

RESUME OF THE PHONE CONVERSATION WITH JACK REVELLE

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The situation regarding the Banmethuot missionaries is about the same as reported by Pendell on the night before. They still have radio contact with those people. There is less fighting, and government reinforcements have been brought in to the city. The situation is cloudy. There is no clear picture yet as to how things may turn. Helicopters are being held at a location nearby in order to effect an effort for rescue if this should become possible. Anti-aircraft fire is still very heavy around the city itself. The airport near the city has been regained by government control.

I asked specifically about the Johnson's. Revelle said they are not with the others. It is assumed that they went to a neighbor's home. Others had heard them mention previously that they had a neighbor who had a very good bunker, and this neighbor had suggested that if there were any kind of problems he would come and get them and take them into his bunker. It is assumed that they are there. No one has had any contact with them.

Penny Hall is in Saigon. The other missionaries are expected to come out of Pleiku tomorrow. As previously reported by Pendell, the Reed's are in Nhatrang.

The Companjen's are in Danang. They were visiting there. Jack Revelle has told them not to return to Quinhon.

Much of the activity is in the center. It seems that there is a push to take Kontum, Banmethuot, and perhaps Quinhon. I asked about Phan Rang. Jack said he has suggested to the Keith Kayser's that they move out of Phan Rang for the time being, though there has been no reported activity around that area at all. This would simply be a precautionary move.

I assured Jack of the prayers of many thousands throughout the states here, and told him of the many who had called the office for information.