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Telephone conversation with Grady Mangham - April 17, 1975

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- Mr. Kerr: Dr. King asked me to call and ask you if you would try to contact anyone in Bangkok who would know or be an official of the new government in Cambodia, and see if you can either by word and by writing, offer to send in our doctors to open up the new hospital and to be of service to the government in this way.
- Mr. Mangham: I'll see what I can do.
- Mr. Kerr: Dr. King suggests that if you are there long enough and could do it, he would like for you to go in, if it's possible, or if you're going to have to leave for Bombay, he would like for you to have Andy Bishop go in. He thinks that he would be able to handle it as well as anyone out there.
- Mr. Mangham: My plans were to leave here tomorrow, but they can be changed if it would seem advisable to do so.
- Mr. Kerr: Dr. King said he didn't want to disrupt your plans too much, but if you could arrange to turn it over to Andy and let him handle it, telling him that we want him to make every effort possible to make a contact with the government, and then offer them in writing, and in speech, our promise that we would find doctors to send in right away.
- Mr. Mangham: OK, I'll do that.
- Mr. Kerr: Dr. King suggests that you check every source possible there that you can. Find out how to get information about what contacts there may be with the new government.
- Mr. Mangham: Of course Thailand hasn't recognized the new government yet, and I don't know if there are any representatives here who can be contacted, but we will investigate it and see what we can find out.
- Mr. Kerr: If you can't contact there, I'm wondering if you can call Dreger, or someone like that, up in Laos, and if they have a representative there, maybe Andy could run up there and see if he could make a presentation, or something of this nature.

Is there any other news today, Grady?
- Mr. Mangham: Rexilius came out of Saigon yesterday. He says they are moving Americans out as quickly as they can now. They have told Jack that tomorrow is supposed to be a critical time because of the effect of any expression from Congress that will be conveyed to the people over there. I guess there is a great deal of concern if there is a negative expression - the effect it is going to have. Jack says the Embassy has agreed to accept a list of names which Jack presented yesterday, and there seems to be some hope that they might get some of the people out of there, but there is no promise yet.
- Mr. Kerr: The Senate today refused to give money for Viet Nam, you know. The House of Representatives though, voted \$150 million for relief and that sort of thing. But now they'll have to have some sort of compromise.
- Mr. Mangham: This will doubtless have its effects over there.

- Mr. Kerr: Today we received word that the two ICCS men who were taken at Banmethuot have been released just this afternoon. The State Dept. is going to debrief them and will notify us as soon as possible if they know anything about our people.
- Mr. Mangham: That's good news. Do you know whether Dr. King asked anyone to contact the Foreign Ministry in Indonesia to make the request that they intercede on our behalf regarding the missionaries in Banmethuot?
- Mr. Kerr: I don't know. He was in Washington all day yesterday, - I'll check with him tomorrow and ask about that.
- Mr. Mangham: The head of ICCS - a Mr. Sameil from Indonesia - suggested that perhaps his government could be of assistance to us in the matter of our people there since they have representation to all parties concerned

Everything seems to be working out all right here. I think everybody is settled as far as the reallocation is concerned, and are working toward their visas and all, except Carol Steckel. I haven't been able to get confirmation on her reassignment to Dalat School. Linda Walsh from Cambodia; we're sort of holding off on the Cambodian people to see what's going to happen regarding the possibility of a hospital, so she has not been given any kind of final reallocation yet. Betty Lou Hartson is going to West Irian.