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Edward J. Daly, President World Airways, Inc.
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Daly at Vietnamese orphanage 1971



Refugee evacuation from Danang,
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Maverick airlift from Saigon, April 2, 1975
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Evacuation from the roof of the U.S. Embassy
Courtesy Ross Meador

Operation
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USS Midway,
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USS Midway
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Orphans leaving C141
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Operation Babylift processing center, Clark AFB, Philippines
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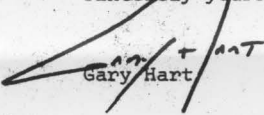
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Thank you once again for calling my Denver office.

Sincerely yours,


Gary Hart



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Daly visiting the many orphanages in Vietnam – 1971



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The War Cradle

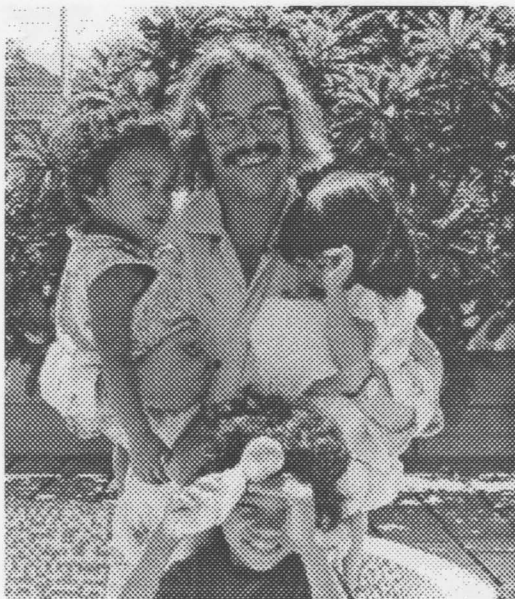


Daly (second from left) at Yakota with visible injuries from Danang rescue
Courtesy Stars & Stripes

Dr. Theodore K. Gleichman,
founder of the Friends of the
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Photo Courtesy Kay Gleichman



Dr. Gleichman,
en route to
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Ross Meador . . . a friend
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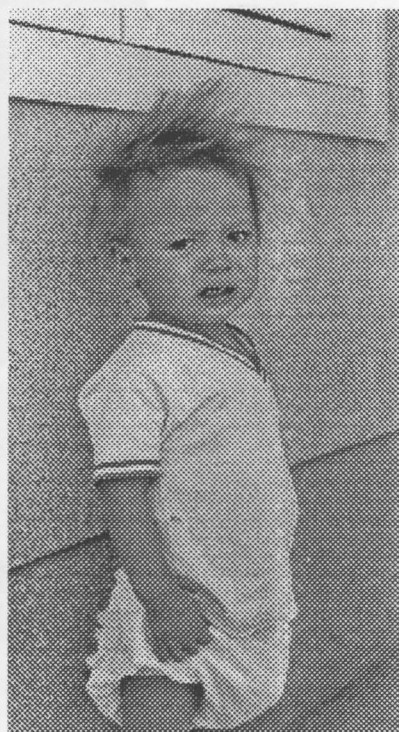
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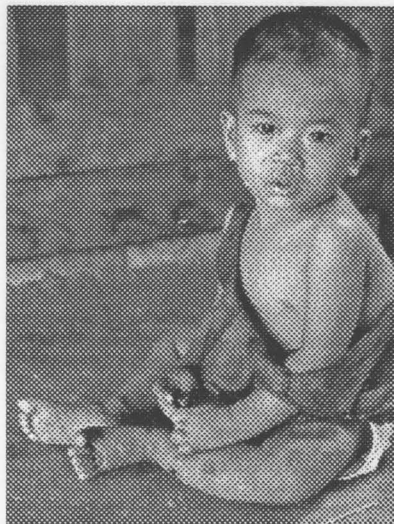
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FCVN van transporting infants from the Delta

Photos by Ross Meador





Orphans of Vietnam
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Their crib was their world

Children were placed
in these repository
playpens for long
periods of time.



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Disabled children at Phu My Orphanage
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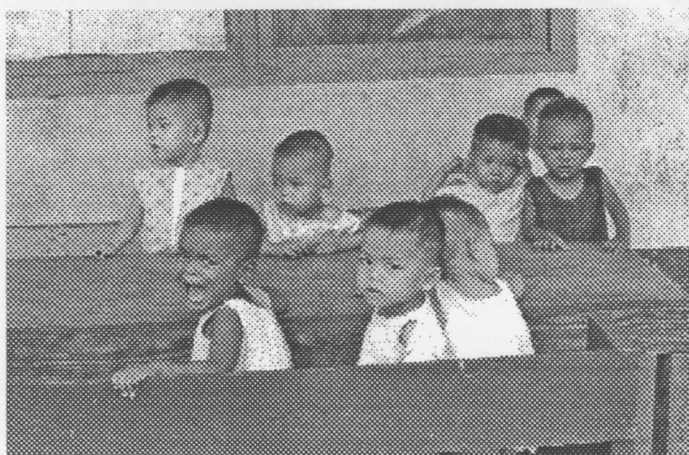
With no motivation for life, abandoned children just stopped living. Deformities, too, were common.



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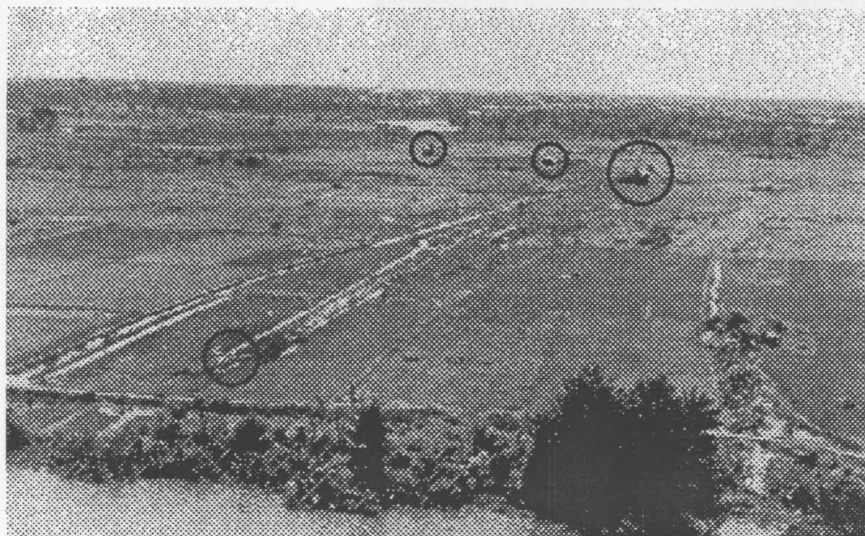
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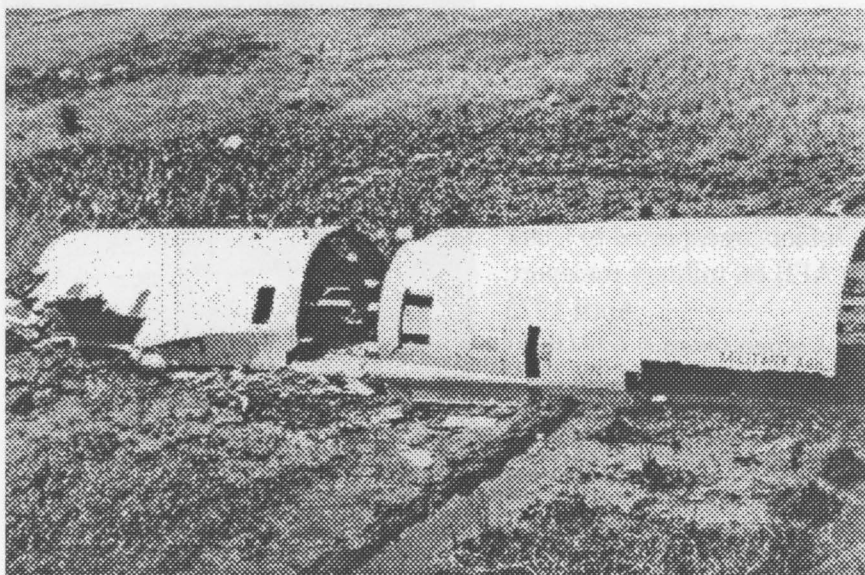
Orphanage at Vinh Long.
Healthy children found life more
tolerable.

Courtesy Ross Meador

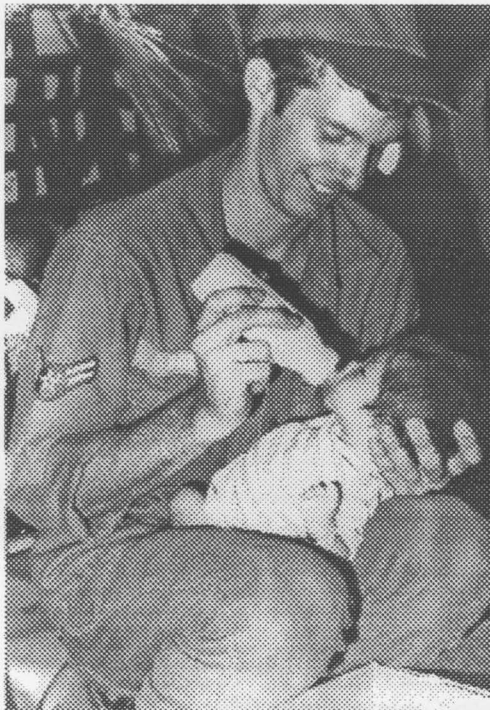




Aerial view of C-5A Crash, April 4, 1975, Saigon
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Airman feeding orphan en
route to Clark AFB,
Philippines, April 1975
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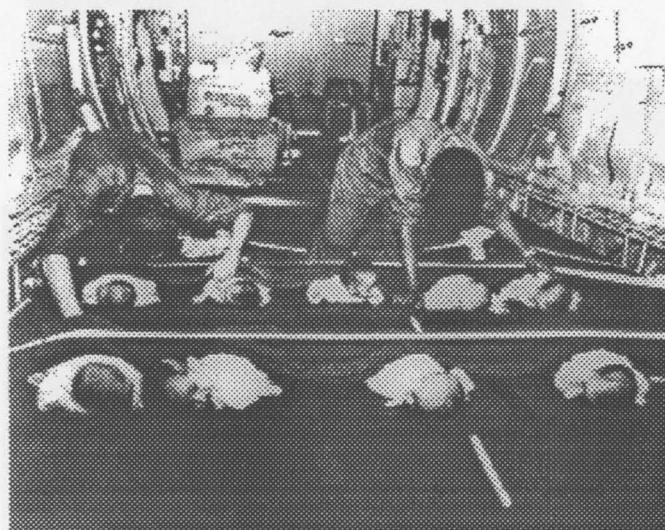
Infants transported to Clark
AFB on military transport,
April 1975
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President Gerald R.
Ford welcomes
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Airport, April 5,
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President
Ford with
Babylift
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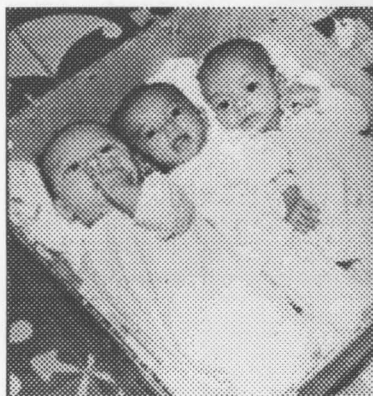
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Air Force crew assist
orphans boarding C141 at
Tan Son Nhut

Courtesy National Archives

If we're lucky . . .
maybe when we
wake up we'll be
home.





Orphans being
cared for aboard
C141 en route to
U.S.

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Harnessed cartons became
cradles – combat crews
became surrogate “mothers.”



It sure is a long way to
America.

The War Cradle



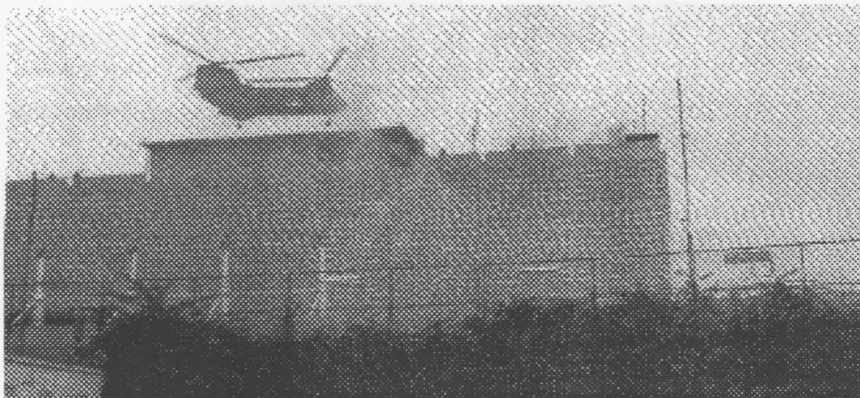
Orphans arriving in the Philippines

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Operation Babylift processing center, Clark AFB, Philippines

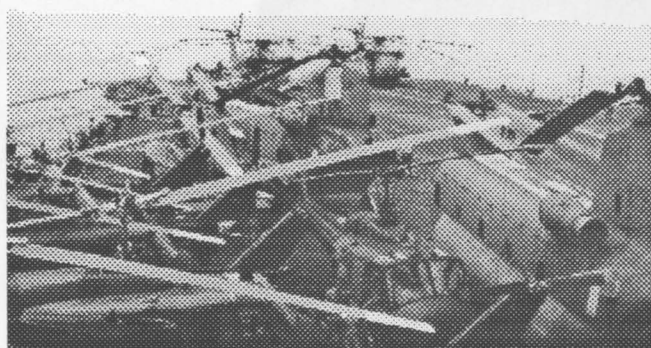
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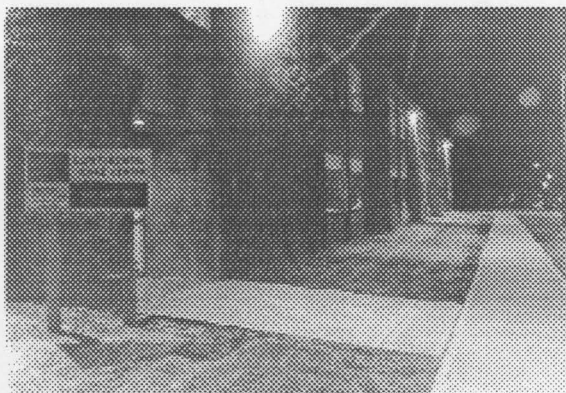
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Orphans
arriving
Continental
Care
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Denver,
April 1975,
escorted by
Lowry AFB
personnel
*Courtesy
Bernie Mantey*

Continental Care
Center
2201 Downing Street
Denver, Colorado



Fitzsimons Army
Hospital staff
assists Babylift



The indomitable piano looms in the background as a little fellow helps himself to the juice bar.

Photos Courtesy Continental Care Center

Orphans
departing
to their
new
homes,
Continental
Care
Center,
May 1975



All a girl needs is
a new dress . . .

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Shirley Barnes, Continental administrator comforts a crying baby.



Shirley, Nuyet, and friend on leg.



Volunteers came in all sizes.
Blair Barnes, age 8



Volunteer Esther Hahn and friends
Photo Courtesy Rev. Hahn



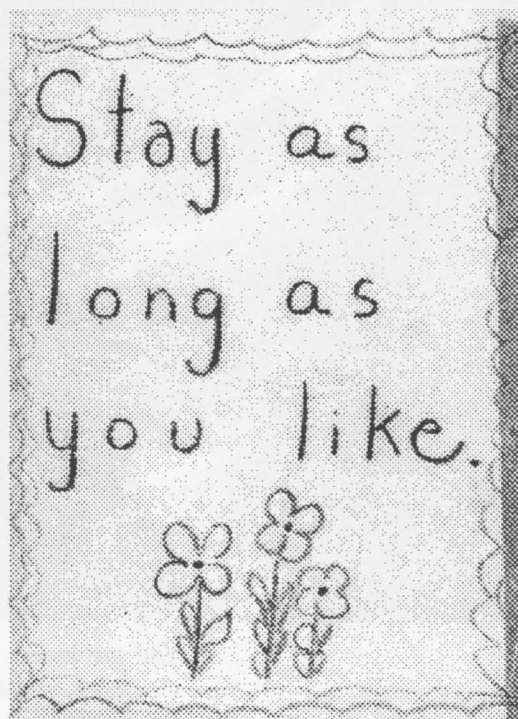
You are loved.
Photo Courtesy Bernie Mantey

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Friendship Portfolio of drawings created by Gertrude Borup's First Grade class, Red Rocks Elementary School, Morrison, Colorado. May, 1975

Amen.





GERALD R. FORD

May 15, 1989

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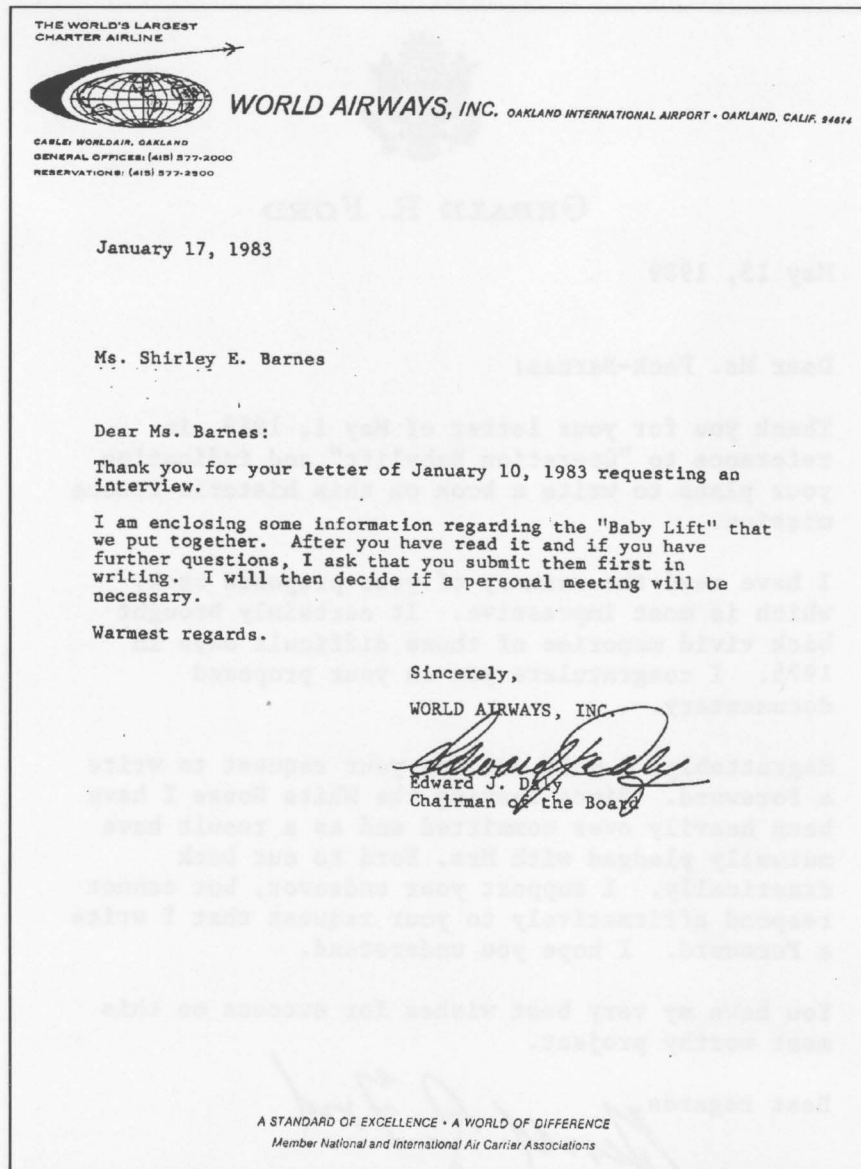
You have my very best wishes for success on this most worthy project.

Best regards,

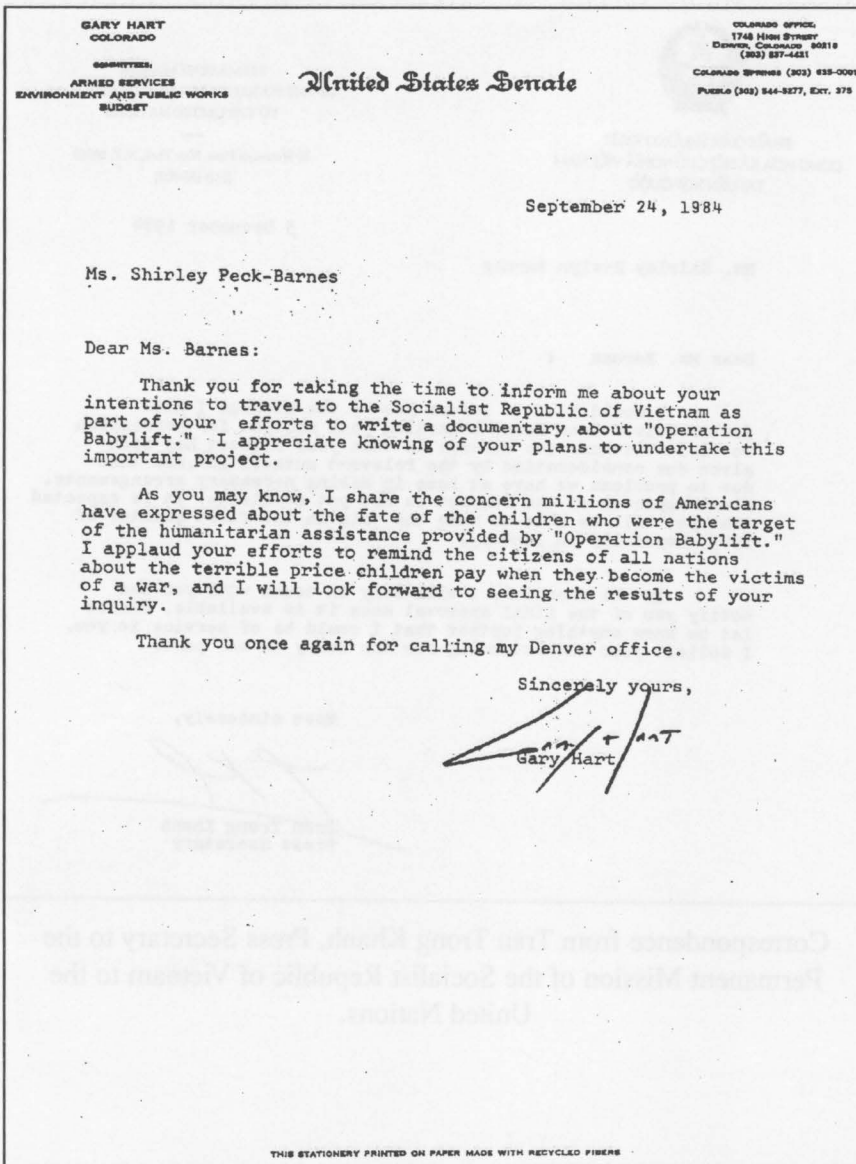
A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

A letter from President Gerald R. Ford

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Although in failing health, Daly sends his technical support and warmest regards for the book.



Senator Gary Hart acknowledges author's request to visit Vietnam.
Hart's office sets up mission appointment

The War Cradle



PHÁI ĐOÀN THƯỜNG TRÚC
CỘNG HÒA XÃ HỘI CHỦ NGHĨA VIỆT NAM
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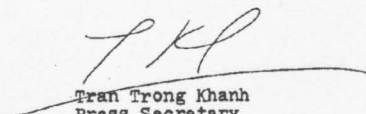
Ms. Shirley Evelyn Barnes

Dear Ms. Barnes :

I would like to inform you of the message I have just received from Hanoi regarding your request for permission to visit Vietnam. The message is that your request has been given due consideration by the relevant authorities, and that due to problems we have at home in making necessary arrangements, final approval of the request is not yet available. It is expected that you will be able to make the trip in the first quarter of 1985, hopefully in January.

In the meantime, I will stay in touch with you and notify you of the final approval once it is available. Please let me know anything further that I could be of service to you. I solicit your understanding for the delay on our part.

Most sincerely,


Tran Trong Khanh
Press Secretary

Correspondence from Tran Trong Khanh, Press Secretary to the
Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the
United Nations.



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June 24, 1985

Ms. Shirley Evelyn Barnes

Dear Ms. Barnes ,

First of all , I must apologize to you for this very belated reply. I was almost overwhelmed with the inflow of nearly 100 American correspondents who came to Vietnam this time to cover the 10th Anniversary of the end of the war. Therefore, it is not until now that I am in a position to write replies such as this one .

In the meantime, I have tried my utmost to make your trip to Vietnam possible. Although , as I said to you, it appeared that the approval was forthcoming, I have failed to get it until this moment. I understand of course that, without the trip, your book will not be complete or perfect the way you have desired. In saying this to you I feel no less frustrated. But I hope you will understand .

Again, thank you very much for your warm disposition and for the nice photo book you have sent to me. I sincerely hope that your book will be laudable anyway.

Wishing all the best, I remain .

Yours sincerely

Tran Trong Khanh
Press Secretary

Letter from Tran Trong Khanh

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FROM THE AUTHOR

To the adoptees:

You alone were the motivation for writing this book. I hope that I have fulfilled your expectations in providing better understanding of the events, circumstances, and especially the people involved in the Airlift.

Life is never what it seems to be for any of us. Every human being, regardless of his station in life, searches for answers as to who he is, why he is here. It is in all of us...to attempt to understand the work of the Creator. Often times enlightenment comes in strange ways.

In 1912, a woman in Poland scooped up her children and went to America alone. She did not know the language, had no particular skills, but in her reasoning anything was better than the arranged marriage of her culture. Her life was filled with struggle; she was widowed twice, yet raised seven children to be responsible adults. That woman was my grandmother.

In 1995, with an old tattered letter, I visited Poland and found my grandmother's family. They had endured the horrors of two world wars, poverty, communism and much hardship, yet I was overwhelmed by those stalwart people, the beauty of the country and my heritage.

Every day of my life I have said a silent "thank you" to my grandmother for coming to this land...her determination to survive was her gift to her future generations. This is a common story, yet it ties every American to a debt of gratitude to the ancestor who set foot on these shores, for whatever reason and under whatever circumstances, by choice or fate.

In time this story will take on significance for you. You have a most special place in history. Fate intervened and placed you on that same path. How you travel that road will determine your contribution to humanity.

Without a doubt, there is much love in this world...you need only to reach out to others, to be of some value...even if only in simple ways, to benefit from the love and generosity here.

Although you may never hear that voice in the future...that murmur of "thank you"...you can rest assured that you *have* found your warm fire...and you *are* home.

Shirley Barnes



Edward J. Daly, President World Airways, Inc.
Courtesy Western Aerospace Museum



Daly at Vietnamese orphanage



Refugee evacuation from Danang, March 1975

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DALY VISITING THE
MANY ORPHANAGES IN
VIETNAM - 1971

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Keep



Maverick airlift from Saigon, April 2, 1975 ;
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DALY (SECOND FROM LEFT)
ARRIVES AT YAKOTA
WITH VISIBLE INJURIES
FROM DANANG RESCUE

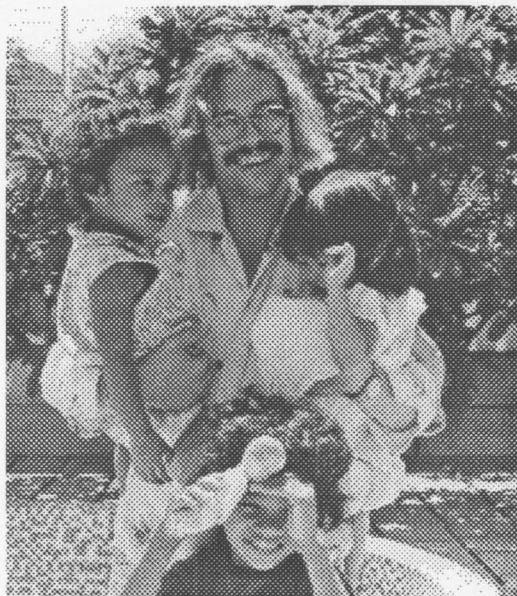
Daly at Yakota
AFB, April 1975
Courtesy Stars &
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Dr. Theodore K. Gleichman,
founder of the Friends of the
Children of Vietnam

Photo Courtesy Kay Gleichman



DR. GLEICHMAN
EN ROUTE
TO REMOTE VILLAGES
IN VIETNAM
TO DELIVER MEDICAL
SUPPLIES TO
THE PEOPLE OF
THE REMOTE AREAS.



Ross Meador... A FRIEND
TO THE CHILDREN
OF VIETNAM

FCUN Bui
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Critical Care
Center,
Saigon
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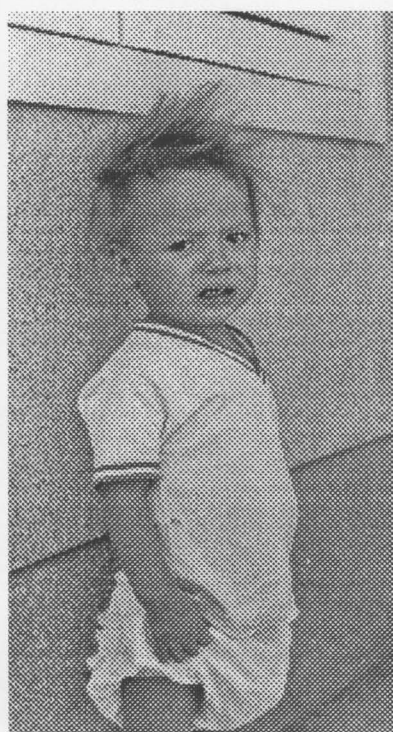


"MISTER ROSS"
"MISTER
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FCVN Van transporting infants, Vietnam- *Juan de Belta*
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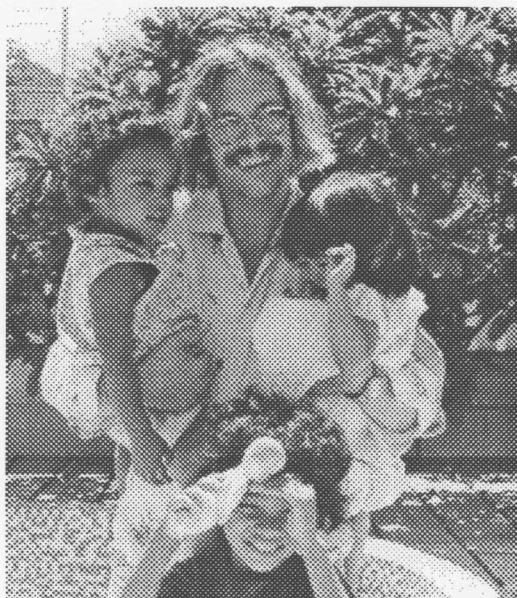


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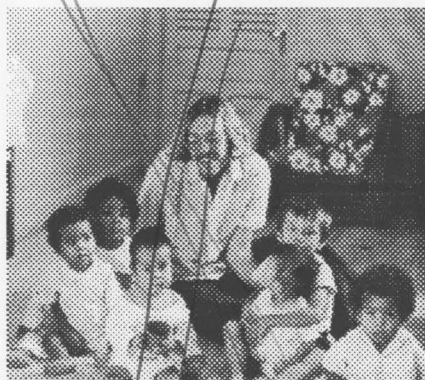


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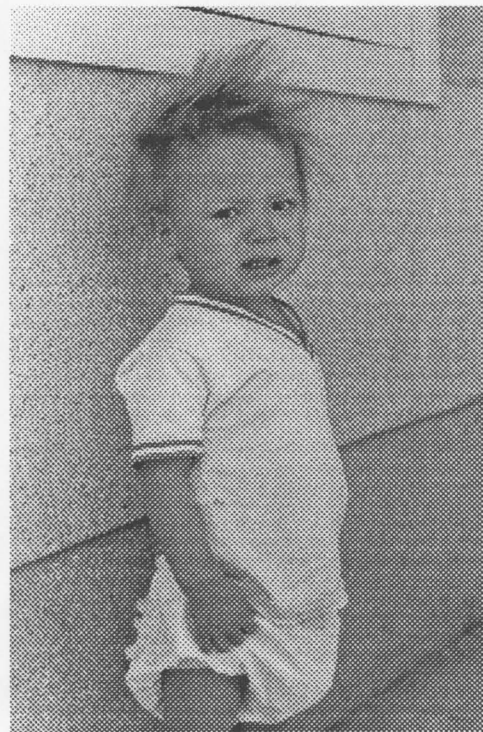
FCUN Bui Thi Xuan
Critical Care Center,
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FCVN Van transporting infants, Vietnam
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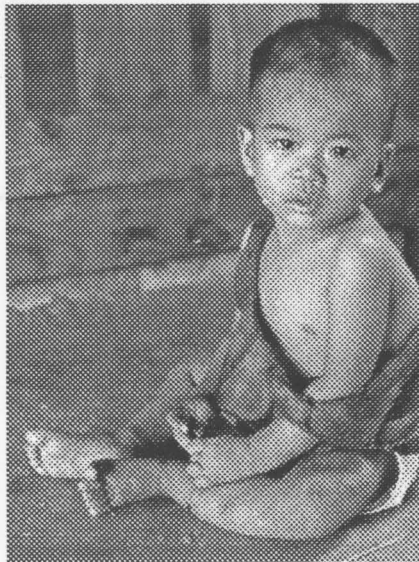




Disabled children at Phu My Orphanage
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Orphans of Vietnam
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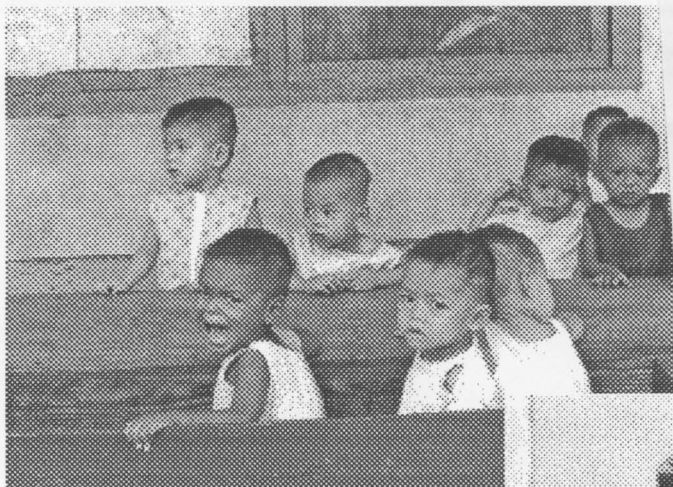
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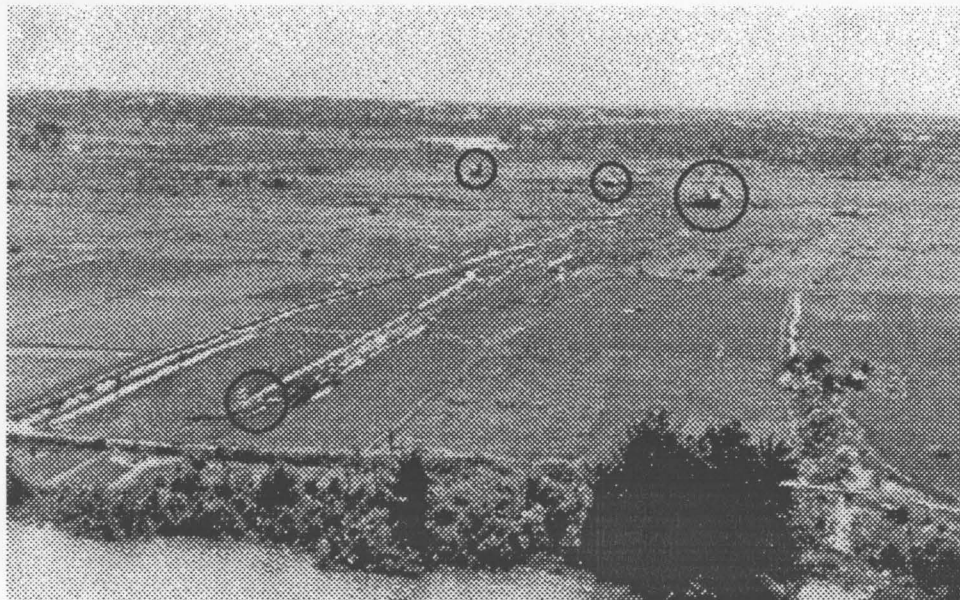
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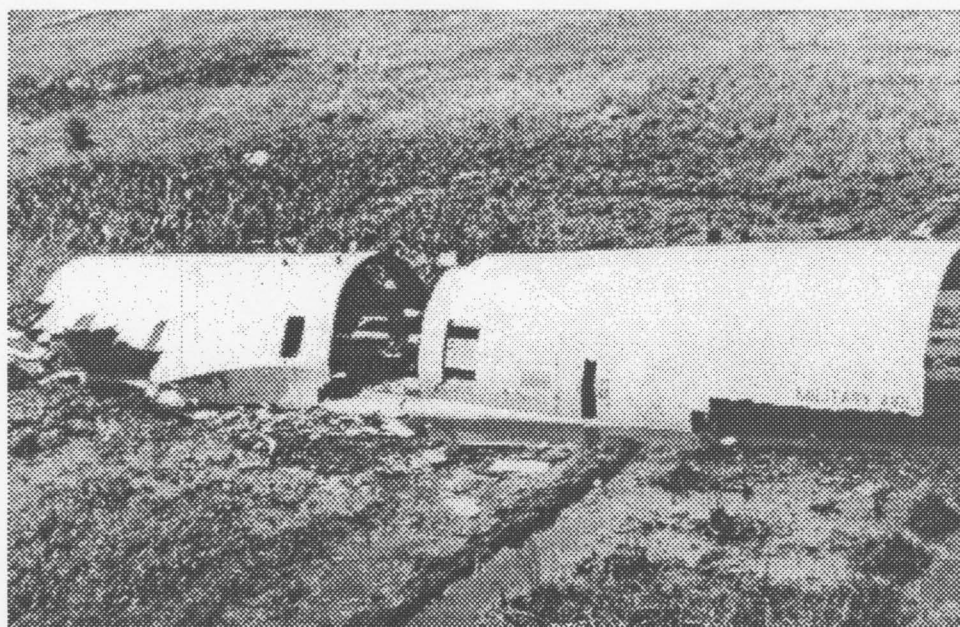
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Aerial view of C-5A Crash, April 4, 1975, Saigon
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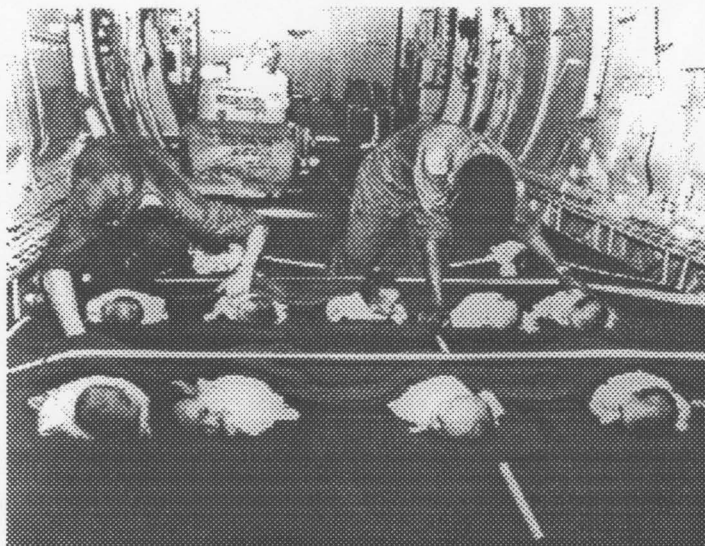


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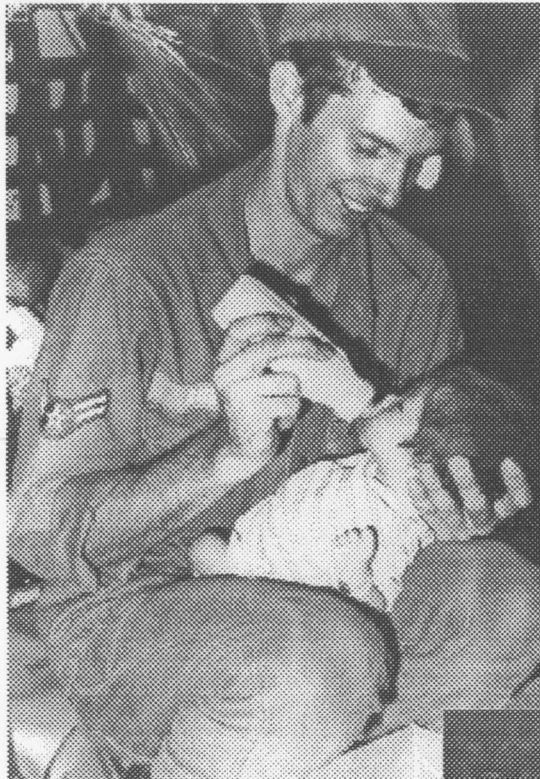


President Gerald R. Ford
welcomes orphans, San
Francisco Int'l Airport,
April 5, 1975
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President Ford
with Babylift
orphan
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Operation
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porting orphans
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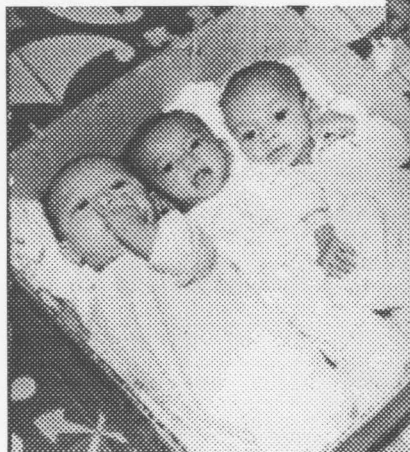


Infants transported to Clark AFB
on military transport, April 1975
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Orphans boarding C141 at Tan
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Courtesy National Archives





Orphans being cared for
aboard C141 en route to
U.S.

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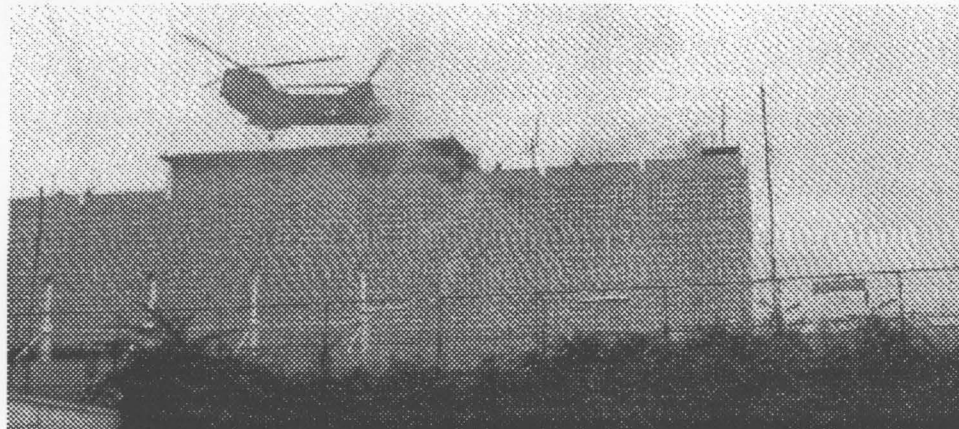
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Operation Babylift processing center, Clark AFB, Philippines
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Evacuation from the roof of the U.S. Embassy
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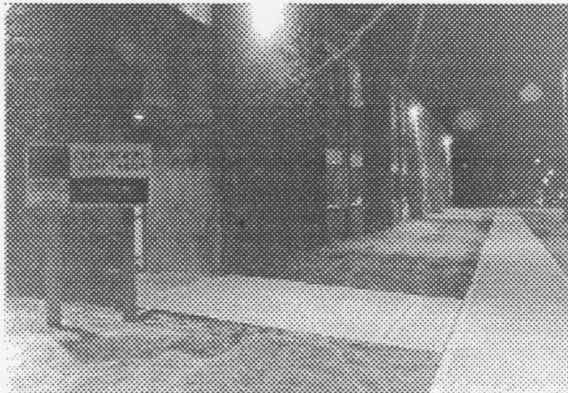
USS Midway
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Lowry AFB
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*Courtesy
Continental
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Bernie
Mantey*

Orphans arrival Continental
Care Center
*Courtesy Continental Care
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Orphans
departing to
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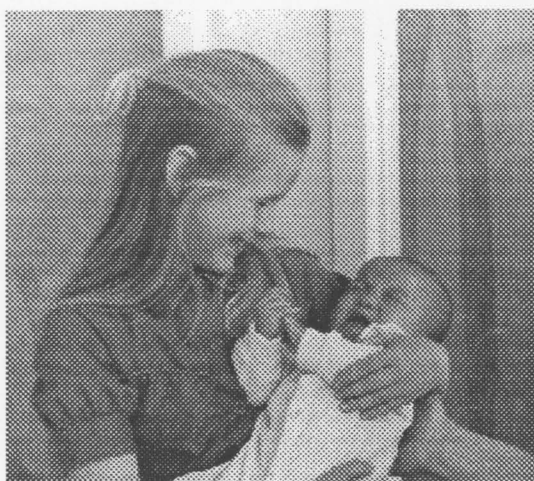
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Shirley Barnes "I wish I could
protect you from life's sorrows."

Shirley Barnes and Nuyet,
with friendx on leg.



Volunteers came in all sizes.
Blair Barnes, age 8

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Esther
Hahn and
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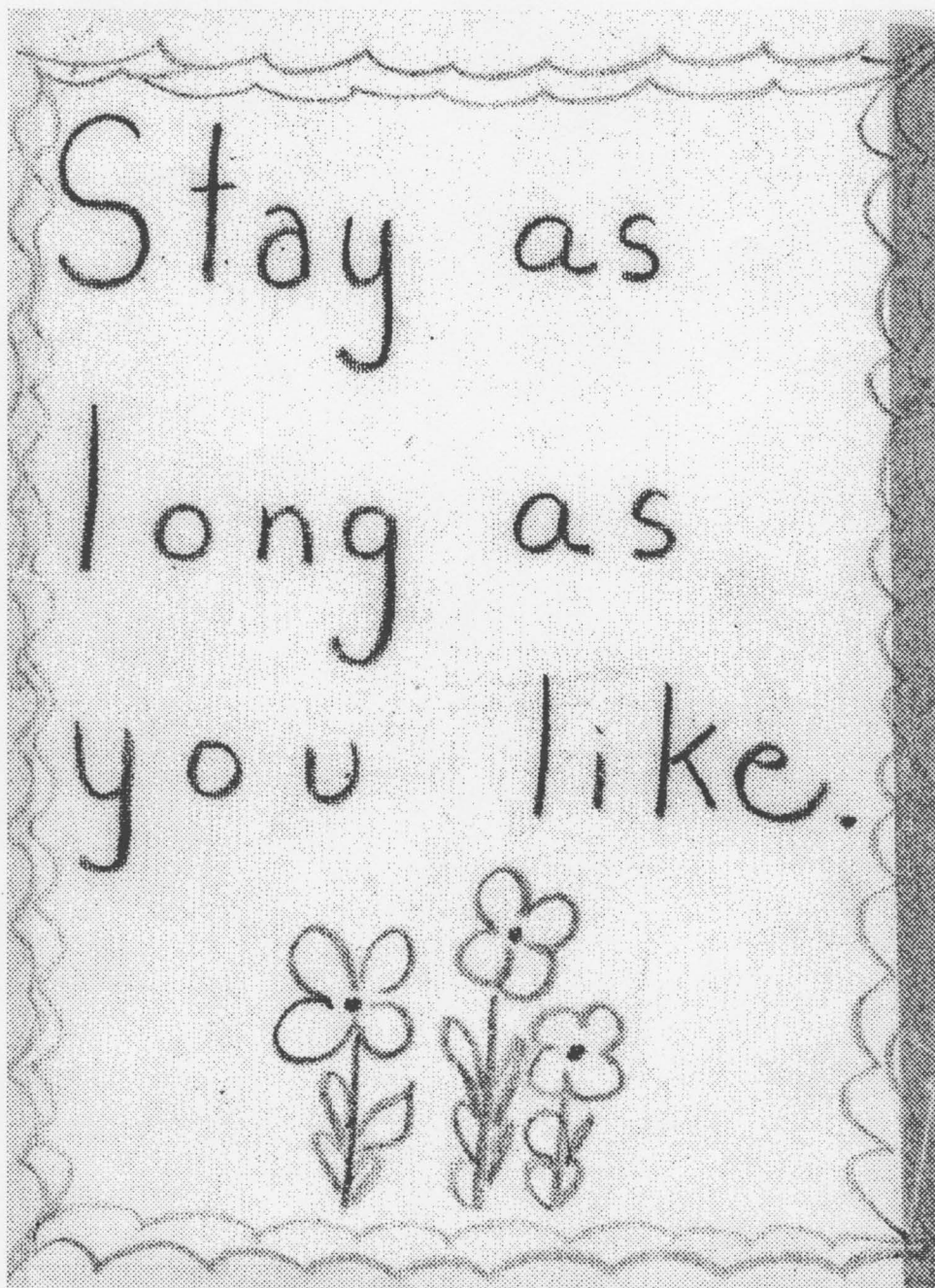
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Facing
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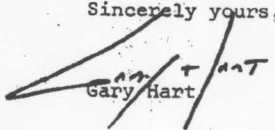
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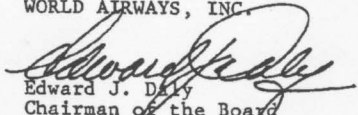
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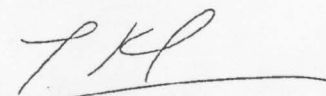
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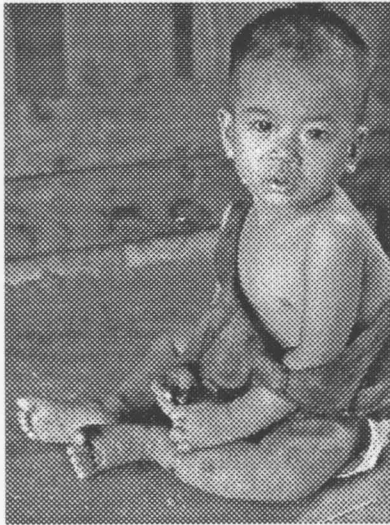
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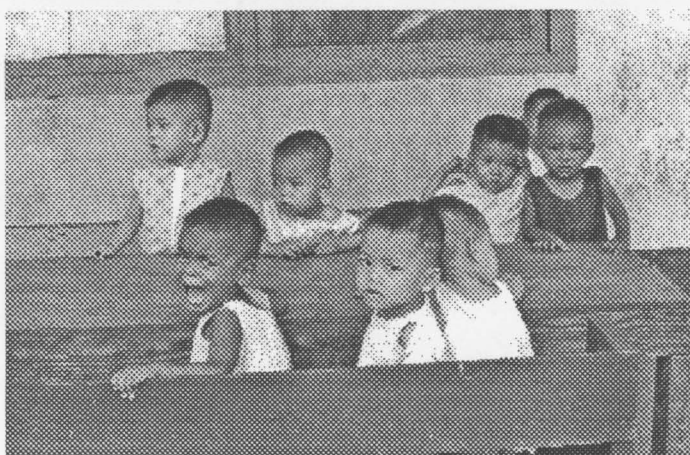
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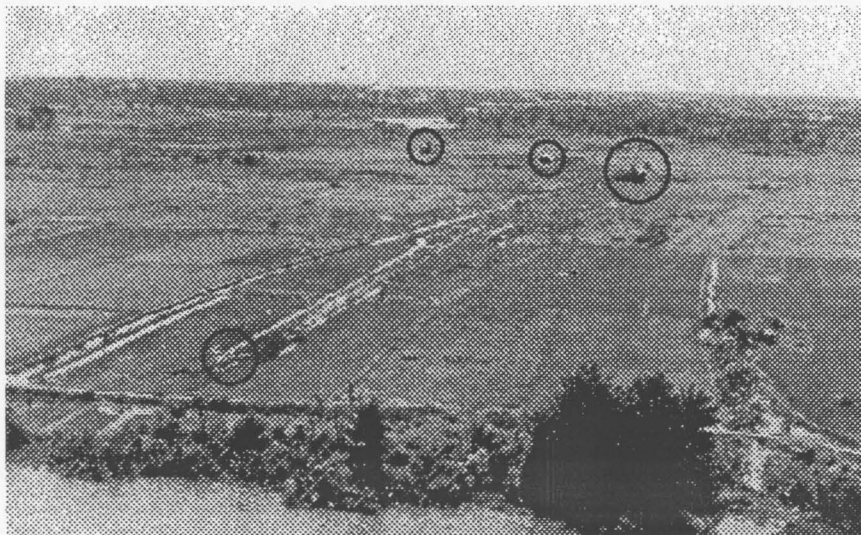


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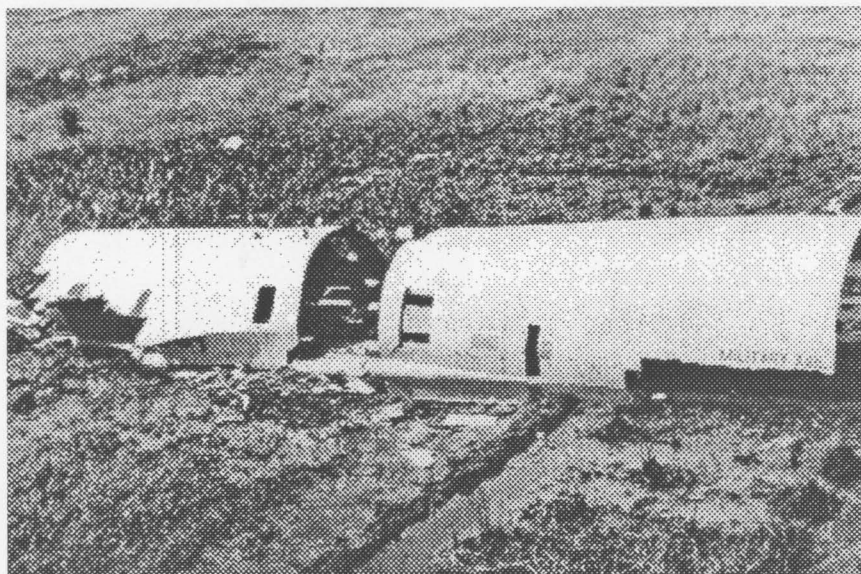
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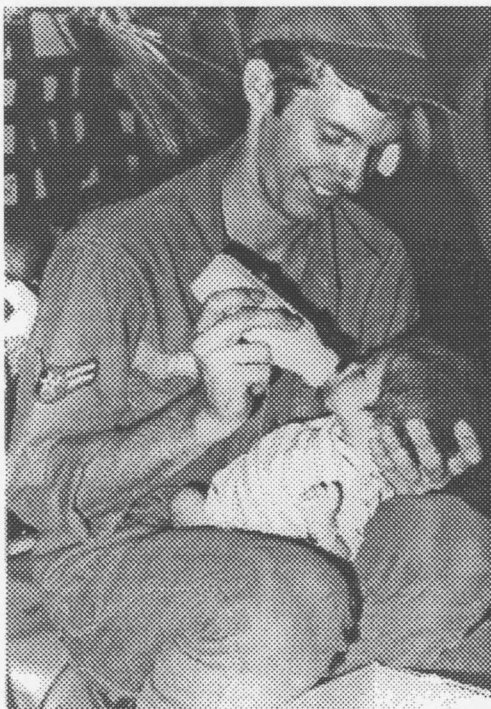




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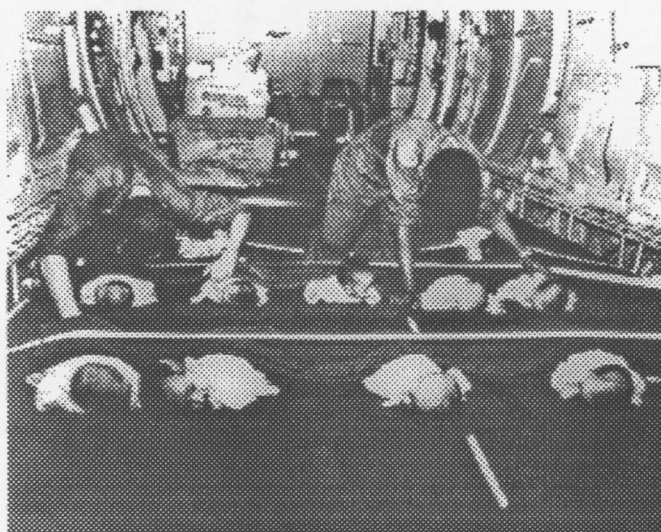
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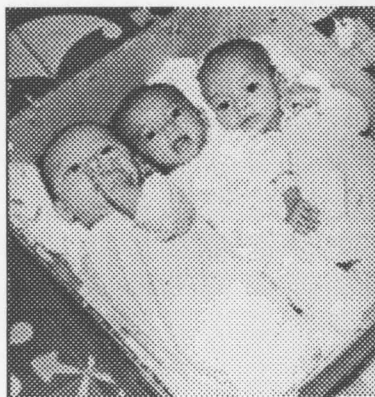
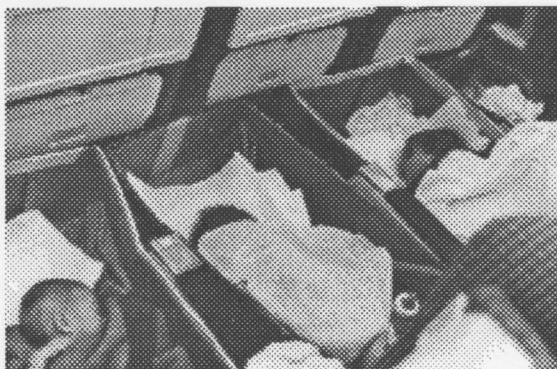


*AIR FORCE CREW
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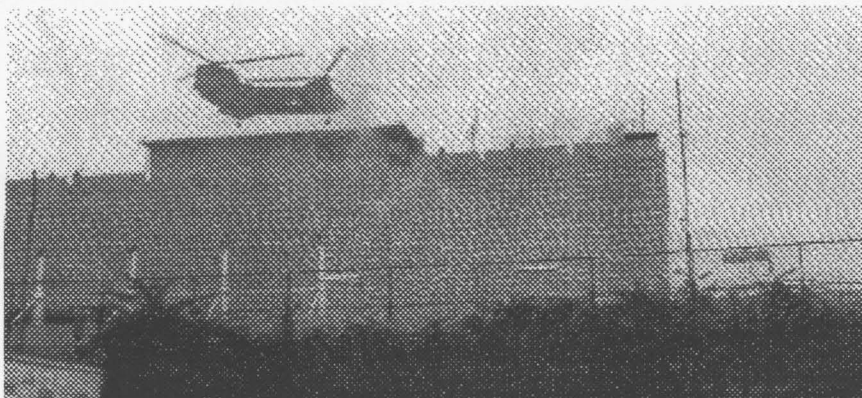


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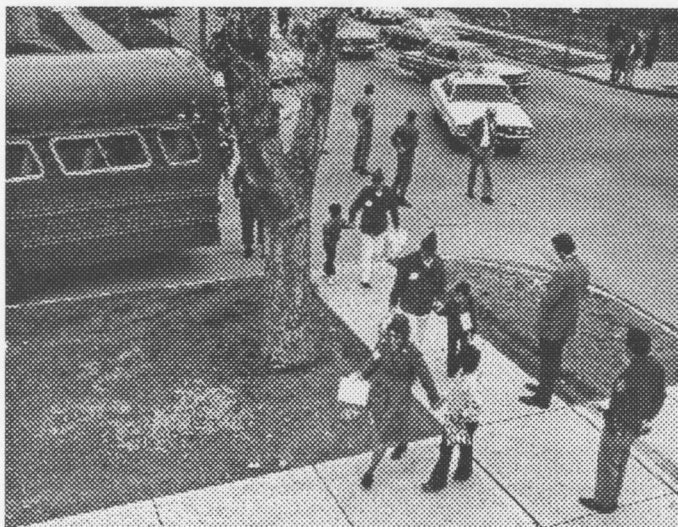
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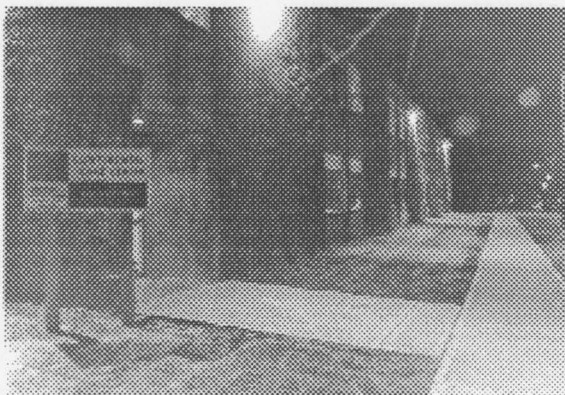
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THE INDOMINABLE
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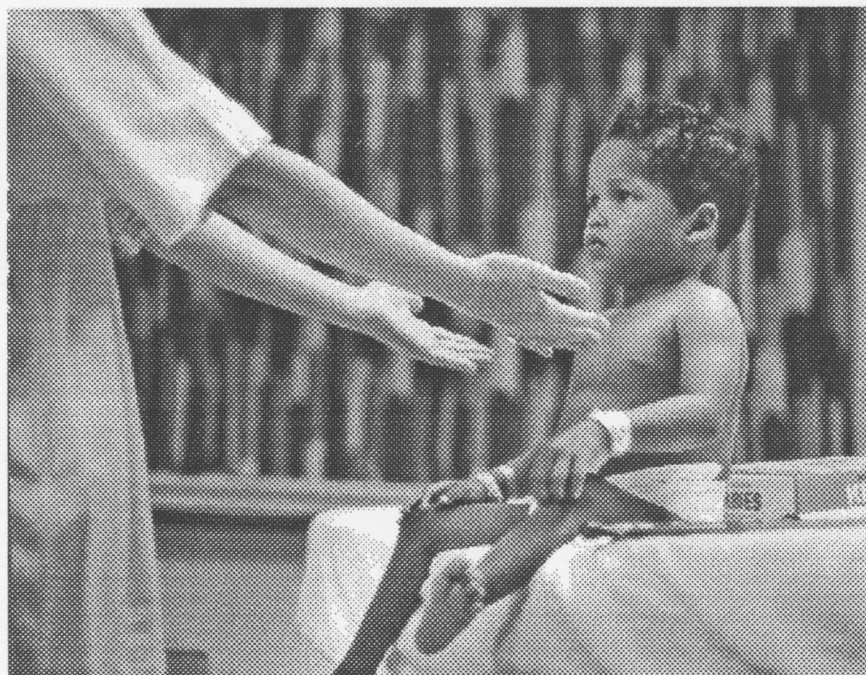


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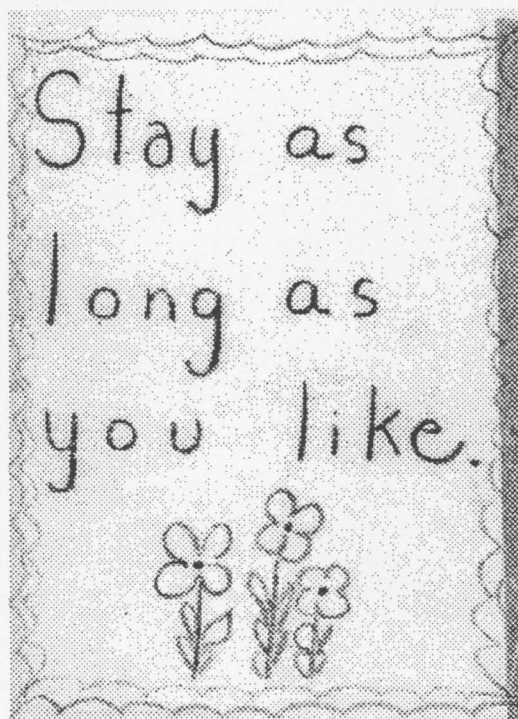
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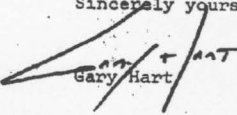
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*John this goes under letter
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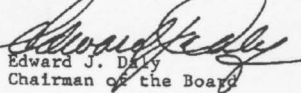
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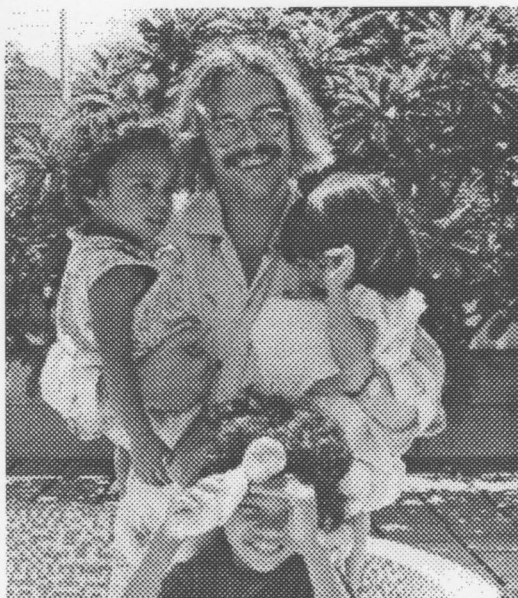
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Dr. Theodore K. Gleichman,
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FCUN Bui
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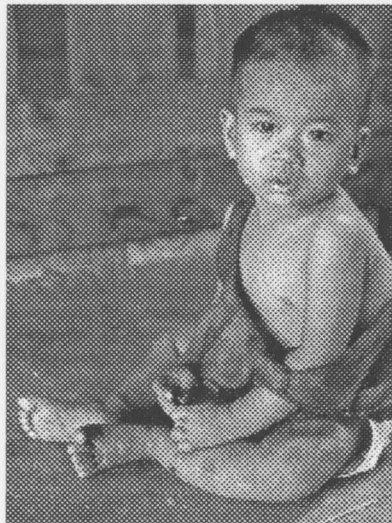




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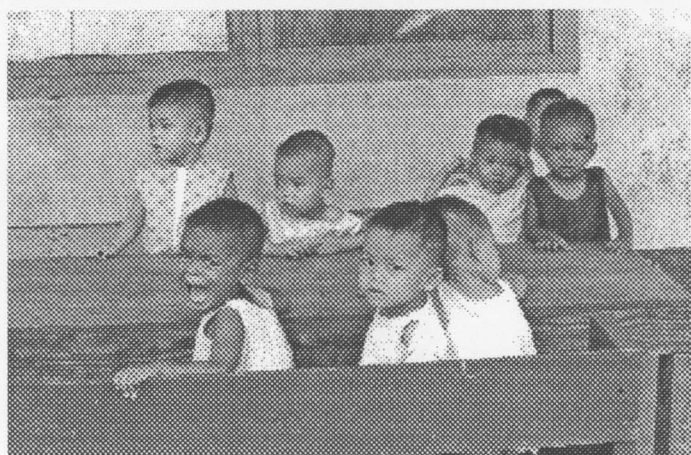




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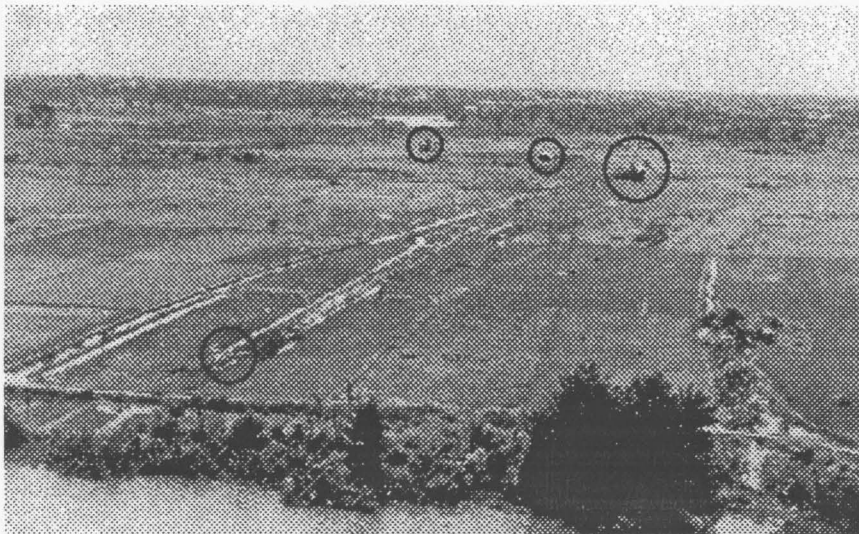
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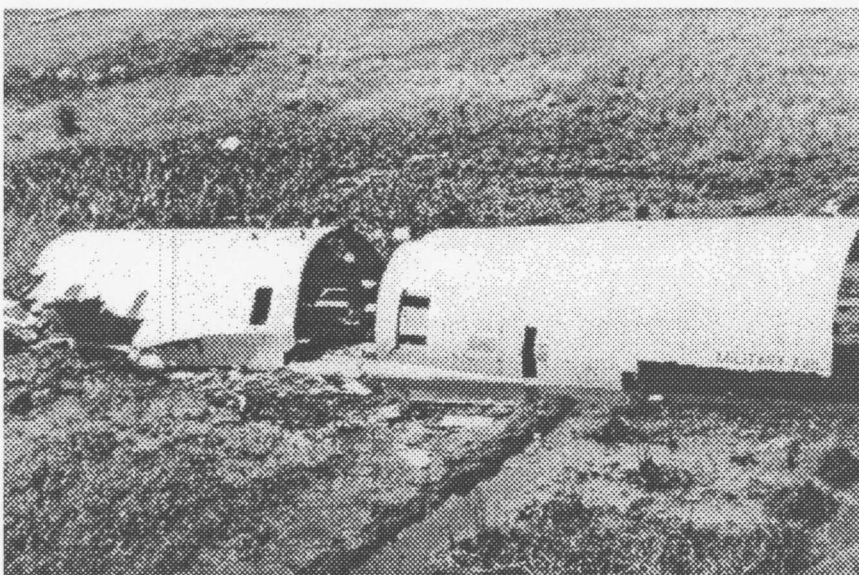
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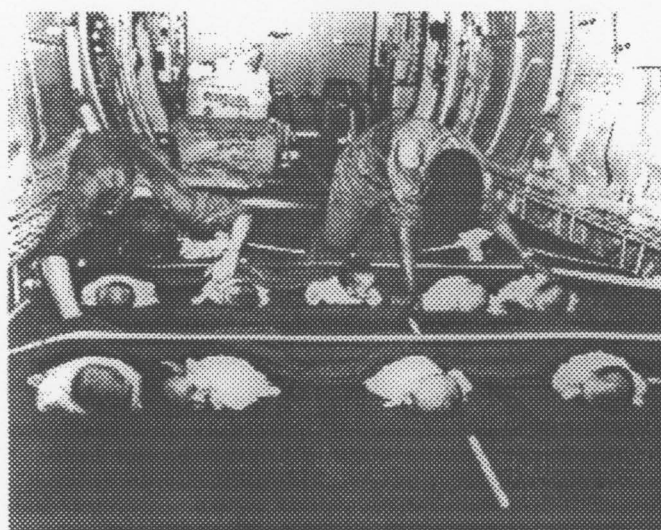
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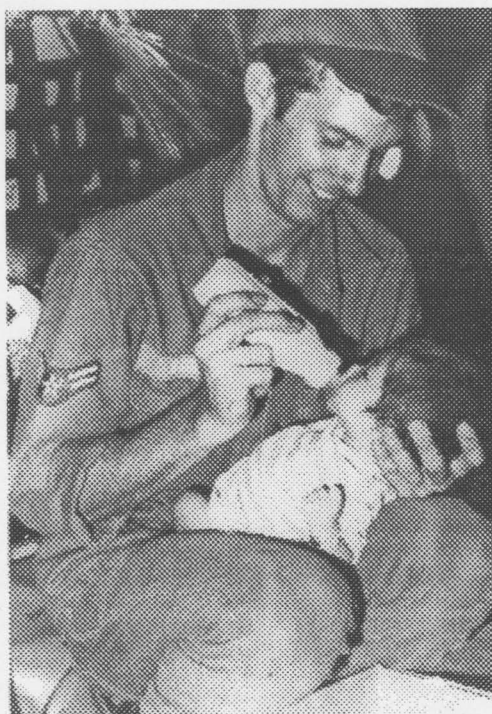
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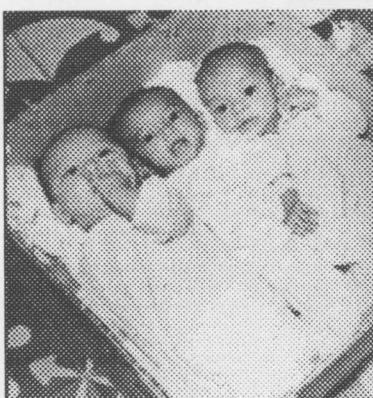
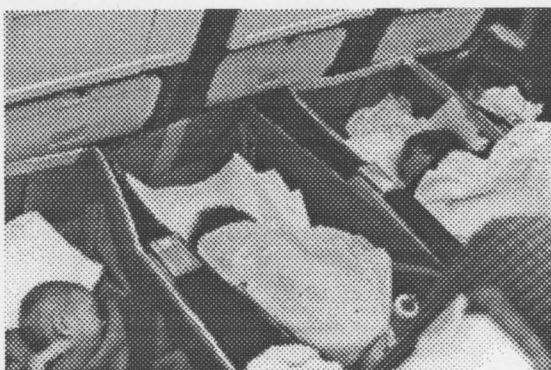


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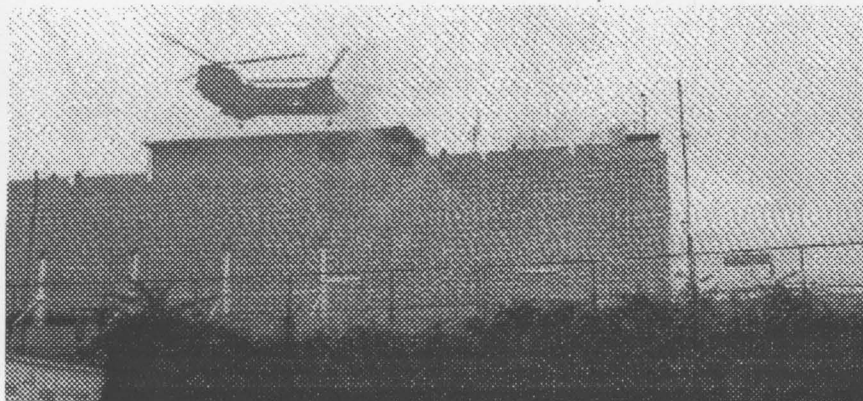
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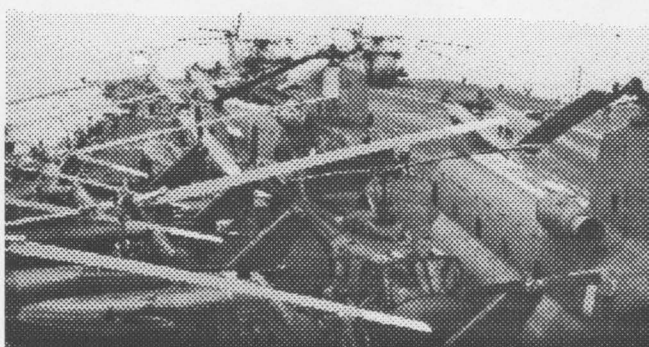


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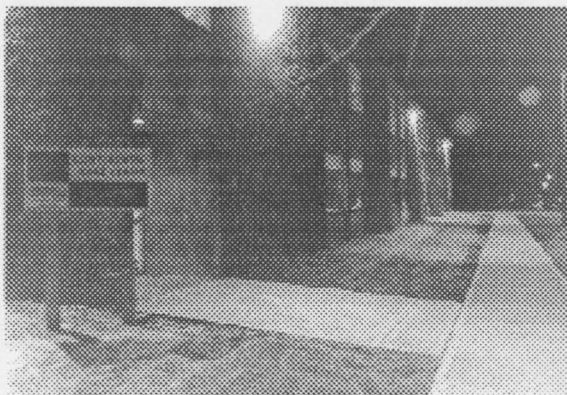
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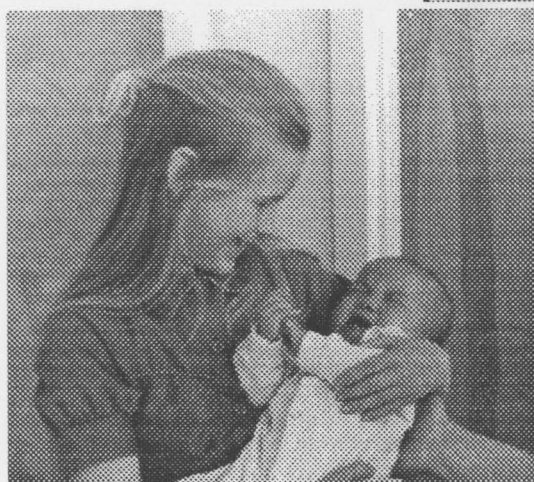
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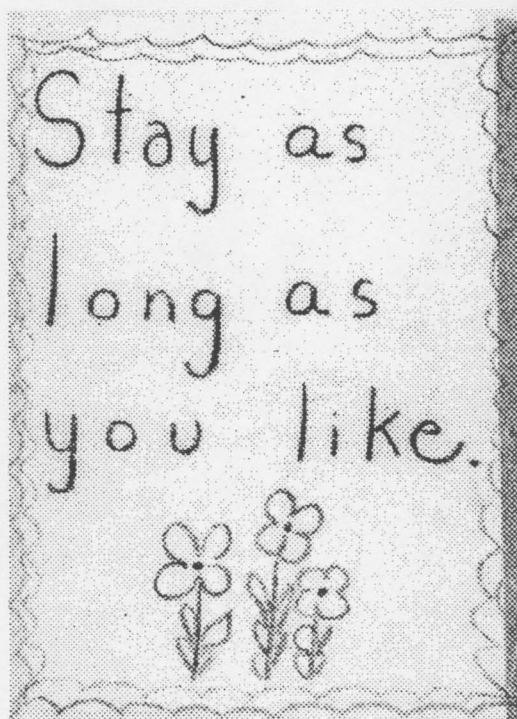


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September 24, 1984

Ms. Shirley Peck-Barnes

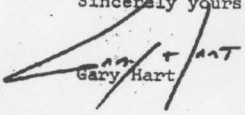
Dear Ms. Barnes:

Thank you for taking the time to inform me about your intentions to travel to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as part of your efforts to write a documentary about "Operation Babylift." I appreciate knowing of your plans to undertake this important project.

As you may know, I share the concern millions of Americans have expressed about the fate of the children who were the target of the humanitarian assistance provided by "Operation Babylift." I applaud your efforts to remind the citizens of all nations about the terrible price children pay when they become the victims of a war, and I will look forward to seeing the results of your inquiry.

Thank you once again for calling my Denver office.

Sincerely yours,


Gary Hart

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January 17, 1983

Ms. Shirley E. Barnes

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, 1983 requesting an interview.

I am enclosing some information regarding the "Baby Lift" that we put together. After you have read it and if you have further questions, I ask that you submit them first in writing. I will then decide if a personal meeting will be necessary.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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5 December 1984

Ms. Shirley Evelyn Barnes

Dear Ms. Barnes :

I would like to inform you of the message I have just received from Hanoi regarding your request for permission to visit Vietnam. The message is that your request has been given due consideration by the relevant authorities, and that due to problems we have at home in making necessary arrangements, final approval of the request is not yet available. It is expected that you will be able to make the trip in the first quarter of 1985, hopefully in January.

In the meantime, I will stay in touch with you and notify you of the final approval once it is available. Please let me know anything further that I could be of service to you. I solicit your understanding for the delay on our part.

Most sincerely,

Tran Trong Khanh
Press Secretary



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June 24, 1985

Ms. Shirley Evelyn Barnes

Dear Ms. Barnes ,

First of all , I must apologize to you for this very belated reply. I was almost overwhelmed with the inflow of nearly 100 American correspondents who came to Vietnam this time to cover the 10th Anniversary of the end of the war. Therefore, it is not until now that I am in a position to write replies such as this one .

In the meantime, I have tried my utmost to make your trip to Vietnam possible. Although , as I said to you, it appeared that the approval was forthcoming, I have failed to get it until this moment. I understand of course that, without the trip, your book will not be complete or perfect the way you have desired. In saying this to you I feel no less frustrated. But I hope you will understand .

Again, thank you very much for your warm disposition and for the nice photo book you have sent to me. I sincerely hope that your book will be laudable anyway.

Wishing all the best, I remain .

Yours sincerely

Tran Trong Khanh
Press Secretary



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