

Report of Telephone Conversation with Jack Revelle - night of March 20 , 1975

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First of all, Dr. King and Grady are here. We met this morning.

At the present moment, there is no additional news on Banmethuot, except that a lot of refugees are coming out of the cities and moving down towards Nhatrang. The American Embassy is contacting as many of them as they can to try and get information on the missionaries.

The government has given up the Province of Quang Tri and refugees are moving out of the cities all the way down the coast, going towards Saigon.

The Drummond's and Companjen's are still in Danang - I have a call in now trying to get through to them to tell them to leave. The Rexilius', the Steinkamp's, Olive Kingsbury, Sharon Allwine, and the Reed's are now in Nhatrang. All of the missionaries have left Dalat and are in Saigon. The Kayser's left Phan Rang and are in Nhatrang. The Ellison's are still in Cantho - the city is quiet. The Irwin's have left Dilinh and are in Saigon. Heath's and Beack's are in Saigon. The only ones outside Saigon at the present time are the Drummond's, Companjen's, Rexilius', Steinkamp's, and Ellison's.

News broadcasts say that there is a meeting taking place between the representatives of the South Vietnamese, North Vietnamese and American governments with President Marcos (Philippines) as arbitor, to try to get a cease-fire. Many South Vietnamese officers are coming to Saigon from many areas of the country, we're not sure just what for. There are hundreds of thousands of refugees.

We can't be sure just what is going to happen because the government is not releasing any information.

Jack said that someone - he, Dr. King or Grady would call us every day.

I passed on to Jack the information that the State Department has told us that if we can't get a phone call through the regular channels, we can go through the American Embassy - they will get through for us, in the case of an emergency.

Jack reported that all of our people are fine and in good spirits.