

Wanted: Contact info for the Cambodian pilot who flew a baby out of Phnom Penh in a Bassinet, April 1975. (Details 191203)

During the fall of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, April 1975 a pilot flew out a baby in a bassinet tucked between his legs. The baby survived, is grown, and is looking for her roots with the help of a producer, who is making a documentary of the story. The following is an excerpt from his plea for help. A Rustic or Raven FAC may have worked with or know him.

I am a producer working on a new documentary following a woman who is learning about her adoption from Cambodia in 1975. She was flown out of Phnom Penh on one of the last aircraft/helicopters before the city fell to the Khmer Rouge and would love to find the pilot, who apparently flew her from the city in a bassinet tucked between his legs!

We aren't sure of the name but there is a prime candidate:

Mr. Khong Lai (or Thais M. Lai), a Cambodian, was a former Continental Air Services pilot working for Yvette Pierpaoli, of and flying for Continental Air Services, Inc in Cambodia in the 1970s. He was a pilot who helped Hmong fighters, as well as flying our presenter out of Cambodia. He was granted refugee status in the USA in 1975, and unable to return to country or family. We think he would still be in the USA, if still alive.

Or the other possibility any of the USAF or Marine helicopter pilots who flew people out to aircraft carriers on April 12th 1975 in Operation Eagle Pull. That is the alternative.

If you have clue that would help this woman, please email Edward Wright <ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk>
