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The Reverend Doctor L. L. King, President
Christian & Missionary Alliance
Nyack, New York 10960

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My dear Dr. King:

It was a great privilege to be able to speak with you on the long distance telephone and I thank you sincerely for this opportunity.

I was deeply grateful for the privilege of discussing with you the safety of our personnel in Vietnam. We have a total of sixteen persons in Vietnam, ten adults and six children, associated with our studios and offices there. Two of these, Mrs. Chung thi Hoang Bich, and her young daughter, Nguyen Chung Hoang Nga, have now safely arrived at Manila, Philippines. Our efforts continue for the safe evacuation of the remaining fourteen.

It was striking to me that our experiences have been rather parallel.

(Incidentally, Dr. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, San Bernardino, called a few moments ago, and I reviewed the entire matter with him also. They are also doing everything humanly possible for their co-workers in Cambodia and Vietnam. Some of their staff will be over here at 1:30 this afternoon to go into the matter further.)

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to our Directrix for Saigon, under date of April 15, 1975, upon her safe arrival in Manila, outlining the general nature of the efforts we have put forth through various governmental channels. I am sure that all of these are familiar to you, and that you have done very much the similar pattern of contacts.

We shall continue to remember your personnel in prayer also, and those of Campus Crusade for Christ; and I ask that you will also remember our personnel in your intercessions.

If anything of any particular significance occurs I will take the liberty of being in touch with you by long distance telephone, to keep you apprised of developments. I was deeply touched by the cables from Cambodia and Vietnam which you read, and am heartbroken with you relative to the desperate need of the personnel.


I also appreciated very deeply the privilege of speaking with you relative to the possibility of radio broadcasting over our powerful new transmitter, Radio Station DWRF, into Cambodia and Laos.

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Pursuant to your kind invitation I am herewith sending a separate letter setting forth a specific proposal relative to your broadcasting into Cambodia and Laos. We shall be much in prayer relative to this matter, and would very much like to see you continue your ministry into these two areas, where you have done such magnificent work down through the decades, by means of radio.

With a prayer for God's overflowing blessing and all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours in the Savior's service,


Eugene R. Bertermann
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: A. Dale Golding

April 15, 1973

Mrs. Bich Quang, Vietnamese Department
Far East Broadcasting Company (Phils.), Inc.
P. O. Box 2041
Manila, Philippines

Dear Bich:

COMMUNICATION #23

By this time you will doubtless have received my cable of praise to God, upon your safe arrival, and that of your daughter, Nga, in the Philippines. I have cabled as follows:

WE PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR AND YOUR DAUGHTER'S SAFE ARRIVAL
MANILA STOP OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER CONTINUE ON YOUR
BEHALF AND THOSE OF OUR COWORKERS IN VIETNAM

I can't begin to tell you how deeply grateful we are for God's rich blessing and protection, in bringing you and your daughter safely from Vietnam to the Philippines. We have been remembering you in prayer regularly each day, both in chapel at 8 o'clock each morning, as well as in our private devotions. On two occasions we simply set aside everything else, and gathered together in a period of extended prayer.

Our thoughts now inevitably turn to the remaining fourteen in Vietnam, and we pray God that He may grant us the grace safely to evacuate them. In the event they are now in transit, we particularly pray that God may grant them the protection of His holy angels, and soon consummate their safe arrival, presumably in the Philippines.

I trust that my prior correspondence has reached you satisfactorily, and I was eager in this way to keep you apprised relative to the various contacts I have made with different government figures. Perhaps it might serve a useful purpose to summarize these, at least in broad outline, so that you might begin thinking in terms of composing some communication to be sent to them in due course.

(1) ARMED FORCES: I have last evening spoken with General Richard Stilwell, Commanding General, U. S. Forces, Korea, requesting his help, both in general, as well as specifically in behalf of your husband, Captain Quang. I have spoken to him upon the suggestion of Dr. John Broger, one of the founders of FEBC, currently head of the Department of Information of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Pentagon. Because of the special significance this contact holds for the possible transfer of Captain Quang, I herewith enclose a copy of the letter I have just written to General Stilwell which I believe you will find self-explanatory.

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(2) WHITE HOUSE: I have sent a telegram to President Gerald R. Ford, listing the names of our sixteen Vietnamese people, and requesting their inclusion in any mass evacuation efforts by the United States Government of U.S.-related people.

(3) DEPARTMENT OF STATE: I have spoken with The Honorable Philip Habib, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, requesting the intervention and cooperation of the Department of State. Mr. Habib indicated that he would be in touch with The Honorable Graham Martin, United States Ambassador in Saigon, and furnish the names of our people to him. You will recall that Ambassador Habib formerly served as United States Ambassador in Seoul, Korea.

I have also been in touch with The Honorable Armin Meyer, formerly U. S. Ambassador in Tokyo, who was very helpful to us in conjunction with the treaty of reversion of Okinawa to the sovereignty of Japan.

(4) CHAPLAINCY: One of our staunchest helpers has been Major General Gerhardt W. Hyatt, U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains. Since contacting General Hyatt initially, I have heard from him quite a number of times. He stated that he had recently performed the wedding ceremony for General and Mrs. Homer Smith, the current military attache in the U.S. Embassy at Saigon. This morning he called again, stating that he had received a fine four-page letter from General Smith, indicating that he had been in touch with our people in Vietnam, and was maintaining close contact, in the endeavor to include our people in any mass evacuation effort by the United States Government of U.S.-related Vietnamese individuals.

(5) UNITED STATES SENATE: I have spoken with The Honorable Carl Curtis, United States Senator from Nebraska; and The Honorable Mark Hatfield, United States Senator from Oregon. Both of these are outstanding Christians, and people with whom we have been related down through the years, largely through the work of the National Religious Broadcasters. *points*

(6) UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: I have been in touch with such representatives as the following: The Honorable Albert Quie, United States Representative from Minnesota; The Honorable John B. Conlan, United States Representative from Arizona; The Honorable Del Clawson, and The Honorable Charles Wiggins, United States Representatives from California.

Congressman Quie served as the Chairman of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D. C. on January 30.

Congressman Conlan has been particularly helpful. He is an outstanding Christian, and recently appeared here in the Southern California area, where I had an opportunity of seeing him in person. I was deeply touched by the fact that on the day following, Congressman Conlan called

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me from a roadside telephone, as he was traveling by automobile between Fresno and Bakersfield, California. This was a touching evidence of his concern and Christian compassion.

We are eagerly looking forward to the privilege of receiving word directly from you, and I will deeply appreciate your kindness in granting us the privilege of receiving a fuller and more complete account.

We, in turn, will keep you apprised relative to developments here. And we shall be much in prayer, doing everything in our power, through prayer, word and deed, to help effect the evacuation and release of the remaining fourteen in Vietnam.

Ruth and Debbie, as well as our entire Home Office staff, join in sending loving greetings, together with the assurance of our prayers for God's rich blessing.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am

Yours in the Savior's service,

Eugene R. Bertermann
Executive Director

Enclosure

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