

RESUME OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH JACK REVELLE

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The situation around Banmethuot is about the same. The government has sent in more troops, and the fighting has stabilized. The radio of the people who are in Banmethuot faded out, which probably indicates their batteries are dead, and radio contact has been lost for the present. The place has been photographed from the air and the area of the city where they are still looks to be undamaged to any great extent. The Johnson's still have not been heard from.

Jack reported that Dick Phillips had, about a week before the attack began, been suffering from physical exhaustion. However, the reports by radio when that contact was still live, indicated that all of the people were in good spirits, and seemed to be getting along all right.

Pleiku. John Hall has joined his wife in Saigon, and the two of them are going out of the country for their normal mid-term break. Joan Downes was operated on recently, and has had a nagging infection. She, therefore, has not been moved out of Pleiku as yet. The Downes are due for furlough within a matter of a few months. Jack asked whether approval could be given for them to leave on furlough right away, and I gave the approval for that. Dr. and Mrs. Greene, and Olive Kingsbury have chosen to stay in Pleiku because of the need of medical personnel with the refugees who have fled into the city, and the number of wounded who need treatment. Margaret Herren came to Saigon, but requested permission to return to Pleiku because she, as a nurse, also feels she is needed there. Sharon Allwine is still in Pleiku at the present time. The U.S. Embassy has told Jack that if a crisis situation should develop in the Pleiku area, they will send in a special plane to evacuate these people out.

Jack reports that presently things seem to be slowing down somewhat around the country, though there are areas where fighting continues to be very intense. There is some uncertainty as to just how the situation is going to develop. It is not certain yet whether this is a general offensive and an all-out effort by the north. One town 16 kilometers out from Saigon has been attacked. The road to Tay Ninh has been cut. Reports indicate that the North Vietnamese are massing tanks on the Cambodian border near the province town or city of Tay Ninh.

The Dalat/Dilinh/BaoLoc area is quiet. NhaTrang is OK. There is no activity reported there. In the TamKy area, which is located about 80 miles south of Danang, fighting is very heavy.

Rick Drummond is suffering from stomach upset and hives. The Companjen's are in Danang with the Drummond's. The request that we notify the Holland Board of their whereabouts and their safety. The Heath's are in BaoLoc, and Pearl Goodwin is in Dalat, also the David Beack's are in Dalat.

I told Jack that it had been decided that Dr. L. L. King and I would be coming to Saigon, probably early next week. He said, "Fine." They would be glad to see us.