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TELEPHONE CALL FROM BANGKOK - TGM 4/16/75

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GRADY: Have you been in touch with Jack Revelle the last day or so.

WWK: No, Mr. King talked to him on Saturday and decided that he would not call back until some emergency came up.

GRADY: I talked with Jack on the phone yesterday about my going to Saigon --he asked me not to come in and said there was really nothing I could do there --no reason for me to come, and he saw no purpose in it at all. So I decided not to go into Saigon. Rexilius will be arriving here tomorrow.

WWK: Will Rexilius be coming out permanently or just for a few days?

GRADY: He is coming for a few days but according to what they say there it looks like--you know they keep moving out Americans every day, and there appears to be a real cut down over there--and they see no possibility of a reversal of that, and they say that the 19th here, which would be the 18th there, --they were at a briefing today-- that that will be a critical day because there evidently is going to be a congressional vote on a bill that will sort of be a test case of this aid question.

WWK: Dr. King is in Washington today to talk with some people about this.

GRADY: Well, if the vote goes negative on aid then they foresee probably a very early evacuation of everybody out of there -- perhaps real pressure and real problems developing. Reg Reimer wanted to go over but Jack said no, no one should come over there at the present time. Gene Evans also talked to a man in the USAID division and he said the same thing--that no one should come into Saigon at present--that they should wait until at least after the weekend and see what happens on this vote and what influence-- what effect it will have.

So my plans are to be here in Bangkok until Saturday. I will call Jack on Saturday and talk to him. Then I plan to leave Saturday evening for India and will stop in Bombay for about four days and then on to Beirut and Israel and then home.

WWK: Grady, I- just before you called Ellen had a telephone call from Beirut--from a Mr. Bouchebon, an Arab -- we do not know who he is-- but he was calling for Mr. Taylor and said that Dagher and Mankos are in dangerous area, the Camps have escaped safely into the mountains -- but he did not say anything about where the Taylors are and I have placed a call now to Beirut now to try to reach Harry, but the lines are closed and we can't get through. So the situation is pretty bad there now. We heard on the radio this morning that again 100 people were killed today. So the situation is shaping up like another civil war there. So you will want to be careful about getting into Beirut I supposed.

GRADY: Well I will try to do that -- perhaps I will get in touch with your office before I leave Bombay.

WWK: Then we will wait to hear from you possibly on Saturday if you get through to Jack.

GRADY: Now David Anderson is requesting to leave the church here about the end of May. Dr. King and I have talked to Roy Price about the possibility of this and Anderson has asked me to meet with the board of the Evangelical

Church tomorrow evening and Roy Price is willing to stay on here for a while--at least for a year or two if the board is agreeable to that. I will be meeting with the board tomorrow night.

Also I met with the mission executive committee here in Thailand. They have agreed to accept the Bresslers for English-language ministries in Bangkok and also the others that we talked about. As for the AYC, you sent a telegram or Arni did about 5 additional girls--3 nurses, one medical student, and one lab technician. The executive committee here feels that nurses cannot work here without passing the medical exam in Thai and so they see no way that they can use the 3 nurses or the medical student that have been suggested. I think Paul Undheim did send word that the lab technician should come on.

WWK: Okay we will pass that word on to the executive committee office.

GRADY: The executive committee also voted to reestablish the relationship with the GCT committee here --and/left that up to me to finalize it.

Did you get a letter from Ollie Kaetzel about his wife?

WWK: I did not. Maybe Mr. King did. We got a letter a long time ago about his resignation.

GRADY: No, but a more recent one. She had had a couple doctors examine her and they are recommending for the constant pain of her back, that she leave earlier than May. Ollie is waiting for some word from you. I told him I had not seen his letter - he sent it directly to New York, and I could not give him word from here. If a letter went to Dr. King, could you get word back to him as soon as possible - he would like for his wife to get on the way home.

*You have this letter & doctor's report on file*

WWK: Yesterday in our committee meeting, we voted that we would give them the leave of absence they asked, but we did not consider it an emergency health furbugh that we would pay for. Therefore, he was going to have to pay back to the mission a proportion of the amount. Do you feel we need to put this on an emergency health basis?

GRADY: Well, I think that's what he's planning to work on at the present. I think that the doctor's report from here should be examined by Dr. Frame to see whether this is the kind of thing that we need to take her home for. The doctor here says the problem is incurable; what she needs is some kind of manipulative care on a regular basis and that there is noone in this area who can give this kind of treatment.

WWK: Do you know whether we can get any relief money into Saigon for the church? There is money coming in, should we send it?

GRADY: At this point, Harry Taylor came through and Mr. Kerr ended the conversation with Mr. Mangham.