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Telephone Conversation with T. Grady Mangham, Jr. - April 10, 1975

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Dr. L. L. King

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Mr. Mangham: There are two things I need to call about:

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The Kirkham's - were they appointed by the Board? They were passed through the Advisory Committee (CA) before I left home.

Also, Correspondence has been sent to the office there from Elaine Vork about her interest in a young man named Gary Spiller, and he is about the same age as Elaine - Elaine is on furlough and they have a romantic interest in one another, but have not made any commitments one to another as yet, pending approval by the Foreign Department. She has written to Carl Roseveare about this young man - he has his work beyond his Master's - she has her Master's. He could cover the area of Social Studies that Mina^{is} covering this year - Mina^{is} goes on furlough - They have already sent preliminary applications regarding him, but it would need to be processed if he would be coming back with her - in time for the August school year. Will you make a note and ask Arni to see what this young fellow's papers are - the college he attended sent a record to Carl Roseveare, and Carl feels that they desperately need Elaine back and this young man is a qualified teacher. He doesn't have a teacher's certificate, which is a problem. He has over 200 hours substitute teaching in, but in Washington State 300 hours are required for a teaching certificate.

I don't know if all this could be processed in time for them to come back to school together in August, but if there is any possibility they would be most happy to have this handled - as far as the school is concerned.

Dr. King: Kirkham's were appointed to Dalat.

Mr. Mangham: Would you have someone contact them right away? Carl needs information here to apply for their work permit. He needs the Kirkham's to send their transcript of credits from the college, the work they have done, and also their teacher's certificates. And from Bob Blair's office the usual information that Bob sends to Carl for applying for a work permit.

What information is coming out of Viet Nam at this time?

Dr. King: At the present time only 3 men remain - McNeel, Rexilius, and Revelle. Bob McNeel requested to go out and will go out tomorrow. Saigon has worsened; that is, the situation around the city has worsened. It is fast developing into the same kind of system as Phnom Penh. The American Embassy has been putting metal plates on the gates of the Embassy in order for protection. Today they had an emergency briefing for their pickup area and were given information as to what to do when an emergency evacuation occurs. It will be done at night when the curfew is on to create as little commotion as possible. In the final they will not have space for any Vietnamese. They still have 4,000 Americans to care for and they can't take on any more. Jack has many people staying with him at the International church waiting to be taken out with us. President Ford makes his speech tonight at 9 PM.

also checked A.S. & Correspondence on this. His reply to Vork and Spiller was: get married and qualify according to our regulations. He has written them on April 2.

*4/11 memo to RB
4/11 L.L.K. wrote Kirkham's*

- Dr. King: I asked Jack how it would be if I sent you back into the city to make as assessment with him and Rex. Jack looked on that with dimness - the exodus is in the other direction - you could get in, but how could you get out? I think you could use your judgment on that. If you could get a guaranteed flight out, try it, but don't go without it.
- Mr. Mangham: Reg Reimer has brought his children down to get them back in school here, and he wanted to go back into Saigon if it appeared feasible for him to do so.
- Dr. King: I would not object - it might be that things will simmer down, and be a long seige, - you don't know.
- Mr. Mangham: I'll tell him that that is his choice, and if he can get back in, he may go.
- Dr. King: They should consult with Jack to make sure that from that end ^{there} is something they could do.
- Mr. Mangham: Gene Evans has established a contact through an American where he can get through to Jack, so Reg could call - Or I can call when I get back there. Otherwise, if Reg can't go back, I have suggested to him that he use the time that he wants to be here until the end of school to do for us a survey of Vietnamese and Northeast Thailand and Laos, so we could look at that and see whether we want to assign some of the personnel who are presently on furlough.
- How much longer do you think I should stay in the area?
- Dr. King: I think that's up to you - use your own judgement. I don't want our missionaries bunched up at the Guest Home without someone making sure that their ongoing visas for where they are going have been applied for and everything is in order with every person.
- Mr. Mangham: Steinkamp's are here and are making application for their Australian visas through the office in Kualalumpur. The Schelander's are here, and will be flying directly from here to Manila. They were granted a month's leeway before moving on to their new assignment.
- Dr. King: When you're sure everything has been done properly and in order, then you can go on.