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Rev. D. I. Jeffrey
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Dear Mr. Jeffrey,

Many thanks for your letter containing the mandat for 230\$00, and also for the two following letters referring to outstanding matters. Herein enclosed please find receipt and a statement of account to date.

The Quocs arrived unexpectedly at 1.30 a.m. in the rain at Haiphong chapel. Going upstairs they found that there was a woman in the same room with the preacher, Mr. Ngoi. Being very suspicious, and hearing evil talk by others, they told me of it. Last Saturday I questioned Ngoi who, after an hour's grilling, finally made a confession of misconduct with the woman.

Taking into consideration his faithful service while under Mr. Jackson, this latter's attachment to him, and the fact that by allowing him to live as our preacher without his wife being with him our mission had failed in its duty to him, I treated him leniently, merely sending him back to his wife and family in the country, of course stopping his salary from the time of leaving Haiphong. The matter of his attending the Tourane School was left over till ex. com.

To ensure no repetition of the offence and to stop talking, I personally saw him to the Nam-Dinh steamer at one o'clock, ~~only~~ to find that Mr. Ngoi had again deceived me, the boat not sailing to four and he also having no baggage with him to speak of. I sent him back for his baggage and then saw him on the steamer at four. To my surprise and indignation I received a letter from Mr. Quoc last evening in which he told me that Mr. Ngoi had been seen in Haiphong Monday afternoon, had eaten at the house of one of the Christians, and had ~~again~~ tried to get the woman to go off with him. I have sent this letter to Mr. R. M. Jackson. Thus Mr. Ngoi deceived me after all and evidently got off the steamer at the first stop and returned to Haiphong against my express order and his agreement with me.

Therefore I have decided that he MUST be made an example of. Our mission is getting too loose along the line of morality. I suppose he sent you in his application to attend school, but was it signed by Mr. Jackson or myself? I now refuse to give the least recommendation for Mr. Ngoi to enter our Bible School. His conduct has been shameful and disgraceful, and he merits the severest punishment. I am expecting a letter from him in his home near Nam-Dinh, as agreed upon that he should send me as proof that he had returned home at once. Unless he finds out I know he has again been in Haiphong I fully expect such a letter to come. Then I shall reply exposing his further deceitfulness, and saying that I personally refuse to recommend him for school. Then when the ex. com. meets they can take further action.

I am very thankful to say that the Quocs seem to have settled down very nicely in Haiphong. The old preacher kept them waiting a week before he quit his big room over the chapel and left it for them, again right in disobedience to my orders. Last Sunday most of the Christians were out, excepting two or three who are in "thick and tin" with the preacher, and whom I now know were members of a card-playing party, - owing to a case being brought up in the court. Mr. Quoc has felt somewhat discouraged, but realizes it is the LORD'S work, and is starting in nobly on a real spiritual ministry. In his letter last evening he spoke of one man having come out for the LORD Tuesday evening and having prayed. It is encouraging and I expect much from his ministry. How sorely we need the Quocs in Hanoi! Here the work, owing to newspaper opposition and corruptness inside, is falling to pieces.

This morning I gave Mr. Ap his ultimatum that by the end of this month he **MUST** have his wife and family with him here in Hanoi. It means \$32 monthly and their travelling expenses (wife and four children), but this is preferable to sin and obstruction of the work. He says he cannot do it, but I refuse to even discuss it with him. Nobody has ever seen his wife and children, and he says they know nothing of the Gospel. Therefore if by the end of this month his family is not forthcoming, I shall send him away till the next ex. com. meeting. I prefer to have nobody here rather than have him here without his wife. As to Mr. Thai I am against him also along this line. I can find no sin, and he does **SEEM** to have made spiritual progress. However he is a single man and the mission does not have to pay for absent family as has been done in Haiphong in Ngoi's case. I feel sure that taking this strong course is going to clear out the "Augean Stables," and show that this mission will not stand for just any old thing that is concocted.

The newspaper articles are getting more bitter against our mission. Last week the "L'Avenir" came out with a three-column editorial. Incidentally they gave me a personal "rub," but as far as I am concerned it is simply like "water running off a duck's back." But these various articles are stirring up public opinion, and it seems strange to Mrs. Cadman and me to have people again staring at us as during the war. We need to be much in prayer and exercise greater caution than ever. This specially applies to Faifoo and vicinity. There you are outside of all protection, humanly speaking, and it is there the first attack will be made.

Now must come to a close. The work here is very discouraging from all points of view, but we are not ourselves discouraged. We are really getting accustomed to being attacked, and find that eventually the LORD just turns these attacks into blessings. We feel tremendously sorry for the Jacksons. They will be terribly disappointed when they hear about their preacher whom they thought so much of. He certainly has left a "bad odour" in the Haiphong work. We need to hold up the Quocs in prayer. Now that the old preacher has gone we may send the Biblewoman down there to help out. We could not before as there were, now I remember, immoral tales about the preacher and her ^{self} which Mr. Jackson told me were untrue and unfounded. Trust he was right, although the awful sayings of this old preacher and his persistent denials of guilt now make me feel there may have been something in the old tales. But there, that would involve Co Hau, and I believe she is as "true as steel." We need to pray for the weak people. With kindest regards from us to one and all in Tourane,

Yours in HIM,

J. B. God