



FAX

Date: 11 May, 2001
To: Bill Jordan – ICFTU General Secretary
David Cockroft – IFT General Secretary
John Evans – General Secretary TUAC
Fax to 0011 32 22 015 815
From: Tony Wheeler
Re: Burma/Myanmar
No of pages including this sheet: 1

Dear Sirs

Thanks for your memo of 3 May 2001 – addressed to Steve Hibbard at our office – concerning Burma/Myanmar.

I am very concerned about the comment in the memo that:

- We have found reliable information that your company either operates in Burma, has business relations with the country, or has been in direct contact with the officials of the regime.

Clearly your information is not reliable. We publish a book about Burma/Myanmar. That book about Burma/Myanmar is banned in Burma/Myanmar. It would be very difficult for us to have business relations with a regime which has banned our publication.

We do, however, also publish a phrasebook to the Burmese language. A pirated edition of that phrasebook is widely available in Burma/Myanmar. Perhaps your 'reliable' source mistook this stolen version for our own publication?

In answer to your queries:

- Lonely Planet Publications has not traded with, does not trade with and does not plan to trade with private or public Burmese companies, enterprises, organisations or institutions.
- Lonely Planet Publications has not in the past exported to, does not currently export to and does not plan to export to any private or public Burmese companies, enterprises, organisations or institutions.
- Lonely Planet Publications has not imported from, does not currently import from and does not plan to import from private or public Burmese companies, enterprises, organisations or institutions.
- Lonely Planet Publications has not had investment links with, does not currently have investment links with and does not plan to have investment links with private or public Burmese companies, enterprises, organisations or institutions.

I am deeply concerned that the misinformation you have been given by your reliable source may have been spread to other people, institutions and organisations. Please let me know as quickly as possible what you are doing to correct this possibility.

Yours sincerely

Tony Wheeler

REG. N°	REC. ON
002727	11-5-01
DEPT. IN.....	FILE...503.....

Burma



Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd ABN 38 005 607 883
 Locked Bag 1, Footscray, Victoria 3011, Australia; Office: 90 Maribymong St, Footscray, Victoria 3011, Australia
 Telephone: +61 3 8379 8000; Facsimile: +61 3 8379 8050; Email: tonyw@lonelyplanet.com.au

FAX

Date: 16 November, 2001
To: ICFTU - CISL - IBFG - CIOSL
 Bill Jordan, David Cockroft, John Evans
 0011 32 22 015 815
From: Tony Wheeler
Re: your fax of 14 November
No of pages including this sheet: 1

Mr Bill Jordan
 ICFTU General Secretary

Mr David Cockroft
 ITF General Secretary

Mr John Evans
 General Secretary TUAC

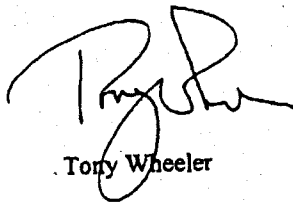
Dear Sirs

Thank for your fax of 14 November headed Burma: Lonely Planet's activities.

If publishing material about a country constitutes links to it then we certainly do have 'links' to Burma, in fact I think we have 'links' to just about every country on earth. If publishing a book about a country does 'have the effect of encouraging the public to visit that country' then I suppose we are also 'encouraging the public' to visit Afghanistan since we are currently fielding many enquiries about that country and have made the Afghanistan chapter of our Central Asia book available on our website.

I do not believe my job is to encourage anybody to go anywhere. If people decide to go somewhere or if they simply want to find out more about someplace - and it would appear that at present the US military is creating a great deal of interest in Afghanistan - then I am determined to provide as much information as possible.

Yours sincerely


 Tony Wheeler

REG. NO	REC. ON
006631	16-11-01
FILE	503 Burma