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Telephone conversation with Grady Mangham - April 21, 1975

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Mr. Mangham: I am calling from Bombay - is there any word from Viet Nam? ^{FILE}

Mr. Kerr: I think I have already given you the word that we received from the State Dept. confirmation that the ICC man who came out said that our people were being held captive in Pleiku Province in a stockade. That word came to us Thursday, I think -- that they are safe, that there are 14 Caucasians being held in a stockade north of Banmethuot-- they are all held together with the North Vietnamese in this one place.

We do not say where the information has come from, as the State Dept. asked - we say only that the information came from a reliable source.

Dr. King: It is most important that no one know the source of this information. Just say 'from reliable sources.'

Mr. Mangham: I'll be sure that it is not mentioned.

I want to tell you what I have done about Cambodia. I contacted the Embassy in Bangkok on Friday and made an appointment. Gene Hall and Andy Bishop are both down in Penang - I made an appointment for Norm Ens to go into the Embassy in Bangkok today to talk to them about any possibility of getting anyone back into Cambodia. I also called Gene Hall in Penang and asked him to contact the Cambodian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, and if it were encouraging from them, that he should go to Kuala Lumpur and talk to them there. I told Norm Ens if he got any encouraging word to call Gene and asked that Gene and Andy come to Bangkok right away, and if the Embassy suggested that someone could go to Phnom Penh to talk with government officials, that Andy Bishop should be the one to go and talk to them about the hospital.

I also talked to Jean Jacque Piaget and asked him to go to the French Embassy and ask about his getting back into Phnom Penh as the representative of the ACM (?) of France, to see if this were possible, also to ask if it seemed advisable to make contact with the Cambodian representative in Paris, and if so, that I will stop in Paris and request Breuil to go with me to see the Cambodian government officials there.

Is there any word out of Lebanon?

Mr. Kerr: We have had nothing since the last word - I think I told you the Camps' has escaped up into the mountains - the Taylor's are safe - Sami Dagher and Peter are in a dangerous area, and no further word has come through from the field since then. Letters are apparently being censored and telephone calls are apparently being cut off when you begin to ask about mail.

Mr. Mangham: I'm planning to stop in there. Do you think it is advisable? I've been able to get bookings in there OK.

Mr. Kerr: I think it is advisable. Harry and the folks are expecting you, I believe. It would be very good to get caught up on all of the back correspondence. We haven't had anything from them, or they from us for 5 weeks. - even cables are apparently not getting through.

Mr. Mangham: OK - I'll go ahead and go in there, and be in contact with them

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Dr. King: Grady, is anyone coming to the World Alliance Fellowship from Cambodia?

Mr. Mangham: No one was able to get out of Phnom Penh.

Dr. King: Son Sonne couldn't get out?

Mr. M. No, he couldn't get out

Dr. King: Is Lim Chheong's wife with him in Zamboange?

Mr. M. Yes, and I had suggested to Gene that if no body got out, that we ought to consider asking Lim Chheong to come to represent Cambodia.

Dr. King: Yes, I think so. But nobody got out? No one?

Mr. M: Nobody got out. No. Son Sonne had a booking to fly out on the 15th but the plane didn't fly that day, so he didn't make it.

Dr. King: Oh, that's too bad.

Mr. Kerr: One more question: Is McCarthy from Thailand resigning or is he getting a leave of absence, would you know?

Mr. M: I told him that I thought under his circumstances that probably resignation was the best route, because he isn't certain at all that he will be returning after a year, or even two.

Mr. Kerr: OK, we just wanted to know here so we will know how to put it in the record.

Dr. King: What about the Phillips, Johnson, and Mitchell children at Dalat? How are they getting along?

Mr. M. I talked with them personally when I was there. I asked them what they wanted to do when school was out. Some of them - the older Phillips girl she would like to stay on in Dalat, but the boy said he didn't care, and the two younger children said they wanted to go home. As I talked to the 4 of them together they decided that whatever we decided they would be happy to do whatever was felt best. The Johnson children -- the girl wanted to stay on in Dalat, the boy said it didn't make any difference to him; whatever was decided would be all right, but as I talked to different people, it is felt that probably the sooner the responsible people who, in an emergency is responsible for them, exerts their parental relationship to these young people, especially when school is out, probably the better it would be. Then they would have a parent image they could relate to.

Dr. King: Are there persons who can escort them home, after school is over? Are there parents who are coming home?

Mr. M: At the school itself, I am sure there would be somebody who is due for a furlough. I can't think right now.

Mr. Kerr: The Gibbons' are coming to the West Coast.

Dr. King: Miner is due to come home too.

Mr. M: Yes, Miner is coming home, and I am sure they would be glad to escort them/

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Mr. Mangham: Gerald Carner has asked that you please request B.S.King's office to send some blank checks to Gerald for their dollar account here.

Dr. King: OK.

Mr. M: There is one other question that has come up here - In the court case at Ahmedabad, Mr. Telgote's name is listed as the first of those who registered the court proceedings against the pastor of Simpson church. He is registered as the #1 Plaintiff, along with the members of the Gujarat Synod.

Dr. King: That's against our rules.

Mr. Mangham: Right. So I'm supposed to see Telgote tomorrow and I can see no alternative except to tell him that in view of this; he knew that this was contrary to the rule, and he didn't tell you when you talked to him.

Dr. King: No, he did not. And of course, I didn't know that his name was on it.

Mr. Mangham: I don't see how we can allow him to come.

Dr. King: We cannot. But make sure of your facts.

Mr. Mangham: Well, I have a copy of the court case.

Dr. King: All right.

Mr. Mangham: Well, that's it. Thanks a lot, and greetings to everybody there.

Mr. Kerr: When do you think you will be home Grady?

Mr. Mangham: I should be home about the 29th. I may stop over in Paris for a couple of days.