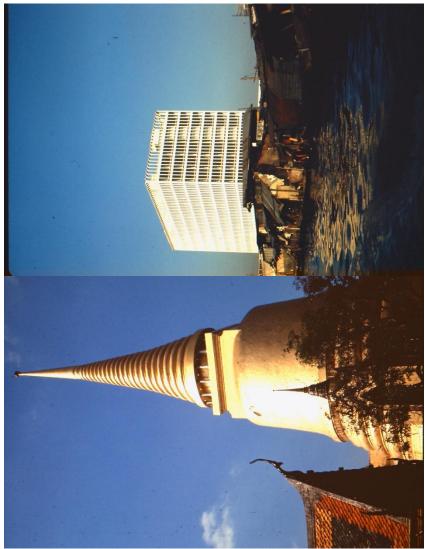


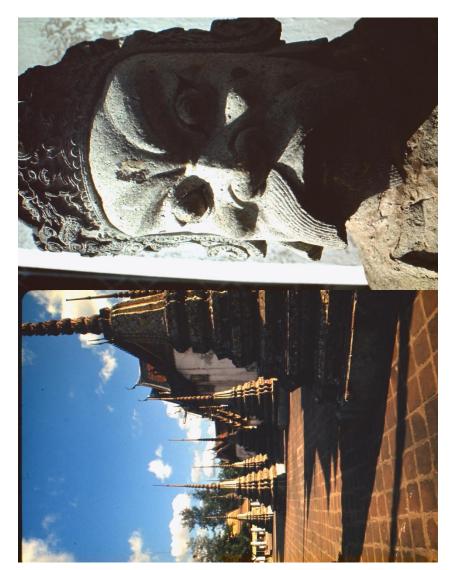


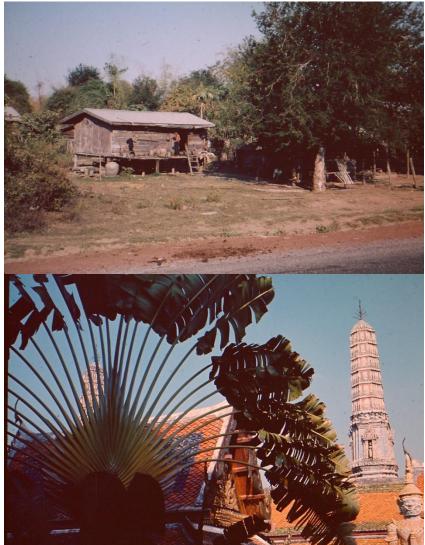










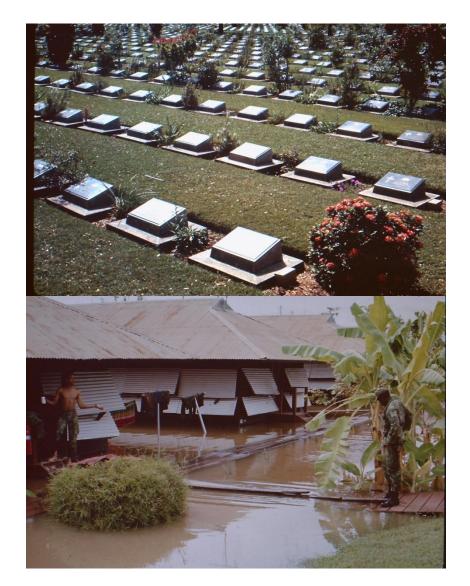






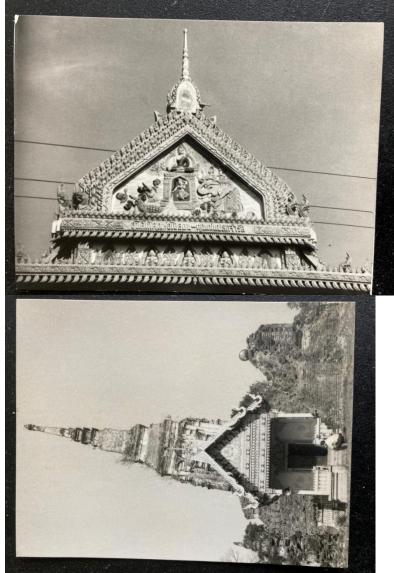










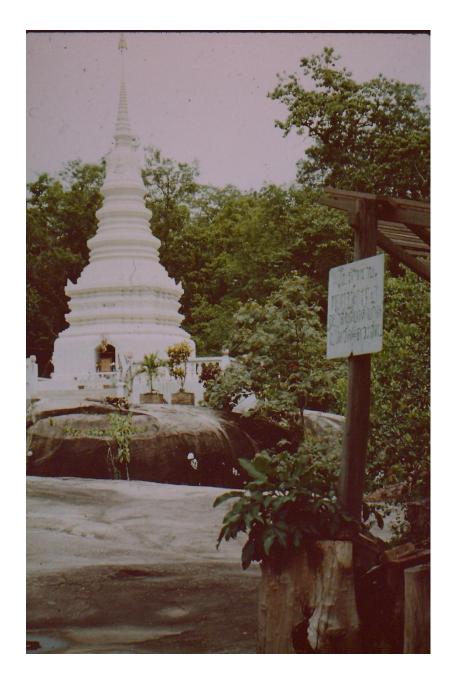






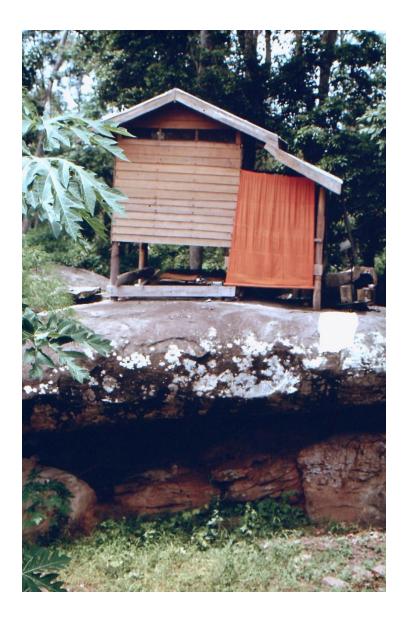












Compendium of HANS'
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Transportation

by Helga von Schweinitz

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## Introduction

This is a compendium of Hans von Schweinitz tour in Thailand from 1969 to 1970. Only the photos, scans, and information concerning his experience and fascination with Transportation are included herein. His AF career, travels throughout Thailand, fascination with Buddhism and general photos of Thailand are included in other compendiums.

Before Hans was stationed in Thailand, he was stationed in Upper Heyford, United Kingdom (England). Helga (neé Pörtner), Bettina (daughter), and Christopher (son) von Schweinitz continued living in Banbury, England.

Hans entered the United States Air Force on 18 October 1957 and retired on 31 October 1977 after 20 years. He was stationed in Thailand from 3Nov1969 to 10Dec1970 at 14th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand

Hans lived off base in Bangkok, and had to travel the local roads into work at Udorn Air Base. In 1970 very few roads were paved, actually they all seem to be still dirt roads. Which means that during the dry season there were deep sections of loose sand, and during the monsoon season the roads became rivers. Also, the Thai were inventive with methods of transportation, from animal power, human power, and motor power. In case it not obvious in the photos, in Thailand the driving is on the left side of the street, like in England.





In 1970, most transport was walking, but if you wanted to get anywhere faster, the most common methods was by rickshaw on land or by LongBoat on the water.



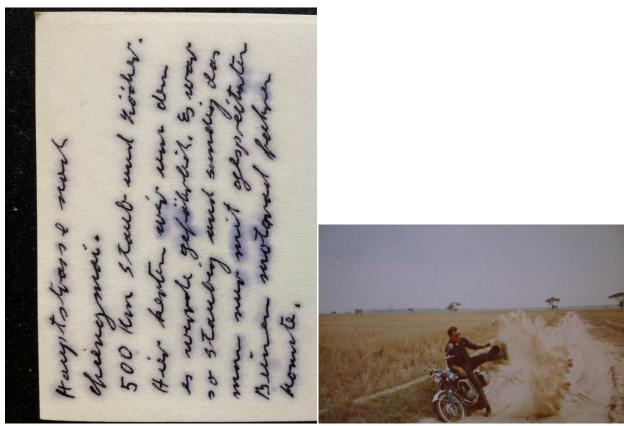


Animals were also used for transport, such as elephants and Water Buffalo. Around Bangkok it was common to see Water Buffalo, since they were often used to work the local crop fields. Other methods included using the local bus.





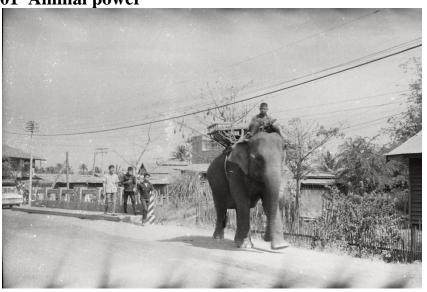
Of course there were plenty of motorized vehicles that worked well during good weather and on good roads. The monsoon left many vehicles stranded when animals, people, and rickshaws continued to travel. The photo on the right is the dirt road to Chiengmai. Hans wrote a caption on the back. In 1970, Hans still mostly wrote in German. Hans only began to learn how to speak English in 1957, and by 1970 he could speak English fluently but still preferred to write in German.



Hauptstrasse nach Chiengmai. 500 Km staub und Löcher. Hier kenten wir uns dem es wurde gefährlich. Es war so staubig und sundig das man nur mit gespreitenten Beinen motorad farhren konnte.

Main road to Chiangmai. 500 km dust and pot-holes. Here we knew it dangerous. It was so dusty and sandy that you could only ride a motorcycle while standing up on your legs.

01 Animal power

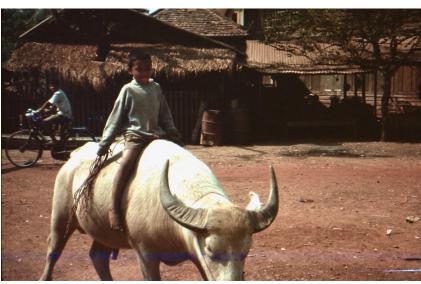




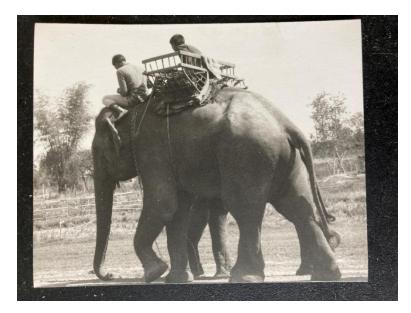








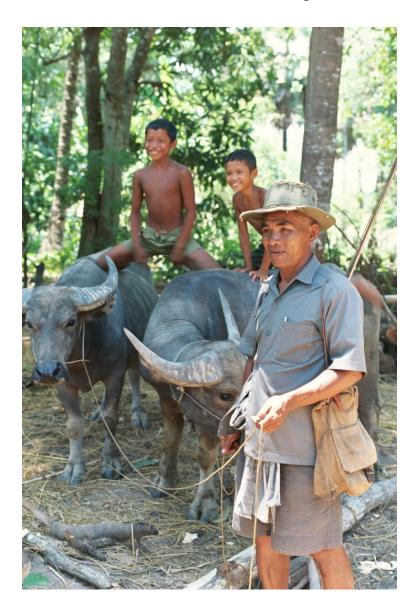






































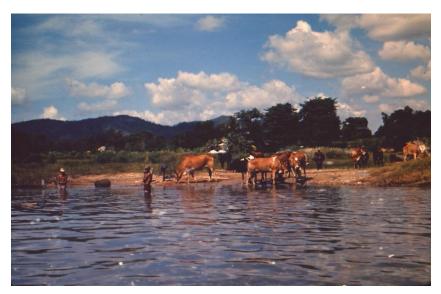
























































































































































































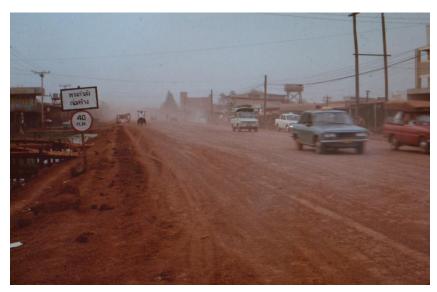
































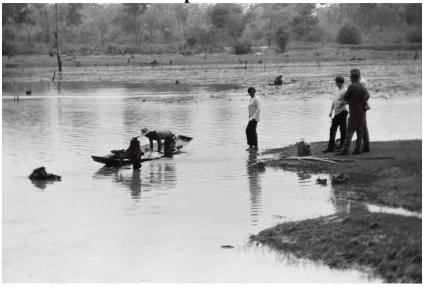


























































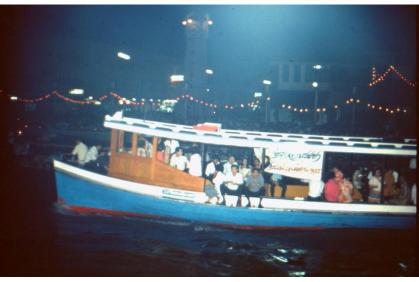




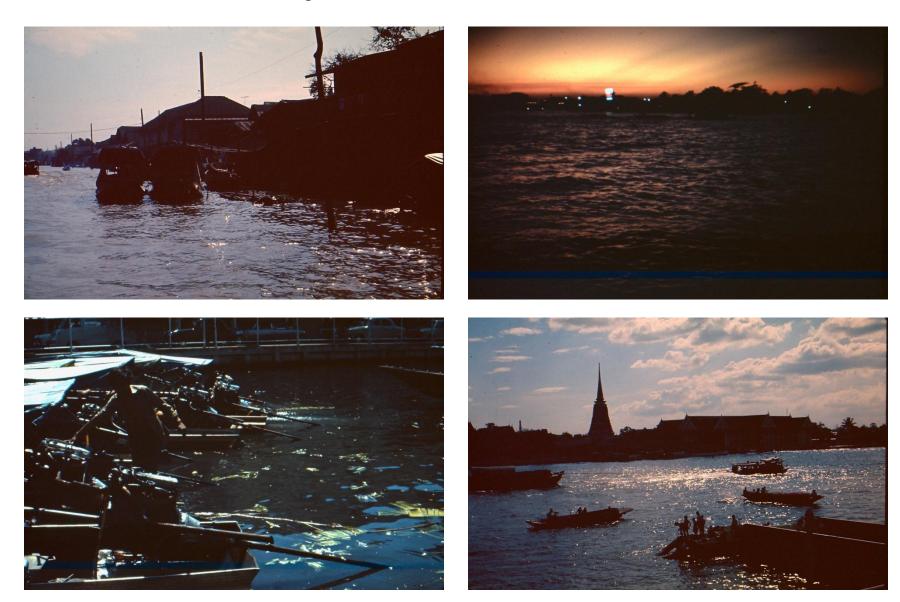


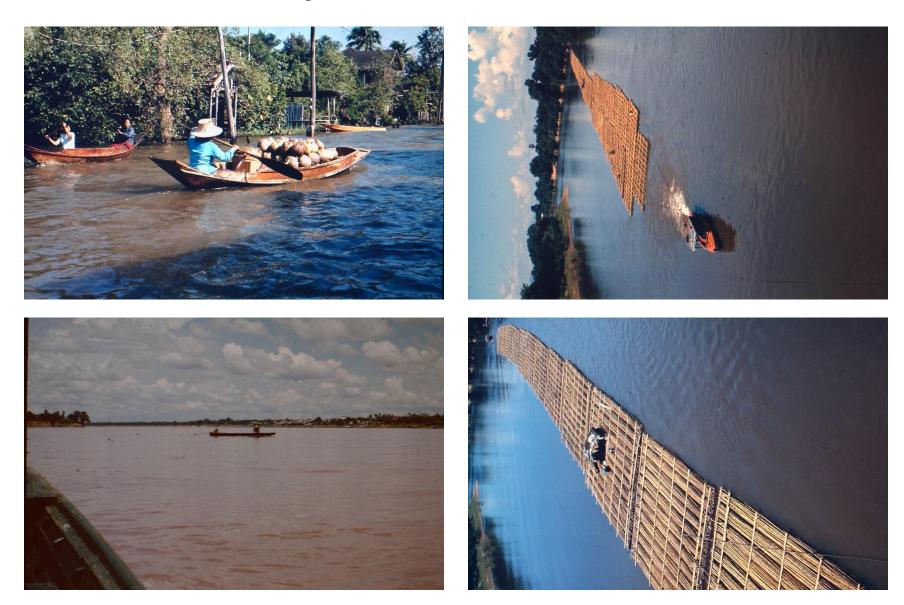














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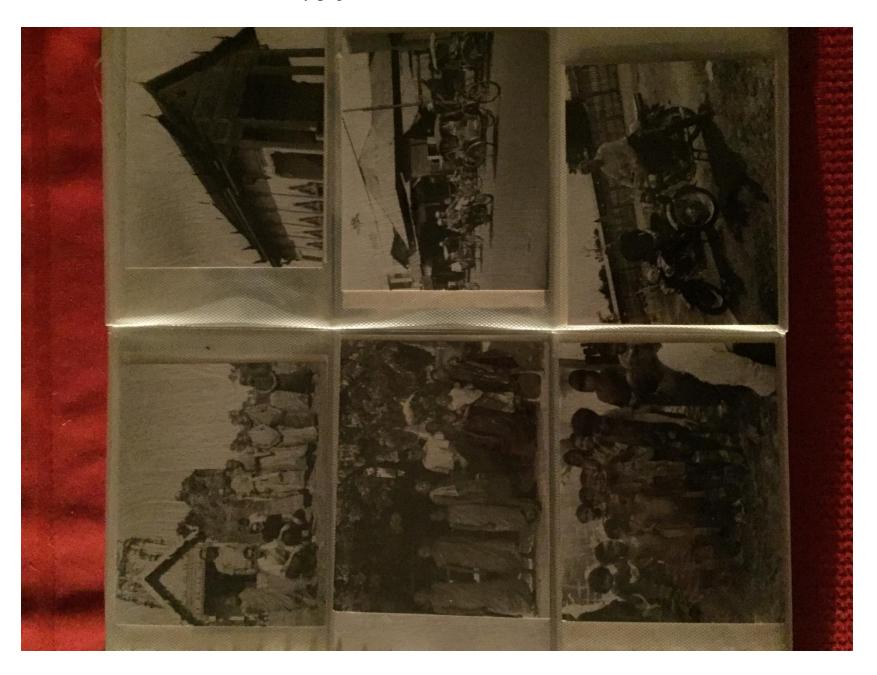


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## Introduction

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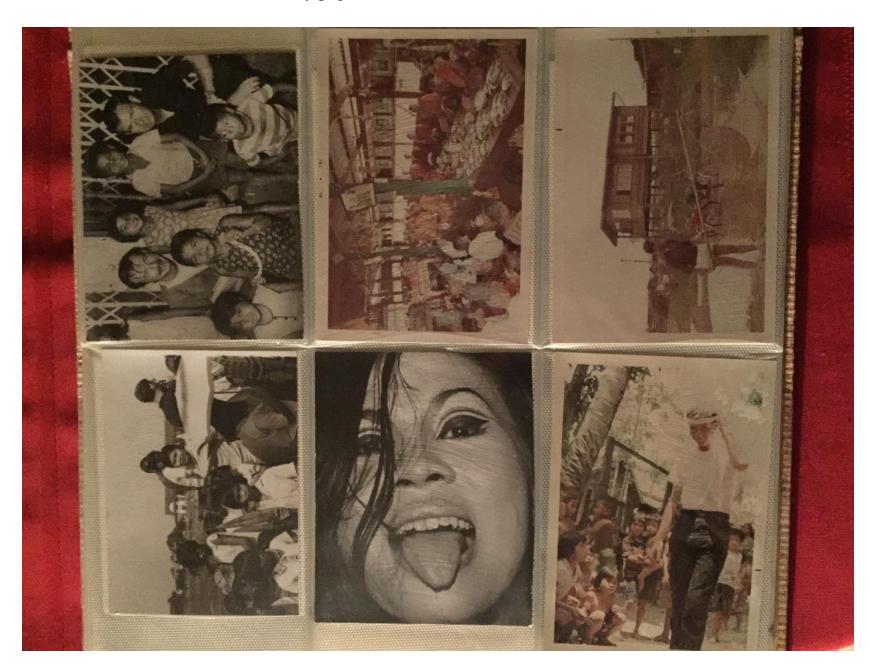










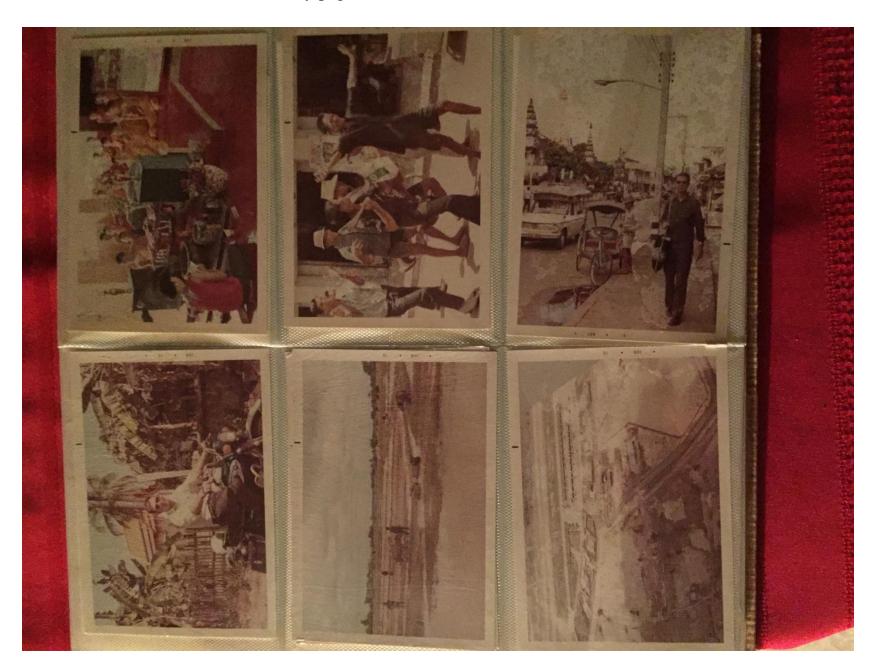


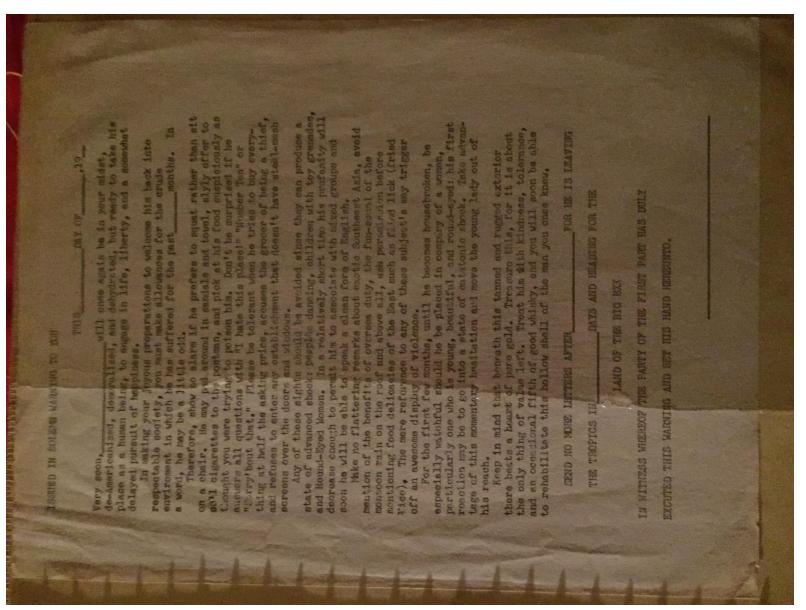












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