

Telephone conversation with Jack Reville - April 23, 1975

W. W. Kerr

Mr. Kerr: Is Reg there? When did he get in? How long will he stay?

Jack: He is here - he came 2 days ago and is leaving tomorrow.

Mr. Kerr: Any word about the Vietnamese getting out?

Jack: Nothing at all. The Phuoc's got out.

Mr. Kerr: How about Phu - he got out, too, didn't he?

Jack: I don't know - I haven't heard.

Mr. Kerr: We got a call last night that he is coming out.

Jack: I had heard that he probably would, but I didn't know.

Mr. Kerr: He is arriving in California today at 7:30 a.m. their time. Are you having any further cooperation from the Embassy.

Jack: Not at all. The Embassy staff is reduced to about the minimum and everybody is working there about 16 hours a day.. They're not doing much.

Mr. Kerr: Dr. King asked me to pass on this information to you - Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ telephoned today and asked that the following Vietnamese members of their staff in Saigon be added to the C&MA list of persons to be evacuated from Viet Nam, if possible.

Jack: We have their names - one of them is in prison. I'm not sure which one it is, but 3 of the boys were picked up and 2 of them released, 1 is being held.

Mr. Kerr: On what charges?

Jack: They're all of Army age, and they're being examined, I guess, for any connection with the other side.

Mr. Kerr: Let me give you their names just to check it to be sure it's the same list. Mr. Do Huy Hy; his wife-Doan Thi Hong; 1st son-Do Huy Binh An; 2nd son-Do Huy Yeu Thuong; another name Phan Quang Thieu; another name Duong Quang Binh; another name Tran Kim Bau; another name Phan Kim Lang. The name of the organization in Viet Nam is ~~Truong Van Hoy~~ ~~Truong~~ ~~Giang Chua Co Doc~~. The Post office box is HOP THO 2518. Dr. King agreed to give this list to you, but you will need to do what you feel is right with regard to them

Jack: You might as well tell Mr. Bright that there will be little or no hope of getting any of them out.

Mr. Kerr: On what basis, Jack?

Jack: The situation here is very critical - the city is ready to explode at any minute, and when the final evacuation comes out of the city it will be a very limited number of people.

Mr. Kerr: Just to pass on more information, in case you can help them, Overseas Crusades also gave us the names of a few people: 1. Tran Dao, his wife Phuong Dao.

2. Nguyen Thi; his wife Minh Thi and the son Phi, the daughter Tram and the daughter Chuong. If you can help any of these people we would be very grateful, as will these missions.

Dr. King: Jack, what has happened to Dr. Phu?

Jack: I don't know. I got a letter from him today and he didn't say anything about his leaving - he simply told me who to turn the money over to.

Dr. King: Did you hear that he is on his way to America?

Mr. Kerr: I just told him.

Dr. King: We heard this from Senator Helms office last night.

Jack: Mr. and Mrs. Phuoc are out.

Dr. King: How did they get out?

Jack: Yesterday they sort of let down, I guess, on the standards and they got through. Their son Le got out, too.

Dr. King: I understand that Dr. Phu got out on the same basis.- One a United Nations *laisse passe*.

Jack: Could be, but we tried to get Mrs. Chanh out today, and it didn't work.

Dr. King: Mr. Chanh was on the phone when you got on this morning. We have given him tickets to return to Saigon. We have also given him guarantees for his return. We have given tickets for his wife and children, and Mr. Le Van Thai to return to the states, but Sen. Helms office advises that he not go, so that means that the family says come,- he wants to go - but the Senator says he shouldn't go - that it's easier to get that family out if he isn't there.

Jack: If that's true - don't have him come.

Dr. King: I can't get a guarantee out of these fellows - that's the trouble.

Jack: All that we know is that it may be too late by Saturday, anyway.

Dr. King: He was due to arrive on Saturday - you had received that word?

Jack: Yes, but I don't know what will be left by then.

Dr. King: You will do everything in your power for them, will you, for Mrs. Chanh and the children?

Jack: Yes, we took her out to the airport this morning. We signed an affidavit that we would be responsible for the entire family - the tickets, the support, everything.

Dr. King: You tried to get her on a commercial line, or what?

Jack: No, she was going out on a military. Yesterday she could have made it - today they changed the rules again, and we couldn't get her on.

Mr. Kerr: Keep trying, Jack, every day, will you?

Jack: Yes.

Dr. King: You didn't take her out yesterday?

Jack: No, we just found out that they had let down on the rules for that one day - then when everybody heard about it, they rushed out there - they reinstated the official rule.

Dr. King: If you can get through to somebody just for that family alone, it would be a big help. I don't want them separated the rest of their lives.  
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Jack: I just/know who to go to anymore.

Dr. King: Do whatever you can. Is Don Scott still there?

Jack: Yes, and he has a couple workers with him.

Dr. King: What about the airplane of people that was in Singapore?

Jack: There are conflicting reports on it. Somebody said a list of names were read of people who reached America, and Mr. Nom's (?) name was given in the list. I don't know how accurate that is.

Dr. King: We have word that they're still in Singapore, in prison.

Jack: The newspaper said that they were shipped back here.

Dr. King: We heard that that was that boatload of people-that fellow who went to Australia and came home and rented a boat and got a number of people aboard and was heading for Australia, - he was taken in at Singapore - that this was the group that was returned, and not the planeload.

Jack: As long as they keep them in prison there, it's safer.

Dr. King: I am very much concerned about the Chanh's - see what you can do - whatever it might be.

Mr. Kerr: Jack said earlier - before you came on Dr. King - that the city could blow up any moment in terms of emotions and problems - how do we want to keep in touch with Jack now with the critical situation since he can't get calls out?

Dr. King: Can we get calls to you without any trouble? I think we will have to start calling you once a day again - just to see how you are.

Has the Embassy guaranteed your evacuation?

Jack: They told me that when that takes place, they will give me a phone call and I will go to the nearest pickup point. It's only a block from here. The city of Bien Hoa is being shelled, and the people from Bien Hoa are moving into Saigon and the people from the surrounding areas are moving into Saigon, and the situation here can develop like Danang.

Dr. King: Is Mrs. Chanh with you at the church?

Jack: No, she's over at their house,

Dr. King: But it's not difficult to look after her if you need to take her along?

Jack: Yes, it would be, but I was advised by the man at the Embassy not to move anybody into here.

Dr. King: For what reason?

Jack: He said you can't possibly move a family in here without everybody in the neighborhood knowing it, and you'll have the whole neighborhood sitting in your yard, and you'll never get out.

Mr. Kerr: Can you get in touch with her by phone?

Jack: Yes.

Mr. Kerr: Is there any chance she could get out with Reg tomorrow?

Jack: No, he's on a commercial flight to Bangkok. There's no way of getting her out commercially without an exit visa.

Dr. King: Why don't you try this United Nations *laisse passe* business? I don't know who is responsible for it, but I understand it's a possible way.

Jack: OK, I'll check everthing we can for it.