



Laotian Coast Guard



LCG: The Mission

- All major world powers have a coast guard agency to protect their adjacent naval activities. Laos has not yet extended its reach into the ocean.
- As part of Laos' ascent in the 21st century, it is imperative that we implement a naval government structure that enables us to participate globally on an even playing field with other major world powers.
- Since Laos is a land-locked country, our first task is to create a coast for Laos that we'll be able to guard. We have several proposals for how this objective might be achieved and several teams working on each. Descriptions of some of the more promising options and their team leads follow:

Operation: Occupy Vietnam



- Vietnam has long been divided and after their protracted military campaigns against the Americans in the 70's they are in no condition to repel a compelling show of force.

Team Lead: Lea "The Virus Whisperer" Gemmel

- Resenting the lack of domestic childhood beach vacations and Laotian men in naval uniforms, Lea knew her mission in life at an early age. Trained in secret underground laboratories in the art of espionage and the science of neurological viruses, she is now a celebrated member of the Vietnamese scientific community and plans to use a top-secret brain-control virus to convince the Vietnamese population they are deathly afraid of large bodies of water and to run for the northern hills. Her political favor will allow her access to Vietnamese heads of state, enabling her to further convince them to just hand over their now-unwanted lands between Laos and the South China Sea. If that doesn't work, she can still just kill them all. Ultimately, she just wants a beach-front laboratory staffed by Laotian men in naval uniforms.

Phôngsali

Phông Nán

Ban Houayxay

Xam Nua

Louangphrabang

Champasak

Operation: Raise the Global Sea Level



- By systematically melting the northern and southern ice caps we can raise the sea level by at least 100 meters, which will be enough to flood 80% of Vietnam and 45% of Thailand but only 7% of Laos. This will leave us with hundreds of kilometers of coastline.

Team Lead: Chris "Shades" Breaux

- Formerly a government climatologist, Shades was exiled from the US after trying to dispel rumors that Al Gore invented global warming. Naturally, he was trying to take credit for himself. His ultimate plan is to shrink the Earth's orbit around the sun, raising temperatures worldwide and melting the polar ice caps. Many think that the true intent behind his schemes are to flood Washington DC in an act of vengeance, but the truth is really that he's just sick of hearing the song "White Christmas". Due to his questionable immigration status, he tends to be very secretive, and is usually seen wearing sunglasses. (Though if you ask him about it, he'd claim he's just getting used to them ahead of time.)

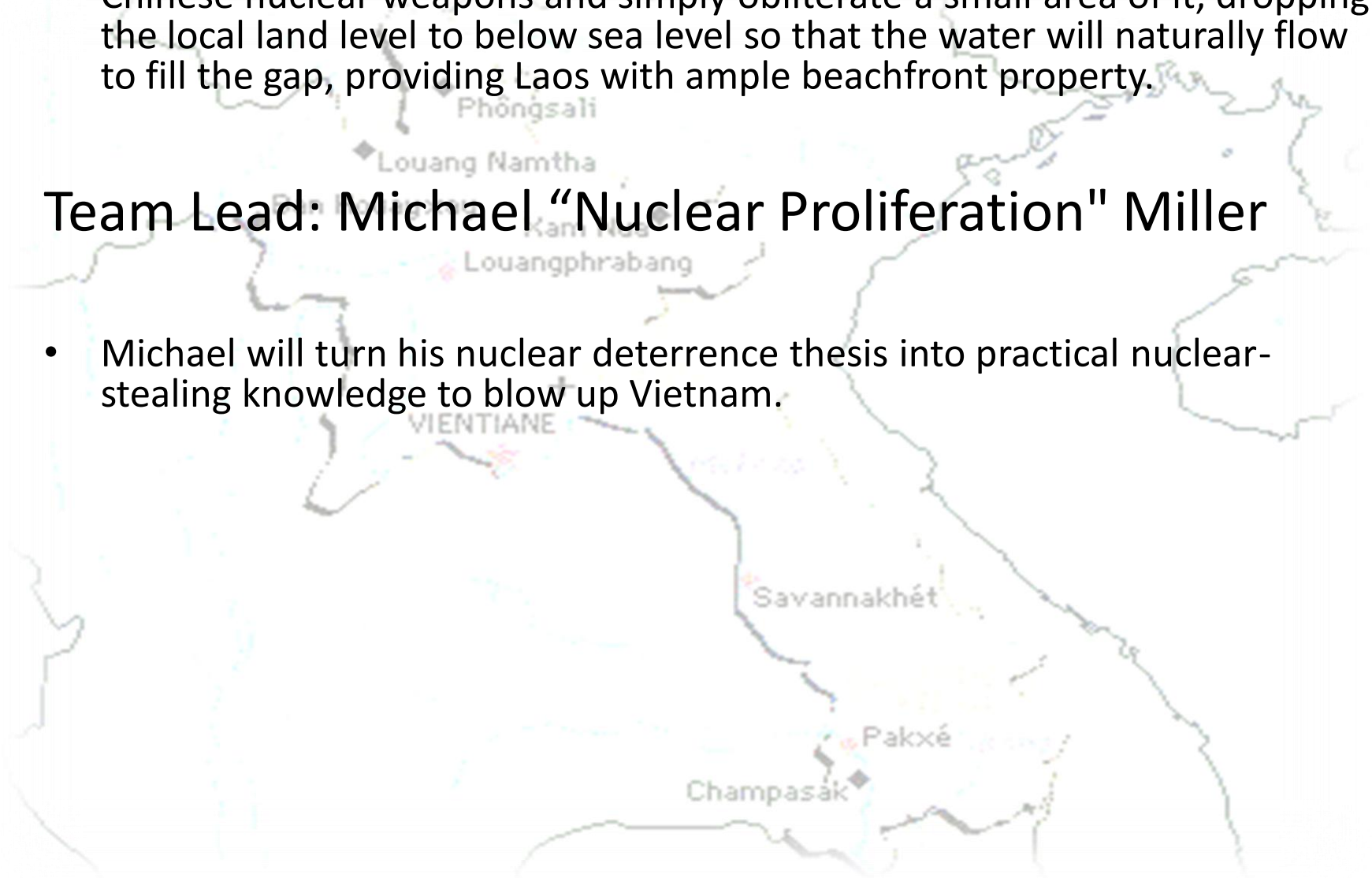
Operation: Nuke a Hole in Vietnam



- If Vietnam does not cooperate with our plans, we could acquire some Chinese nuclear weapons and simply obliterate a small area of it, dropping the local land level to below sea level so that the water will naturally flow to fill the gap, providing Laos with ample beachfront property.

Team Lead: Michael "Nuclear Proliferation" Miller

- Michael will turn his nuclear deterrence thesis into practical nuclear-stealing knowledge to blow up Vietnam.



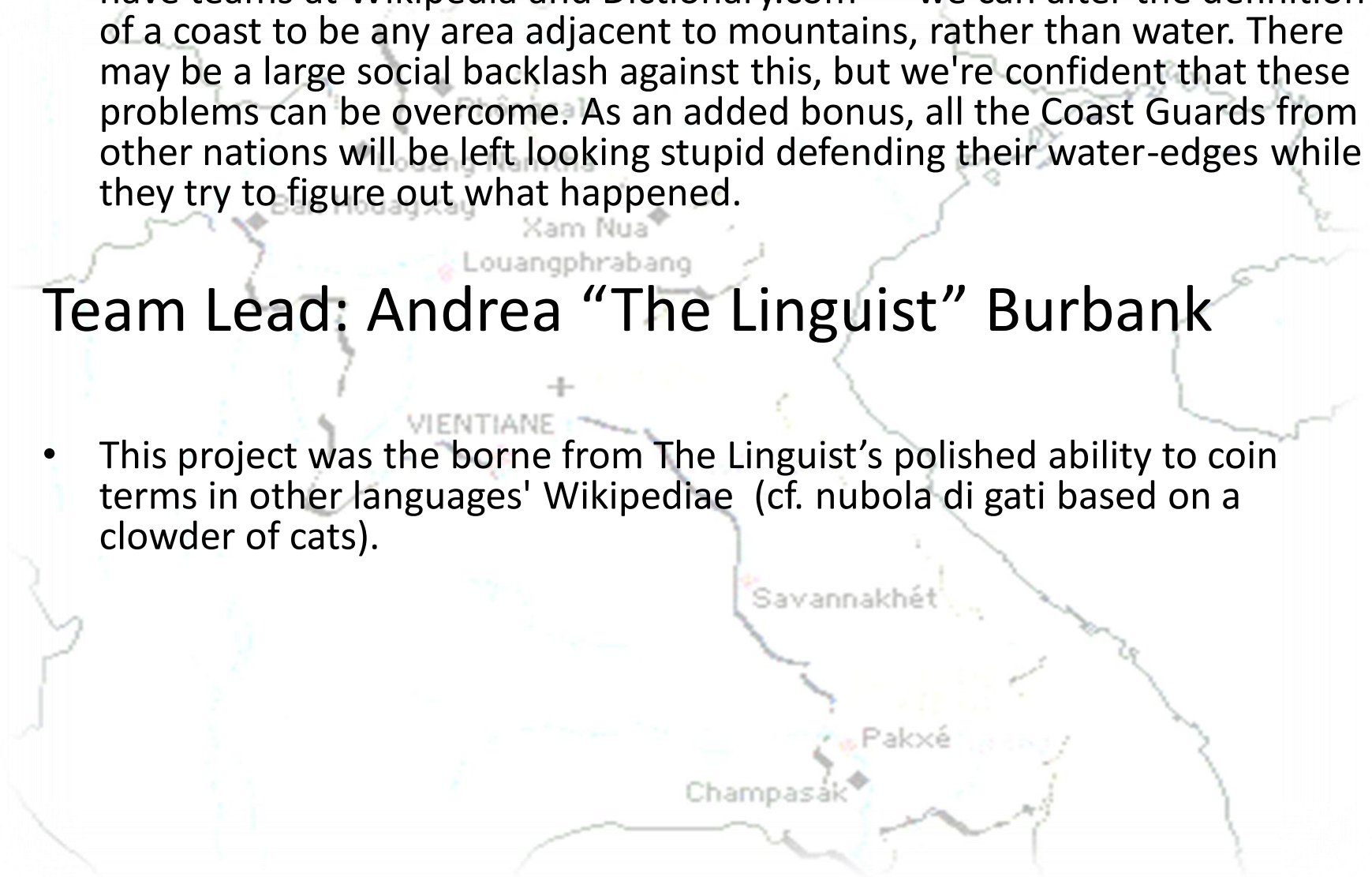
Operation: Redefine “Coast”



- Through subversion of multiple online information sources -- we already have teams at Wikipedia and Dictionary.com --- we can alter the definition of a coast to be any area adjacent to mountains, rather than water. There may be a large social backlash against this, but we're confident that these problems can be overcome. As an added bonus, all the Coast Guards from other nations will be left looking stupid defending their water-edges while they try to figure out what happened.

Team Lead: Andrea “The Linguist” Burbank

- This project was the borne from The Linguist’s polished ability to coin terms in other languages' Wikipediae (cf. nubola di gati based on a clowder of cats).



Operation: Burninate



- Through genetically modifying Kimodo Dragons, we are attempting to breed fearsome beasts capable of burrowing under our coast-rich neighbors. And to burninate their countryside. And thatched roof cottages! Ahem. With enormous tunnels to the seas and a fleet of dragons, Laos will be able to secure its much needed coastline.

Team Lead: Adam "The Engineer" Grossman

- Adam was trained in the deadly and mysterious arts of Scientific Engineering in his native Canada. Before being recruited by the LCG, he had a variety of careers as he rose through the ranks from Assistant Igloo Construction Intern in suburban Nunavut to Chief Destruction Officer of a discreet tactical missile company. Although originally hired for his expertise in munitions and their delivery, Adam's research suggests dragon-breeding as the most cost effective and globally intimidating destruction implementation.



Team Experience

- Chris Breaux (breaux.cm@gmail.com)
 - Played WHO: Bay Area recast, DASH 3, Free Kesef, 4-5 Stanford/dorm games from 2003-2007. Playtested miscellaneous clues.
- Adam Grossman (adam.grossman@rms.com)
 - Played 2 Games: Free Kesef and DASH3.
- Marlea Gemmel (marleagemmel@gmail.com)
 - Played 2 Games: Free Kesef and DASH3.
- Andrea Burbank (aburbank@gmail.com)
 - Played ~10 Stanford games, helped GC for two. Played in all the BANGs since 21, the last two Microsoft Puzzle Hunts and a Safari, and in the WHO Bay Area recast. Had a puzzle-themed wedding (with Michael Miller).
- Michael Miller (michmill@gmail.com)
 - Played ~10 Stanford games, integral part of GC for two. Played in almost all the BANGs since 21, the last two Microsoft Puzzle Hunts and a Safari, and in the WHO Bay Area recast. Created a puzzle hunt to propose to his girlfriend, leading to a puzzle-themed wedding (with Andrea Burbank).