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Dear Ivory:

Thank you for your good letter which reached me Aug. 17. I was delighted to receive it, and thank you for all the news it contained. It is good to know that you will arrive in Saigon about the end of Nov.

I rejoice to hear that the Annual Council was such a blessed gathering. I am pleased with what I have heard about the decisions made. I am thankful that you did go to France. I am sure you will profit much by being there. It is a joy to know that Gunthers and Hazlette will be coming with you. If Gunther goes to Laos, he will need a rifle, a shot gun and a revolver for tigers and other animals that seem to like human company better than we enjoy their visits. Pruett said he never would go to Laos without fire arms. There is little danger if your house is strongly built and you stay inside after dark. Pruett and I have no desire to repeat the night we spent at Pou-Dan-Dinh. If God chooses Gunthers for that job, they will get here just in time to go into Laos. Pruett and I went in Nov. and returned in Dec. There is hardly a drop of rain from Nov. to April. The nights are cool, but the days are warm, often hot. Much of the time we slept without mosquito nets. The mosquitoes seem to disappear during the dry season. We shall look for the ladies the end of Sept.

I do not know whether Smith has reached Haiphong or not. The Red River rose higher than ever before. The dike broke on the Gia-Lam side. Three provinces had all their crops ruined. Hanoi was threatened, but escaped being flooded. We have had almost no sunny weather since Jan. It has rained for two days and two nights. July and August have been unusually cool. Trains do not run to Haiphong. Letters go by air mail. Parcels are sent by boat, via Dap Cau. I had a letter from Thày Huyền now at Vinglong in which he said that Stebbins has rented a house in that city and plans to move in about the end of September. I am delighted. Then he will be handy to Sadec and Cantho. He has a new colporteur at Travinh. Pruett is at Chaudoc. Conf. gave him Longxuyen and Caolanh to look after. He could reach them more easily than Stebbins.

You have heard of looting in Lungchow, Wuchow and other places. It seems that the Chinese members of the Ex. Comm. in South China do not want foreigners in the interior. Mr. Oldfield had to write to the Board advising them that missionaries on furlough had better stay in America until conditions change in South China. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Worsnip will go to Saigon to oversee Chinese work. They are here at present. There are signs of anti-foreign feeling. I do not know how soon we shall be driven out. The Russians are doing their utmost, through agents at Canton, to stir up trouble in Indo-China. I believe that our time here is short. Gov. Gen. Varenne advised French people to close up their business and plan to get out by 1934. This is quoted from a speech. I believe we missionaries ought to do three things: 1. Push the Bible Schools to train as many as possible of the natives. 2. Push the publication work. 3. Urge a larger measure of self-support. I hope I stay will not start war until after you get to Colombe. Some think all fight this summer.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jeffrey and the children. Please present our salutations to Gunther & Hazlette.
Sincerely yours, R. M. Jackson.