MISSION ÉVANGÉLIQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE FRANÇAISE

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COCHINCHINE

Dear Ivory,

I am sending Lieu, Hai and four or five others who will be students on the "Orenoque".

This past month or more we have been having considerable with Liệu, [illegible] We have caught him quite frequently in lies and evading the truth. For instance, this colporteur, who went astray, had told Liệu what he was preaching, and instead of coming to me and telling me, he said "oh, I just prayed for him." Since then there have been specific cases of real sin in the church, which he has purposely kept from me, because he was afraid of getting in wrong with the people. When he first came ~~her~~ here, he was humble and the Lord used him, but lately he has been buying new European clothes, and swanking around and it has gone to his head. He will compromise with sin, at any time, in order to gain favor with the natives, and against me as a foreigner. I am not surprised at this, though, after what I heard, that all our preachers agreed among themselves. Jackson wrote me from Chaudoc that Liệu had been doing some dirty work at Chaudoc, and that he will have Liệu called up on the Conference floor, ~~to~~ answer certain charges by him. Herb feels pretty hot about it, and he also says that Mr. Robinson will have something interesting to tell me, about him when I see him. I am going to Saigon to see the men off and I will add to this letter what Mr. Robinson has to say.

We have decided that we had better wait here till Mr. Irwin comes. I have to wait till then, and Mrs. Smith is really not able to take care of Bobbie alone on the boat, especially if it proved rocky.

I managed to get one of our colporteurs, who had been selling books at higher prices, and Liệu knew all along who told me about the matter, but what do you suppose he did? Went to that fellow and told him, that I wanted him back in Sadec immediately, as Mr. Jackson had sent a wire to me saying that this man was not straight'. I knew he was lying, when he said he thought I had re-