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Mr. Mangham: We have heard that last night WRC made a decision to close the hospital in Danang, and would evacuate the hospital at 6 a.m. today. All of their people will come to Saigon, and will proceed out of country. I'm not certain that that includes all of their people down here.

Banmethuot. We have no news on the missionaries. We have heard from a man contacted by Reg Reimer that the North Vietnamese radio messary from a military station intercepted, and they stated that a Canadian couple, a man and wife, had been picked up in the Banmethuot area. They gave the name Jakarta (?), which has no relevance, but it does start with J. We have no confirming report from United States Embassy on this, but I wanted to pass it on to you.

Danang. You already have the word on the WRC hospital. Jack Revelle talked to Drummond last night. He says all is quiet in the area there. The women and the children will come to Saigon on the first available flight, whether it's Air Viet Nam or Air America. Rick will stay for a day or two, but will be coming to Saigon shortly.

The Downes left yesterday for Australia.

John and Penny Hall left today for Bangkok, where they will spend a few days, and then they will pick up their daughter in Penand and will proceed on furlough. They will cable arrival information to you. They want you to set up medical, arrange accommodations and notify them where accommodations will be, whether in the city or in Nyack. Notify them at Penang. They probably should be met at the airport with some warm clothing. They have no winter or spring coat; and the little girl also.

Dutton's are going on furlough, and to retiral, so will be available for tour ministries as needed.

Reed's - not certain. It's possible they may be going to Dalat School.

Ruth Patterson and Barbara Neath returned to Bangkok yesterday. Ruth Patterson wants her parents notified where she is.

Gene Hall and Andy Bishop called yesterday. They plan to make a visit into Phnom Penh on Sunday. Robert Beck (the doctor) is still in Phnom Penh and WV has a lady doctor still there. Gene and Andy expect to stay a day or two only.

~~Hold~~ the Hartzfeld's. Do not send them to Viet Nam.

Todd's appointment should go to the Board, but without any field designation.

Plans here are to set up perhaps two teams to work with refugees. There are hundreds of thousands of refugees coming out of the Highlands and out of Quang Tri Province, and the Minister of Social Welfare has requested that CAMA Services do anything we can. Dr. Bob Greene, some of the nurses, and one or two of the displaced men will organize one team, and maybe two teams, to minister both to the physical, material and spiritual needs of people in these refugee areas.

We will meet with the US Deputy Ambassador and the Canadian Charge de Affaires today.

Saigon is normal. There has been no further word about the consultation between the North Vietnamese, the South Vietnamese and America.

We have been thrilled with the spirit in the missionary staff here. They're really on top, and we're grateful.