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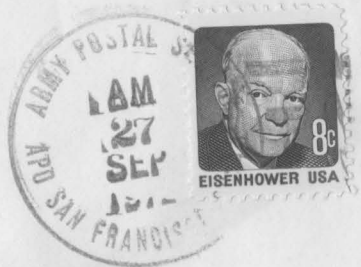


TO AM NURSERY
APO SF 96243

Brown

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Person



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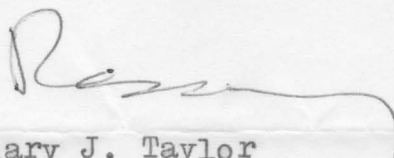
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We are working closely with her and see her frequently. She asks for a helicopter at Soc Trang, every couple of weeks, to bring a batch of children to Saigon.

Do your best to keep people sane and prevent them from becoming hysterical.

gratitude from us all



Rosemary J. Taylor

all letters to:

Rosemary J. Taylor
P.O. Box 2762
GPO SAIGON
Vietnam

the child adopted by
Hansberry was ultimately
given up (abused)
and adopted by
John + Lee Anne Buchanan

She became

~~Rebecca~~ the Margaret
Buchanan

In 1979 (?) she was
relinquished by Buchanans

Saigon Apr il 14, 1970

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hansberry,

I took your letter to Europe with me at Easter, meaning to answer it there once I had disposed of the 10 babies, but I found myself spending Easter in a tiny country cottage with a dear old lady. All the shops were closed, and I didn't want to rob her of her last bit of notepaper.. so my letters remained unanswered.

I was grateful to read your sentiments, and your ready acceptance of Hang regardless of racial origins. So many people have complexes on this subject, and they disguise their prejudices in a thousand different ways.

Hang is doing beautifully. She stands up now, and last week, she weighed nearly 18 lb. Write to Mr. Lambert. to bring this case to his mind (but DON'T say I told you to write!). I do hope it won't be many months before she joins you.

You asked me many questions about Phu My and Toh Am. Let me try to explain:

PHU MY.. a refuge for 1500 incurables, TB cases, blind, cripples, abandoned.. also included are 130 children in the orphanage section. (The polio children have a separate section). It is run by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. I merely have a room on the premises, which I use as my headquarters. All the adoptable children at Phu My are being adopted, but the majority of the children have some parent still living (leper, sick, poor), and cannot be adopted.

TOH AM: was a name we gave to a small nursery in another part of the city.. begun by Rosa Tintore the Spanish nurse. Rosa has since gone back to Europe and been replaced by a Belgian nurse Anne. We had to move the nursery to smaller premises because there was difficulty buying the property. Now the house is only rented, and TERRE DES HOMMES Belgium are responsible for all the financing. The nursery is now full, with only 20 children, of which Hang is one. I don't think Anne continues to call it TOH AM. Probably she refers to it as Terre des Hommes nursery.

I have a plan to start another nursery with capacity for 30 or 40, in June. I have been joined by a nurse from France, who will be ideal to direct the house. She's just what I've been praying for. We are both most enthusiastic about nursery number 2. Rent, utilities and staff will cost us about 1,800 dollars a month when it is running to capacity...and even though it will take some ingenuity to get that money.. we are convinced that this nursery is an absolute necessity.

Lately, the past month in particular, I've had at least a dozen of my babies die in three orphanages, and about 6 others have contracted polio.. despite the fact that they were supposedly vaccinated. Sisters in these provincial orphanages are begging us to bring the babies to our nursery as soon as they are chosen for adoption... and to bring here some of the newborn babies who haven't a chance of survival otherwise. Imagine these tiny mites of 3 lb, dumped in an orphanage cot, and having to fight for survival amidst all that infection! The heat of the present season makes it ideal for epidemics. Last month, all the babies at Phu My came down with measles, and four of them died.

We are waiting for the present tenant of nursery no. 2, to move out, so that we can move the babies in. Actually, since the tenant is one of our greatest allies over here (in the British Embassy), we shall probably move half of our stuff into the house before he vacates it, and goes back to Europe.

Even though the orphanages here are supposed to receive a pittance from the local welfare dept., they all depend to a large extent on donations, and foreign aid. Most of the orphanages in military areas, seem to be sponsored by American military (or Australian etc), and some of these orphanages are well looked after. Cantho especially has good rapport with the American military, mainly through Sr. Anicet, who speaks good English, and is a most competent and dedicated woman.

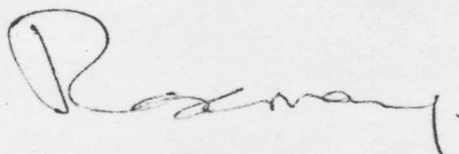
Hope I've answered some of your questions. I don't think I can speak about how many children have gone out, because I am not entirely responsible, and I know how facts can be distorted.

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I would just ask you one thing... please do NOT publicise my name nor any personal effort I am making. This can only harm my work. I'm sorry about the publicity already received. Truly, I would like to impress this fact... I'd rather not be mentioned by name. (I've just turned down two journalists wishing to write stories on the nursery - I explained my reasons to them.)

Now I'm off to the dentist .. for a re-filling (lately lost).

my regards to you all



Rosemary

Have they discovered the cause of Mark's diarrhea?

I enclose a copy of an article I wrote 3 years ago about this very - while I was working there full time - it might give you some idea.

I'll try to send some photos of HANA next time
Sorry I haven't yet succeeded.

Van wasn't destined to become ours -
Kim-Ganh was chosen for us. Van went to
France.

Saigon April 17, 1970

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Dear Leesanne,

I hope you have received the letter I wrote in England, and posted from Vietnam. The little girl is not available, tho the other child might be. I'm still waiting to see if this Canadian adoption will go through. If it doesn't, I'd like to get the second little girl into a home with all speed, and don't want to keep her around for a year. I couldn't find a lovelier child than Van (holding baby).

The possibility of sharing some of those funds delights me. The offer (even tho not definite) couldn't have come at a more appropriate moment. We are desperate for another nursery, since the first nursery TOH AM is already full, and we can't move the babies for a long time, due to the slowness of the Vietnamese procedure.

I say we're desperate, and I mean it. I daren't think too much about all my babies who are dying in the orphanages before their papers are complete. Just the last month I have lost about 12 of them, and another half a dozen have come down with polio, despite the fact that they were vaccinated (supposedly). Obviously the vaccine wasn't any good. This is just breaking my heart.. to think that they are dying of measles and simple things like that. Had we room for them in the nursery in Saigon I don't think one of the dozen would have died.

The sisters in the provincial orphanages are encouraging us to start up another nursery. They too are saddened by the frequent deaths, but one cannot think too much about the dying when there are so many living who demand attention.

When you consider the number of people in this world who would love one of these little ones, and could take one immediately, were it not for these devilishly long formalities. The very lives of the children are at stake but nobody takes that seriously.

I have been joined by a wonderful nurse from France, who must have fallen from heaven. Now that she is here I am going

ahead with plans for Nursery no. 2. She will be able to live in and run it. Just now we are house-hunting. We want to rent a house for one year, in the first instance. Prices are so ridiculous here that we are going to pay for renting it, an amount that would BUY the house in the States. Then there are utilities. We can count on the electricity bill being at least 200 dollars a month (we have to run air-conditioning in the babies room). Before embarking on such a program, I need to have some assurance that I am going to be able to meet the costs (we will also have about 10 vietnamese employed, and they have to be paid). We want to get a house that will be big enough to take at least 30 babies, and older children in transit. At the moment, I have saved up about 3/8 of what our expenses will be for the year. It would sound preposterous if I told you what we envisage the project would cost, but remember the awful inflation over here. Whatever it costs I am going ahead because I feel it is so necessary.. and even a few lives saved will be worth any expense. I'm going to encourage a sponsorship program whereby people send milk and baby products for an individual child. This will help us to reduce food costs in the nursery.

We have a couple of houses in mind already, and are weighing the pros and cons of each (there is a considerable price difference). Whatever happens, we intend to be moving in the babies in June.... my savings will vanish if we pay the years rent all at once... then we shall be relying on "providence" and some other practical assistance.

If the group think fit to share some of the money with us, could you perhaps leave it in a savings account for a while, until I know exactly what's happening with our house, and how we have to pay the rent. My own account is checking, and I hate the money not to be gaining some interest. I've been saving up for the house rent, and as it will be soon paid in one fell swoop, there's not much point in shifting the money now.

I shall continue to live here at Thu My, and Yvette will run the nursery, tho I shall be responsible for finance etc.

My regards to you all

Ramona Taylor

Saigon Oct. 31, 1971

Dear Leesanne,

Thanks for the brochure and FRIENDS letter. We are certainly most grateful for your efforts to help. Actually, now that I have the possibility of more assistance, I am moved to consider a few new ventures. A couple of days ago Ilse and I drove to Cantho, and brought back a load of babies in the back of our car, in boxes, and strung up in home-made hammocks. The trip was unforgettable, as we were a long way from home in unfamiliar surroundings, in pitch dark, in pouring rain. We arrived back quite late. We had miscalculated the time to get home.. or rather,

we had not taken into consideration our own stupidity.... We had to cross two rivers, by ferry. When we came to the first river, at Cantho, there were two ferries. We drove the car onto the ferry.. and were surrounded by very curious crowds.. we could not see out the windows of the car. Then after about 20 or more minutes, we were told to drive off.

We thought the ferry wasn't working.. so we drove off, and showed that we were very upset, and insisted on getting on to the ferry number two immediately. After another half an hour, ferry 2 arrived on the other side,

and we got off, and started to drive away. At some distance from the river, we realised, with horror, that we were back where we started.. we had crossed the river in ferry 1, without realising that we had been moving... then ferry 2 just took us right back again. That stupid, stupid mistake, put us way behind schedule, and we had a desperate ride to get back to Saigon with out 8 babies.

[Well, all that is incidental.. I really just wanted to tell you about little UT.. the 3 year old girl (or maybe 4), who m we found in the orphanage. She has T.B. in its most advanced stages.. almost dead.. and in with all the other children. Sister told us that she had asthma! (Although the American military doctors had diagnosed T.B. without shadow of doubt). Up here in Saigon, we've had her admitted to the best hospital but it took several days to find her a bed. Besides paying high hospitalisat-

fees for her, we must also provide our own nurse day and night, and pay her! The French doctors give us all their services, medication and tests for nothing, but the Vietnamese are responsible for the hospitalisation part of the expenses, and they give us no ~~grat~~ gratuity. We tried to get her into 3rd Field military hospital, and had the U.S. Embassy make the request to the hospital. The embassy official was so upset at the hospital refusal, after he had made every effort to persuade them... he himself, out of his own pocket, gave us 50 dollars to help with the hospitalisation expenses for the child at the French hospital. There is a long story here.. and we might reveal it to Newsweek, or Time, one day, when we feel desperate enough. [Actually, had we brought the child's medical dossier from Cantho, where it could be seen that she had been "referred" by a U.S. military doctor.. we might have got her into 3rd Field Hospital.. but unfortunately, in the haste of departure, we had left the medical dossier there. This makes the second severe T.B. case we have had in two weeks.

This brings me to a "new venture".. the possibility of opening a small house for these children once they come out of hospital. They will be in hospital only a very short time, because of the problem of hospital expenses, and finding a nurse to care for them. It would be better to have a separate little house where they could be treated and cared for, with regular visits from the doctor.]

Another venture would be the opening of a place where retarded children could be specially trained. This would have to be a vietnamese venture, almost entirely, but could probably be financed and helped initially by foreign aid. There is so much to be done for the orphan children.

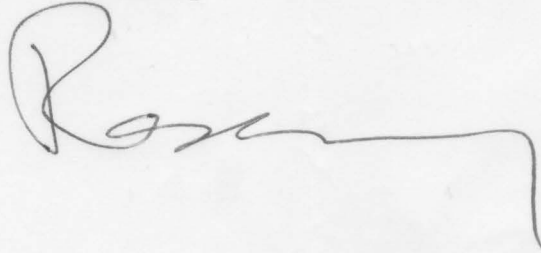
As for the adoptive parents, the Oberkirchers I advised to contact a lawyer here, who would help locate a child, perhaps. The Mahers.. I'm not sure just what I said to them as I have not my records with me as I write this.. but I think I referred them to Danang.

Now for our special needs: FORMULA: World Vision said they are giving us only 30 cases more Modilac.. that's almost gone as I write this.. then no more! We had really been depending on the Modilac.. although we knew it could not go on for ever. Now we have no large quantities of anything to take its place. You can thus place FORMULA high on your lists of our needs. We would prefer to have one kind, either SMA or SIMILAC, or any sufficiently large quantity of another kind.. so that we don't

have to change too often. We can however, use small quantities of any kind, for individual babies that wē put into foster homes... or for newborn babies whose formula is made separately.

This letter has become too long.. I must stop now. My greetings to everyone.

Rosemary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, starting with a large capital 'R' and ending with a long horizontal flourish.

2-20 am - Im keepig vigil
with a sick baby!

SAIGON

17-11-71

Dear Leesanne

I have to acknowledge

① Diapers received 30-9-71

④ Disposable Diapers
received - October 71

received
11-11-71 { ① Box of baby things for
Suzanne
① Pears & dolls
② Disposable diapers

Many thanks for all your
help - I have just seen
Suzanne recently - she
comes to Saigon occasionally
- we have given her boxes of clothing
that we do not need ourselves
Regards to all the family
Rosemary

John E. Buchanan
7276 South Birch
Littleton, Colorado 80120

Fall
1971

Dear Rosemary,

I have received both letters from you. I am so happy to hear the first little girl will be going to Belgium to a wonderful family and will get her eyes fixed. I am wondering about the Canadian adoption of the second child. If it does not go through, and if you have not already a family in mind for her - I think she would be very happy with us. We could provide 2 sisters of almost the same age & of course 2 little brothers. As you know we are not materially very well-to-do, but our home is rich in love and we have a

lot of fun with all four. Arapahoe
County Welfare said that when one has
a particular child in mind, the ~~home~~
study does not take long (I sounded
them out on this one day.)

If Vow is not available now
perhaps we'd better just sponsor a girl.
Could you send a photo + description and
we will get together a box for her.

I have spoken with the head of
the group and it seems very likely
the money will go to you. The
amount is about \$4,000.00 I should
know for certain in about 2 weeks.
Please send the name of your bank.

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after reading your letter to Elise Hansberry, I realize that even \$4,000 will not go far. you have such tremendous dedication and zeal!

I am so happy that the Grant baby will be joining them soon. They are a great family. Any child is so lucky to have her for a mother!

We have all been grieving over the loss of your babies. what a world this is! And how insensitive to the needs of people. We pray for the continued safety of these little ones and for you, Rosemary.

It's close for now. Let's all pray
that the money goes to you. It isn't
much but it will help, I'm sure.

Love

Lee Anne

P.S. about the honorary board of directors - do as you think best - as long as the title won't be too great a responsibility!

SAIGON

27-12-71

Dear Leanne

Thanks for all your letters & news. I'm going through a bundle at this moment & will pick out items
* me leaving Vietnam ?? first I've heard about it. (Rumors have also had me married & dead at various times!)
* Packages - have been raining upon us! Stockings were a great success. We had a tree for the children: each house. In "warm nest" I suppose we enjoyed it more than the babies!

Disinfectant - we are looking forward to its arrival
(what a disillusionment to read about PHISOHEX in last weeks Time magazine!)

UT - You could perhaps send the money. Actually the U.S. company PA & E had offered to pay his hospital bills - but we have ^{KNOWLEDGE} all children. Just today we retrieved a baby from hospital where he had been for the past 6 weeks - costing us just 150 dollars and some extra for the woman who fed him & changed him in hospital! I don't want there to be any misunderstandings so I say straight out about UT. I don't know if we've actually got any money from PA & E yet - but it's promised. My colleague Margaret has been responsible for the arrangement & as she is absent at the moment, I can't ask her. But as I said - we have lots of medical bills to pay.

Article As for that article - forget it - no chance of adopting the girl: the photo - & no chance of me finding her. I don't care much for such articles. And I can assure you that people would be wasting time writing to the orphanage - they'd not get a reply - There are just too many thousands of people writing similar letters - One can only read by ignoring the lot en masse. I've been recently besieged with a storm of letters following an article in a Canadian paper - can't cope with all the correspondence.

SIMILAC - has been arriving - I shall acknowledge separately

Sincere regards to all & GREAT THANKS.
Rozanne

SAIGON

13-2-72.

to Everybody responsible!
thanks for

8 cases of SIMILAC
received in JANUARY
for Friends.

10 cases of SIMILAC & SOYALAC
received in JANUARY
& addressed from COBB.

the packages received from
Colorado have been acknowledged
separately

Rosemary J. Taylor
C/- Consular Section
American Embassy
Saigon-Vietnam.

Gratitude
Rosemary.

Rosemary J. Taylor
C/- Consular Section
American Embassy
Saigon-Vietnam.

SAIGON

29.12.71

Dear Lesanne

Just to acknowledge

received

21.12.71

- ① plastic pots, clothes
milk, cereal
- ① baby chairs, stuffing
bottles, blankets

With Thanks

Rosemary

Rosemary J. Taylor
C/- Consular Section
American Embassy
Saigon Vietnam.

SAIGON
20-2-72

Dear Lesanne

- How can I apologise! I've only just got down to reading your letter seriously - during this Tet period - and I find out to my horror that I was supposed to send you the rice paper - now it is too late. I remember seeing the word "rice-paper" written on the cheque & I thought it very strange & had no idea of why it was written. Now I understand. - I feel wretched at letting you down like this - I can just plead that the past few weeks have been rather harrowing - we've had lots of worries & problems - & I've just let the mail accumulate until the Tet "vacation" when the offices are closed & I would have some free time for thinking. - I feel quite miserable to have failed to do this - as I asked the cheque too! - without realising what it was for!

S. Eugenie - yes she is still working on adoptions - she speaks English, .. but as she is new to the job she probably can't find time for much letter writing. She is happy to place the children.

SIMILAC - we've just received another shipment from you - but will acknowledge separately when I can consult our records to see just how many have arrived

I want to set this letter away - with repeated apologies - Greetings to all

Rosemary

scum the horrible scribble - I'm really away as I write - still not have the energy to type.



Mrs. Leesanne BUCHANAN
FRIENDS of CHILDREN of VIETNAM
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c/- AMERICAN EMBASSY-JUSPAO
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All packages now to
E. BUICE
American Embassy
APO S.Francisco 96243

Because Janet McFarland is
leaving Vietnam this month.

SAIGON

March 2, 1972

Thanks a million Leeanne

- & to all the Friends

- Mary has just warned me
that we have contracted now
to pay 1 year's rent in advance
- & it now falls due - \$8,400.

It is ridiculous - all foreigners
think it is ridiculous - but
what can we do - we need the
house! And we have to
pay it in such a way that the
landlord gets away with
being taxed on about $\frac{1}{4}$ of
that sum. We can't get anywhere
by complaining because everyone
has to do the same thing.

I'm feeling more optimistic
now that Tet is over without mishap.

Think of you all with
affection

Regards

Remy.

P.S. please send the enclosed
letter to Mrs Taylor - I
thought you could read it
first.

I enclose a photo of nursery
babies - Xmas day - I've
probably sent it to you before
- can't remember

Love

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special regards to Judy Silverley
from us all

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FRIENDS

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March 1972

Here are some things Friends of Children(Colorado) has done. Lets share new ideas.

- (1) Vietnam Sunday. Designate day, appear on talk shows, send press releases to local newspapers, perhaps put up posters. We combined a house tour(of 4 Quaker homes) with a simple tea, rice and cucumber salad meal. We can supply recipe for Vietnamese salad. Displays in each home. People on hand to discuss children. Purpose- mostly educational - cheap to put on, we did raise over \$800. Be sure you get names and addresses of each ticket buyer(if possible) so you can send them newsletter and hopefully really make a Friend. We plan to call each Sunday event like this "Vietnam Sunday" and held it in different locations- perhaps this Summer making it a picnic with petluck American and Vietnamese food available. We feel we need to educate people to the situation of Vietnam's children and when people know the facts they will not need any further prodding to contribute.
- (2) Tet Dinner. Tet is in February and is the celebration of the Lunar New Year. This can only be done if you have Vietnamese girls who will help prepare the food. Detailed hints for a Tet Dinner can be obtained from LeeSanne Buchanan, 7276 S. Birch, Littleton, Colorado. 80122.
- (3) Slide shows and talks at any group, church, civic, school, scouts, etc always get some response. Decide if you will ask only for money or will ask for supplies as well. We have good luck asking church groups, etc to donate high-protein baby cereal. This is cheap, light-weight,,easy to send and nutritious. In every group of 10-15 it seems that at least one will have a "connection" with someone helpful, or want to do more, or will zap out a \$50 donation.
- (4) We have posters in fabric shops asking for remnants of sewing supplies,etc. Posters can be any poignant photo. Ours says "People have to help other people." We may have to update this as it is an old poster- depends on if we can get the printing done for very little or not.

We have meetings only once every three months. We are in daily contact with each other, of course. No dues are levied. Anyone and everyone who wants to can be a member.

Saigon April 30, 1972

Dear FRIENDS (Wendy, Nancy, Leesanne, Judy etc.)

let me try and answer all your letters together.

ADOPTION INFORMATION: A great idea. Let me add a couple of corrections. First of all, my new mailing address, with the P.O. Box. See end of letter.

Then in the family certificate, the names, ages and sex of the children must be mentioned.

ADOPTION SCHEDULE: I'm sure I've sent one of these to some member of the group recently, however, I enclose another copy for your information.

HEALTH: Warn parents about health problems... that perforated eardrums are common, and skin ailments are the rule rather than the exception.

WILLIAMS BABY: had been in a foster home, and so her state could not be compared with that of other children. Don't expect the other children to arrive in such condition (Actually I did not see the baby prior to departure, but I presume she was in splendid condition).

ANDERSON: Also he was rather exceptional... very much spoilt at the nursery, and on the whole, one of the healthiest babies we have had. He too was exceptional. Most of the others we can't hope to send in such condition.

WILLIAMS SHOWER: Great thanks for the donations. You seem to be raining packages and cheques upon us.. well, it is keeping us going. Before Easter I thought we were at rock-bottom with the trouble at Allambie, and losing three months rent by changing premises. However, the good of the kids is always primary consideration, and I always feel confident that the money will be there when we need it... and somehow it is.... thanks to the hard work and devotion of our friends!

PACKAGES: I know they have been pouring in, but I can't acknowledge them specifically at the moment, as I have not the register with me. That is work for another day.

~~So~~ TRANG: We are most anxious to get Sr. Sylvie a good milk supply

that is, a good formula. Most of her kids are less than a year old, and formula would be the primary need. The best kind for the tiny babies is NESTLES PELARGON, which we can buy in Saigon.. at the moment Sister says she has trouble buying milk in Soctrang.. so we shall try and buy her some in Saigon, and send it down. The PELARGON is best because it is predigested, and the babies tolerate it better than other kinds of milk. We have our tiniest on PELARGON also, but the older babies have the more substantial formula.

Most of our little babies come from Soctrang. Don't think you have found a new source. All the babies at Soctrang have always been given to us for adoption. The problem is keeping them alive long enough. We fail in this, even in Saigon, where we seek out the best medical assistance we can find. Mostly it is not up to much.

UT: after months of hospitalisation she finally died. Her heart gave out. She had already had several heart attacks, and her fingers had been clubbed. However, she died surrounded with care and the best we could give the poor mite. The circumstances were sad enough. The French doctor was suffering himself, at her condition. He told us to cable urgently to France for some particular drug, for her heart. I cabled immediately, then went to France myself ^{with a group of children} At two days later, and found out that the drug had already been flown by AIRFRANCE to Saigon.. The rest I found out only after my return from Europe. Here at the Saigon airport, the B.-officials ignored the addresses all over the package, and the telephone number etc... and sent the package back to France saying address unknown. This was pure perversity on their part. By the time we got the package back in Saigon, Ut had died. She probably would have died anyhow.. her condition was so bad, and the last month or more she was having oxygen continually. But one can't help but feel murderous about the inhumanity of the airport officials... so UT is dead..

HOSPITAL EXPENSES: We have hundreds of dollars worth each month now, as we use the private clinic near the nursery, where we have one of our best vietnamese nurses on duty (one has to send a nurse with the babies). We cannot afford to keep them in the nursery in case of contagion... and because of the large numbers we have to cope with.

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CARMEL: had to renounce the last convoy. She was afraid to leave her adopted daughter alone in Saigon during this troubled time, so she wisely went back to Australia instead.

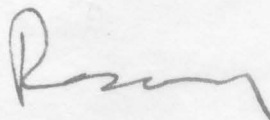
RICE PAPER & SHRIMP CHIPS: I shall try to get them to you, but can't say exactly when. Hope I can get them away this week.

THU VAN* crippled girl at Soctrang. I have seen her, but can't offer any opinion. Sister had always considered keeping her with them. I think she would be happy enough to do this. Some of the older children are very attached to the sisters, and don't want to leave. Anyhow, you can be guided by Sr. Sylvie in this matter. I think she has a serious deformity that cannot be corrected easily. I can't comment further at the moment.

SOrry if this letter sounds a curious hotch potch.. hope you can follow. Hope I've answered some of your questions.

PERSONEL: Do you have a nurse who would come out and replace Judy at Allambie, or someone to replace Carmel? We shall be very short of staff. Impossible to continue with Allambie unless we find two more people, with all the necessary qualifications (lots of hard and dirty work).

grateful greetings from us all



Rosemary et al.

new postal address:

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GPO SAIGON
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all parcels to:

MISS E. BUICE
577-48-6313
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO SF 96243

Saigon May 15, 1972

Dear Friends (and LeeSanne & Judy in reply to your recent letters)

Many thanks for warning us of the attitude of the Eastern States. Yes, we already know of it here in Saigon, because ultimately any problem gets dumped back on our doorstep. The message from the highest U.S. authorities trickles down until it reaches the vice-consul, who immediately notifies us and asks us what we suggest doing.

The present consul is working with us in a big effort to obtain passports before termination of procedure. This is a possibility which we are working on. We are preparing a batch of dossiers for the Min. of Interior, and they will be filed next week.... 27 of them according to my idea of priority... taking many things into account (eg. we didn't include on the list the adoptions that would soon be terminated, ^{normally} not could we include those where we do not yet have a birth certificate for the child, or the dossier of the parents). We had to make a choice for this pilot group... too many names on the list would have looked like a mass evacuation, which would have been very distasteful to the V.N... we settled for 27 at first. Included are the WESTLAKE boys, and Weston JOHNSON... But it is too early to raise anybody's hopes. What I want to stress is that we are doing all we can to get papers for the kids. It would be a disaster for our work if the kids left with no document at all. Moreover, the Eastern State adoptions strike me as being in a state of wild disorder. There are too many people with a finger in the pie... and I have had letters from several different people thinking they are adopting the same child. I would hate to think of what would happen were these kids to arrive in the U.S. without documents of any kind. Families would be screaming for possession.

received.

Your donation of 500 dollars is gratefully

Incidentally, we are receiving a steady stream of children from the northern orphanages, and are having to accomodate them in Saigon. They are for different countries, and not just for the Eastern States. We are concerned equally about them all.

Next Friday, Michelle (our Danang "contact") says she will be bringing down 15 children on Air-america (who always transport us and the children ^{Free of course} from Danang, with no problem). We shall have to find accomodation for this 15. I expect that Thanh Tam Westlake will be amongst them, as well as LAMB child.

There is certainly no need for too much drama at present. No need to speak of military evacuation. We can bring the children to Saigon any time we have accomodation for them, by ordinary means.. using AIR AMERICA. Until now, I have considered it best to leave the children at Danang for as long as possible, as they had better hospital facilities available to them there, and the atmosphere seems to be much healthier. Here in Saigon we've had epidemics of measles, and a fever which I strongly suspect as typhoid.. but recent tests have proved negative... which means to me that the lab. is not much good. This persistent fever which has affected most of the kids in the nursery cannot be explained in terms of much else... if not typhoid, it is some related illness I think . We've caught our staff using un-boiled water for the babies.

As for the measles, we vaccinate the kids against it.. but we've had lots of newcomers, unvaccinated in the house. Some of the children who had two of the series of three shots, also succumbed. This malady is a killer amongst the babies. Ilse has been working day and night without a break. She is just all skin and nerves now. She will be taking a convoi to Europe and U.S. on Tuesday (she'll post this letter for me). Now we have Linda, our American nurse, back from the last convoy, she will take over the nursery.

Any parcels you send for Sr. Sylvie in particular, please mark clearly, inside the package, in BIG LETTERS, that it is for Sr. Sylvie, or I can't guarantee what will happen to it. I never open the packages now. They go to the Warm Nest directly, and Ilse opens them. She is in charge of opening parcels and recording contents!

We shall certainly share what we can with Sister Sylvie.

Saigon May 22, 1972

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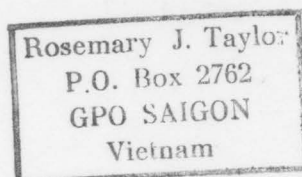
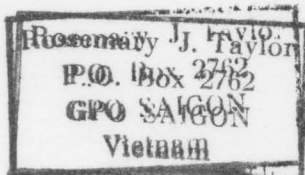
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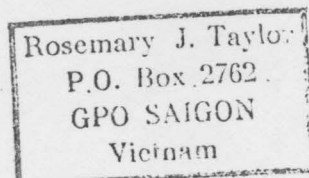
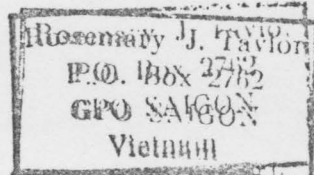
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regards to all from all of us

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Dear Rosemary,

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As you can undoubtedly guess, I finally have acquired a typewriter...now if I can just learn to type! Everyone is very happy with your dear Friends letters. Each Colorado family immediately receives a copy for their notebook. (Cupp, Garrety, Mantey, Morton, Partridge, Peters, Sample, Johnson)

We wonder if it would be possible to know which children are in which foster homes? Would this help cut down on correspondence for you or would it just mean more work for you? None of us want that!

Next question: Do you need more Air-Kem disinfectant?

Also: Do you still want 10 cases of Similac a month, or shall we rather try for the medical supplies you sent in the list to Roger Person?

Last: We need another signer on the bank card for Sr. Anicet's bank account, so that in the event of Sister's death the money won't be lost. Since it is converted into piasters, it can not leave the country. I wish they had told us this in the beginning but they "neglected" to mention that detail. Would you be willing to do this? Or who can you suggest?

The suitcase full of goodies arrived yesterday after a full day at Judy's house packing boxes for Viet Nam. We were so grateful to think that you would do this favor for us. That Vietnamese food is really good, and our Vietnamese friends are teaching Judy and I to cook it. Kim-Oanh thinks I am Vietnamese!

We were so moved by the account of Yen's death. It is such a waste. One fights and fights in the only ways we know and when we lose it breaks our hearts. Please know how much we all love you and your people there who are working so hard for Our Babies!

Saigon June 3, 1972

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Peters,

thank you for the last 25 dollar cheque,
enclosed in your letter of May 22.

JENNY is with us in Saigon, but I
warn you that her condition is not good. She is no worse than
many of the others, and there is nothing more specific that we
can say about her state, other than "not strong". I tell you
this quite candidly, so that if anything happens, you will
accept it calmly. Another baby will take her place. You will
help us if you do not react violently to news of death of a
child. I would like all the families to understand this. Other
wise, the double grief for us becomes too much to bear.

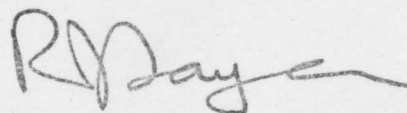
We did try to put Jenny in a foster home
but they brought her back next day because she had a fever. Now
we are trying to get her in ;good enough condition to go back
to a foster home. the nursery has become more like a hospital.
The fit babies can go into foster homes, but the weaker ones
must be watched day and night by competent nurses. When the baby
is not drinking enough, we give I.V.. Otherwise the dehydration
may be fatal.

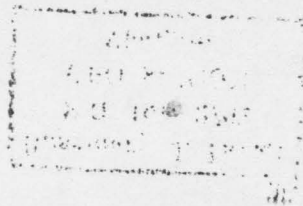
I don't mean all this to cause you undue
anxiety. Its just that I would like all parents to understand
the odds against us. Since the lawyer has already started you
adoption, there will be no change of papers even in case of change
of child. Let us hope that we shall not need to replace JENNY.

sincerely

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Rosemary J. Taylor
P.O. Box 2762
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Saigon June 11, 1972

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Peters,

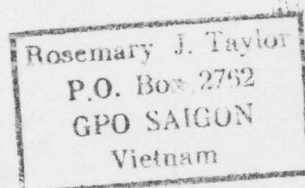
we have been given to understand this morning that our application for exit visas for a few children before the end of the adoption formalities, has been approved. The departure of your child will thus depend on the speed with which your immigration formalities can be completed. The child has already had her consular interview with the regional director of INS who visited recently from Hong Kong. The interview report will be sent to Denver. They should thus have all documents necessary for approving your petition. Please contact them constantly to remind them.

Meanwhile, send a 50 % airfare for your daughter, through PAN AM, from Saigon to West Coast. Definite travel plans cannot be made until we have the passport and entry visa to the states, actually in our hands. I am hoping for a departure in July.. probably late July, but this will depend on your immigration approval.

Your daughter seems to be doing well enough, and gaining strength.

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Saigon June 11, 1972

Dear Leesanne,

Thanks for the information sheets. To answer your questions briefly:

AIRKEM: We need some containers to put them in. I'm sure there is something missing. Do you have some sort of plastic container that can be hung up.. otherwise the things just bend over like soft wax candles! Perhaps you have already sent some containers, but I haven't been opening any of the recent packages. I think the best thing would be to address all practical questions about supplies to ILSE EWALD. OR to LINDA MEYERS, as they are now running the nursery, and opening all the packages. I am trying to send acknowledgements, but I'm afraid it isn't going to work very well, since I often never see what is in the packages.. although they write it down in a book, it means that I can never make particular comments about things. So, in future, enclose a separate letter addressed to Ilse, that would be best, just asking specific questions about practical things.

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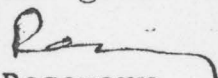
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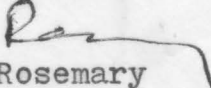
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Second, we want to mention that the Mid Hudson Valley FUVN is not connected with any other group in the East. They have worked with us a lot and are really "going it alone" in that Sparsley populated area. Even though we are having problems with Nancy Krivitt's chapter we are working them out. We sure can't complain about all the money they are sending you. Any way that is not your problem and we don't want to bother you with it. Is it your new policy to have them select children for people and handle all the paperwork themselves so you don't have to write to individual families? ^{or photos}

Third. Roger Person in Loveland is responsible for a lot of the medicine we send you. Also Jerry Anderson (David Anderson's father-Littleton.) No individual thanks are necessary.

Jenny Peters came in last night. What a beautiful little girl! So much happiness flowing at the airport. And more to come as it gets closer to the arrival times of the others. We are so happy this "list" went well. Any chance of this becoming a new standard procedure?

I keep hoping to write a purely personal letter sometime and let you know about Kim-Anh + Timmy + all - I will be here too long!

Louise
LeLanne

FCVN
4568 Beach Court
Denver, Colo. 80211
July 2, 1972

Dear Rosemary,

A long, but important letter to you about some of the drugs we are either sending to you now or will be sending you in the near future. We greatly appreciated your letter of June 11th, which gave us much of the information we needed to help you with your drug needs. Lee Sanne, Betty Mantey, Jerry Anderson (who is a drug salesman), and I have been working on this problem ever since we got your letters, expressing the dire problems you have had during the measles epidemic. If you can, please answer all the questions in this letter, as it will help us determine what else we can send you.

Measles vaccine: Our local pediatrician says that the 3-booster vaccine has not been used in this area because #1 it takes all 3 boosters and usually another booster before the child can be assured of immunity, and #2 - all these boosters are costly and time-consuming to administer. They prefer to use either the Swartsman or Enders varieties, both of which require only one shot per child, and if the child has not already been exposed to the measles, these vaccines will give immunity within a few days; these vaccines do not require boosters. They MUST be refrigerated at 30-40 C. Consequently, we are attempting to get to you 100 doses of the vaccine. Hopefully, Judy Silverberg can bring them this week, but if she cannot, we will probably send them via the BUICE route. They will be packed in dry ice, but it is imperative that you refrigerate them immediately. We investigated the air freight method, using Pan Am, but we were told that the package would be opened by Customs and possibly held up, as was your penicillin. Please tell us if there is a better way to send perishable drugs.

Tetracycline: We have ordered 2000 Tetracycline 250 mg. capsules to be sent to you shortly. However, even though you requested this drug, we did so reluctantly, because our doctors tell us they hardly ever use this drug because of tooth staining problems and growth problems. As a good alternative, our doctors recommend the following drugs (which they say will take care of 99% of all your bacterial infections): Bicillin, Kantrex (Kanamycin Sulfate), and Ampicillin (Polycillin).

Ampicillin: see Physicians' Desk Reference (hereafter referred to as PDR), p. 598, etc. We are sending you quite a bit of this, but only for oral use. We are also sending you injectable Bicillin (see later notes), but if you want injectable Ampicillin, let me know.

Bicillin: see PDR, p. 1553. This is an injectable drug, which the doctors here use often for the treatment of ear infections, primarily when the bacteria is streptococcus. The long-acting (LA) variety will provide action for 10 days and usually takes care of the infection without further medication. We will be sending you the 600,000 units per cc Tubex syringes (in case you do not have the Tubex holders, (see PDR, p. 1569) we are sending you them, also). The doctor here says you can split one 600,000 tube between two kids, each weighing under 20 lbs. Please read the precautions listed.

Ear Infections: Along with the Bicillin, we have been donated a lot of Cortisporin ear drops, to be used in the ear canal when the ear drum has ruptured. See PDR, p. 623.

Digoxin (Lanoxin): This will be coming to you shortly. All doctors whom we have talked to are very surprised that you have a need for this drug, so can you tell us why you need it? The only thing we can think of is that it is a last-resort measure, used in heart failure in conjunction with the measles pneumonia.

Diarrhea: Jerry Anderson was able to get Peysigma tablets, which were donated. I think they could be crushed and put into apple-sauce, or other food. What else would you like for diarrhea? I might add that Ampicillin does cause diarrhea, and the doctors recommend Pen Vee K instead.

Penicillin: There are two types we use here: Aqueous and Procaine. I note that you asked for the non-procaine. Why? The doctor here says he uses the Aqueous (50,000 units per cc. per day) for children up to age 2-3 months. After that, they use Procaine. The usual method of treatment here is use injectable penicillin for 3-4 days, then they go to Pen Vee K (see PDR, p. 1563), which comes in 125 mg/teaspoon or 250 mg./tsp, and is given 4 times/day, or in a severe infection, 6 times/day. If you could be explicit about the types of penicillin you need and the dosages, we will get it to you as soon as we can.

I might add that in any requests you have, if you can tell us if you need oral, injectable, or intravenous drugs, it would help us. Also, if you have any questions about any drugs (ours or others you receive), our doctors are willing to help you in any way.

Aspirin and Tylenol: The usual dosage for both is 60 mg. (one grain) for each year of age. Often in a high fever, the doctors recommend aspirin to start, followed by Tylenol in two hours, and then aspirin again in two hours. This may be continued for the whole 24 hours, until the fever subsides. We are sending you both drugs.

Phenergan: We were donated this drug, which you will be receiving soon. See PDR, p. 1566. The doctors here recommend: for age 2 and under, 1/2 teaspoon 4 times/day. For over age 2, one teaspoon 4 times/day.

Potassium: Please give us explicit type, dosage, etc. Do you want intravenous or oral? Did you know there is much potassium in most fruit juices, such as apricot, apple, bananas, nectarine, pineapple, and in peaches, raisins, all-bran cereal, puffed wheat cereal, wheat germ, Ry-Krisp crackers?

Fungal infections: If you can tell us what strain of fungus the kids usually have in skin infections, then we can send you the appropriate topical ointment.

Polio Vaccine: Do you need this?

We can get you the trivalent type, see PDR, p. 1554, Sabin type, and if so, in single dose vials or 10 dose vials?

Smallpox vaccine: Do you need this?

Much of the above you may already know, but we don't know what you do know, so we are trying to be careful and give you the best information we can get. What else do you need? We have a goodly amount of money and can get lots of things to you. My best to you,

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Dear Rosemary,

August 4, 1972

I have several letters I could and probably should write to various people or groups, but I feel like doing one to you right now. Timothy Mantey came in last night. He reminded me so much of our Timmy when he came in 1968. It is hard to believe that I have known you that long. You wouldn't believe Timmy if you saw him now. He is so sturdy looking and so dear in every way.

He is so smart with numbers and can write his name although he is only 4½. We took the children to a drive-in movie this summer...the first movie he had ever seen. John and I spent the whole evening watching Timmy! His eyes were so big we thought they would never be beautiful almond shaped ones again! Of course we had brought along popcorn and pop (we seldom drink pop) and soon they all had to potty. It was so far to go to the bathrooms, so one by one they piddled in paper cups! Soon had a whole row on piddley paper cups on the dashboard. What an evening.

Kim-Oanh has ~~st~~ settled down a lot. She is especially fond of games and great huge jig-saw puzzles. The Updikes (Kim-Hoa) are coming from New York for a visit in a short while. A few weeks ago when I told Kim-Oanh they were coming she sat right down and said ~~st~~ "I'll wait here for 5 minutes." It is hard to believe that she wasn't born into this family...but I probably love her more because she wasn't born to us.

We are having a Picnic this Sunday and After the picnic I'll try and let you know how some of your 'earlier' Colorado adoptions are going. Some people, after getting their children, are no longer very interested in Vietnam at all. Of course this has nothing to do with their parenting ability and we can't say, We will help you if you promise to make Vietnam a lifelong commitment. Of course many go on helping in whatever way they can. Molly Cochran takes all the boxes we send to you over to the trucking line about once a month. She works from 3pm to 11pm. Kelly is such a doll. All the Cochran children are so good. Marlen Hilderman has just had one

trouble after another. Stephani is the light of her life and she adores all of her children, but is in the middle of a divorce and needs the support of all of us.

The two Garrett children (Loveland, Colo) are just beautiful. A lot of financial support comes from them and their relatives. Stephan Bumpus is a real livewire.

He is so bright and into everything. Hansberrys we very seldom see or hear from.

Karen, our almost 9 yr old, said such a funny thing. John was telling her that when he was 9 his parents didn't take him on such frequent jaunts around town to visit friends. they had stayed close to home. She asked, in all seriousness, "Why, did you think the world was Flat then??"

We received the most lovely letter from Soc Trang last week. We are so happy we can help. They seemed so grateful even for the clothes. And it seems we get so many of them that we would be wearing out your ability to use them all.

Thank you for telling us so much about the details of how you select families. I hope we have always gone along well with your wishes. Our only goal is to make things easier for you. We do want to try and send some more cake and sweets for you and your staff. I know you must miss that. We are more grateful than we can say for the rice paper and shrimp chips. We all just love the Vietnamese food. Phu, who sells it to the Viet girls here, makes stuff for us. Last week she made some rice cakes and instead of banana leaves she used those boil in the bag plastic bags. It was very good, but very 'heavy'. I felt full for about 6 hours!

We hope you actually got the measles vaccine Judy brought. We hope to have some Doctors bring 1000 doses of Polio vaccine soon. I hope you can use it. Some men were also bringing some jars of baby food. I hope that got through.

Sorry this is so long. Seems all I usually have time to write is business, and I don't want you to think I neglect my children or that I no longer feel as personally concerned about you and your personal welfare as I used to.

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GIANG THI HUONG

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Dear Rosemary,

Sept. 1, 1972

Please don't ever worry that you may have hurt my feelings! I was just going to surprise you at Tan son nhut with my presense.

We are leaving Denver on Sept. 12 and will arrive on Pan Am 841 at 8:35 A.M. on the 14th. We plan to leave the 19th which will mean, I guess, that we also arrive in U.S. on the 19th. When Judy S. gets the list of children she will arrange to take her last pass (Larry is going to go also. They then can split up and take back both to Minn and N.Y.) She will notify parents and keep them advised of our progress on the flight home.

The State Dept arranged our trip. We did not mention your name at any time with them. Now that we are coming, we hope to make the best use of this unique opportunity. Would it distress you if we wrote to the Embassy and asked if they would assist us in visiting a few orphanages? I believe Wendy is asking the Embassy about this but if you have any objections, we just won't follow it up when we arrive. PCVN is certainly able to send some things to one or two more places. Or perhaps you feel we should just concentrate more on the ones we already send to. We can talk to you about that.

I don't know yet where we will stay. A friend here is going to tell us about a cheap

and (hopefully) reputable hotel not too far from you. Is there such a place? We don't want to inconvenience Warm Nest... but if we can help, we want to. Maybe two bumbling Westerners are just in the way.

If we can bring back Melan and Burke, we would like to. Please include as many children as you can. It won't be easy, but we are bringing stuff for quite a load, both have large families and can handle quite a bit.

I don't know if you have a family yet for the two girls whose Mother is dying of cancer. Our Vietnamese friend, Phuc, is considering it. A Viet Mother and three Viet siblings might be an ideal solution. What do you think? Phuc is hoping we can bring back a photo of them and also tell her what kind of cancer the mother has. The father is very enthusiastic. The three children are 11, 12, and 13.

We hope this little visit will help us be of more help to you. We can't begin to tell you how happy we are to be making it. If you have any suggestions for us, keep them in mind and we will talk when we get there as we change diapers, or whatever.

Much love from us both,

Saigon Sept. 25, 1972

RCVN Colorado

Dear Judy, Wendy, Leesanne

I've just received a letter from JUNE Wanner and Deke Meyer. The situation would be IMPOSSIBLE..NO..NO..NO. I think you ought to cancel June's plans to come. If she has been living with Deke, and loves him, then she certainly won't want to just give him up for a year, and it would be quite impossible to tolerate such a situation over here. I am not judging it from just a moral point of view.. I have to consider the others in the group. It would be insupportable for them to live in the same house with two people who are cohabitating. It just wouldn't be fair to them. You know what the houses are like and the lack of privacy that exists. We just can't have "special relationships" between personnel, if everyone is to live together and function as a team. Everyone must be on an equal footing with every body else.

Wendy and Tim are engaged, but they will be going just as soon as the adoption papers come through for Wendy. Moreover, they are not in any sense "living together" during this time.

The idea of a handy man would be good, in itself, if he were really capable of building and mending everything that has to be built or mended. But we could not afford to have two people with this relationship in the nursery. Moreover, it would be scandalous to the local staff. There are so many "ugly americans" here, cohabitating with the local girls, and just using each other.. we could not, and would not want to contribute to this impression.

Please try to explain this to June as best you can. I'm not such a stick-in-the-mud that it bothers me for her to be having such a relationship with Deke. That's her own business.. but I cannot see how she is going to be able to exist over here, WITHOUT a man, since she is obviously used to masculine

support. If she did come by herself, and found herself lonely, (which she inevitably will), then she is very likely to make some very unwise move. It is very easy over here, where standards amongst the foreigners are pretty low, and opportunities aren't hard to find, for anyone in need of them.

Hope that doesn't sound too miserable. It was a blow to read the letters from June and Deke this afternoon, and to imagine the sort of entanglements we would be involved in either with the both of them here, or June alone.

Let me hear from you

Rosemary

Dear Rosemary and all,

Sept. 29, 1972

I am finally getting to a small mountain of letters and paperwork and discovered that the Immel's photos somehow came home with us.

We can't thank everyone enough for all your kindness to us while we were in Vietnam. I hope our arrival didn't slow down your work too much. I can't believe the size and scope of the work there. We came home with a renewed determination to do and send more. I hope we succeed.

We also realize now how hard the trip home is for these babies and children. It is no wonder they arrive rather dazed and exhausted. Pam Am insisted that each take-off and landing meant every baby had to be held. While we often found sympathetic people to do this, it also meant handing the kids around more than we liked. We are sorry to report that the rice and banana dinners didn't arrive until the final two hour hop from L.A. to Denver. Of course by that time the children were mostly too exhausted to eat, although Thu Van ate and promptly threw up. All are safely (and healthily) in their new homes now. We have heard from TOBIN and SWANSON, also EDMONDS. All are so happy with the kids, and of course Mantey, Nelan, and Grant are too.

I am finding it hard to really assimilate all we saw and learned in Vietnam. Even our very modest house seems so luxurious now, and our dry, cool Colorado climate is welcome. (Although I didn't find Saigon all that uncomfortable!)

Your letter just arrived with papers for Yeo, etc. Have called them all. This is so incredible to be able to move so fast! It is just beautiful to get out these tiny ones, like Hegel.

Do you know any more on the two girls, age 8 and 9? The Immels Home study is almost complete.

Can't put into words all the love we feel for you, Ilse, Margaret, Ruth, and those at Allambie. Now that we have visited you, we can feel from both sides how much love these children are getting. And You do a terrific job

LEWIS AMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

of letting these kids feel surrounded by love and attention.
September 21, 1972

I'll close now...please take good care of yourselves, Your well-being
is awfully important to an awfully lot of people!
Dear Parents:

Another school year is underway, and we are announcing our first PTO
function. This year we have combined two fall events; that is, Back-
to-School Night and the Grade-Level Coffees.

Back-to-School Night is our kick-off of PTO-sponsored activities and
the Grade-Level Coffees enable parents to become better acquainted
with the instructional programs at Ames. The schedule for the forth-
coming meetings is as follows:

September 26	- Grades Two and Six	7:30 p.m.
October 3	- Grades Three and Five	7:30 p.m.
October 10	- Grades One and Four	7:30 p.m.
October 17	- Kindergarten	7:30 p.m.

Parents should report to the child's room, pick up name tags, and there
meet the teacher. Then you will be directed to the Multipurpose Room
for the program.

In order for you to get the most from the program, children should not
accompany you to the meeting.

Where parents may need to cover two grade levels on a given night, it
is better if one parent participate the entire evening at each grade
level.

Since our community is well known for its enthusiastic support of its
schools, we know you will not want to miss the opportunity to get ac-
quainted with Dr. Kulaga, your child's teacher and the program for the
year.

See you at the meetings!

Oscar Sample
President, Ames PTO

Phyllis Newton
Vice-President

Please complete and return if you plan to attend any of the programs.
This will help us plan for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. _____ plan to attend the _____

Grade Level Coffee and Program.

"B E S U R E T O J O I N O U R P T O"

TO AM NURSERY
APO SF 96243

Saigon Sept. 30, 1972

FCVN Colorado:

Dear Friends,

I am sending BROWN Release certificate through you. Please get it to destination, and help Mr. and Mrs. BROWN to complete IMMIGRATION formalities.

MILK: Just a reminder that we can do with endless milk. We need to distribute it to a comple of other very poor orphanages near Saigon, as well as in the Delta. On recent visits to these orphanages, our need for baby formula has struck forcibly. We can't receive too much of it.

FLOWERDAY VACCINATION CARD: Have you this in Colorado? The family from Canada writes that the boy arrived without the shot record, which was stapled into his passport. Perhaps it was removed when the immigration authorities confiscated the passports (as we were told they did). We are looking forward to your account of the trip.

MICHELLE WENTZELL: Was very sorry she missed your trip. She did not find out until too late. She would have come down to see you.

BLACK BABIES: We have found quite a few more babies, and small children. Let us have dossiers willing to take a black (or part negro) baby.

YEO: Send dossier as soon as possible, as we have a child for them, and want to begin processing.

BURKE: Visa still not here.

HEGEL: I bought a ticket on PAN AM, which was the simplest procedure. If was a 10% ticket to Salt Lake City. They can reimburse me. I hope the baby arrived safely. Please keep us informed about her health and progress. She was so tiny.

sincere regards

Rosemary
Rosemary

PS. Not important - GIRLS not for IMMERS - But go to Mr. Schutz - I was given this find information. sorry.

SAIGON

30-4-72

Dear Leesanne
stop sending those
telegrams to the lawyers
address!! They are making
us nervous!

No - we're O.K. —
no extraordinary problems at
the moment.

We would like all the
milk formula (in powdered form)
that we can get, to help supply
so many orphans since they have
difficulty even buying milk in that
area and they have sudden supplies
of babies.

Re WAR: So far there has been no
crisis here. We'll let you
know when there is.

Money would be as good
as we can buy the milk - SAIGON
where it is available

2.
Hope it will continue to be available.

Best kind of milk for the very tiny babies is PELARGON (Nestle) as it is predigested and the babies can tolerate it — we must buy large quantities of this milk for our own babies. The older babies can take other formulas but PELARGON is best for the tiniest.

Thanks for everything. I haven't yet consulted the "parcel register" since I've been back — so I can't be more specific — my thanks —

I'll let you know later just what has arrived.

Our home address is
64 A Doan thi Diem.
SAIGON.

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Love

Rosemary

Dear Rosemary,

Oct.5, 1972

I am sure it doesn't happen to you, but I have a great stack of mail to answer and I just keep wandering about the house, doing an odd job here and there to keep from having to sit down and clear up this backlog!

Anyway, I want to write to you. First, Can we get more plastic birdies and dogs etc. from Phu My? We have sold all the rice paper, dolls, tea and curry powder. The money will more than pay for the medicine we brought. If Ilse's Vietnamese staff girl wants to buy anything like this, we can sell almost anything you could send.

I know how much trouble it might be to pack it and send it. So just use your own judgement.

Flowerday vaccination card; I can only think it disappeared when we didn't have it. It hasn't turned up here. What can we do? There are so many things that can go wrong on such a trip, it is a miracle it comes off so well, so often!

Trip: 30 hours is a heck of a long time to go without sleep, especially if one has been up sick the night before! Several items stood out. One is how soon the children sort of say to themselves 'well, its going to be a long ordeal and I might as well doze off and keep quiet'. All except Tobin. He kept awake and hopping all the way to Honolulu! We had given him quite a lot of bottles (all quite dilute) trying to get him to sleep. Just outside of Honolulu he fell asleep on the floor and just quietly vomited up what he had consumed for the past 20 hours. Then that big kid was so out of it he had to be carried through customs, carried everywhere we went. Then he finally woke up, somewhat subdued to find himself back on a plane. We have heard from his parents and they are just delighted with him!

Suggestions for convoys: We will send some of those moist 'pop-ups'. They are great. Perhaps less canned food needs to be sent along. It is heavy, and a packet of baby cereal would fill the tummies just as well. Diapers were just enough. Parents were not notified by the airlines again. Despite the extra work, a letter might be sent by Margaret or Ruth. We will be happy to act as contact for Pan Am flights and Vikki Galvin is minutes away from JFK in New York. We also will be sending you a list of people who have agreed to help out in emergencies if needed. (various cities are represented)

Burke: INS says they have no I-604 here yet. Can you check on that?

Black babies: Have homes for 4 or 5. Dossiers to come fairly soon. 'Porgi' Johnson's folks want another.

June Wanner: Has sent you a letter today saying she is still willing to come. She seems mature to me and if she says she can she probably can. She did say to me that a 'yes' or 'no' from you will definitely settle it. If you still feel she had best not come alone, I am sure she will accept it o.k. By the way, I hope you don't feel that we indicated to her that Wendy and Tim were 'living together'. In all that 'privacy' at Allambie, a couple would have to be pretty blatant to get away with it. I thought Tim was absolutely great and everyone indicated the highest regard for Wendy.

I have been meaning to write to Naomi Bronstein but it will have to wait until I get caught up.

Name kristin

Reading and Doing



The colt was alone in the field. It was a cold, cold day.

"I know it is going to rain," said Mr. More. He told Joe to go for the colt.

Joe wore his big coat. He took a rope to hold the colt.

Joe almost got the rope over the colt's nose. But the colt broke away and ran.

At last Joe spoke to the colt, "Look at the oats I am holding!" The colt poked his nose into Joe's hand. Then they went home.

Color the coat blue and the cap red.

Draw a line from the rope to the colt's nose.

Make the oats yellow.

Draw a line under each long o word.

Private

Saigon Oct. 26, 1972

FCVN Colorado

Dear Friends... anyone well enough to answer!

Here are a few points made in haste:

NING: Letters sent on as requested. That particular girl has gone I am sure but another girl may be given. Hue orphanage is now in Danang. Michelle Wentzell is best point of contact.

MARKSON: Letter sent to Dalat. But I feel that the child has probably been adopted since. However, wait for a reply.

HOMES STUDIES: If you have difficulty, here is a solution. If FCVN gives their approval, and if the family has already a homestudy from a previous adoption, then instead of sending in the child by route of the petition 1-600, we could obtain a non-preference visa for the child. This can be issued almost immediately at the moment (no wait for a quota number). We must file an affidavit of support over here when application is made for the entry visa to U.S.

TOLMAN: Tell them to send their dossier, even before the end of the home-study if you feel confident.


Because you will wish to preserve good relations with your welfare dept., I suggest that the way of the non-preference be used with discretion, and where you know the W.D. cannot complete a home study within a short time. Let me know what you think about this.

AIRFARES: I just regret that I had not thought to ask you earlier to arrange free transport for the two girls coming out this week (Edyth and Karen). I am sure you would have thought of some way! They could certainly come as escorts, even if they stay for a year before taking back their groups. In the case of any other worker coming out, do you think you could arrange free transport? We are scraping up our pennies at the moment.

NEW HOUSE: We have almost settled for one, in our own general area

capable of holding about 50 babies, and costing us about 580
dollars a month rent. We had a bigger house also in mind ^{for some price} A. one
that made us gasp in appreciation.... but it is in a bad area, and
the risk of annoyance would be too great. It might have resulted
in the closure of the house, losing much of the rent, like with
first Allambie site. This second house is in a suitable area, and
that is all important here.

all for the moment
sincerest regards to all


Rosemary Taylor

Christie has Hepatitis badly. We are just hoping that she will
be able to take the convoy next week. We want her to be home for
her twenty first birthday, but what a way to spend it!

COPY To FCVN Colorado

Saigon Oct. 23, 1972

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Reis,

I feel I must tell you of a recent event which has upset us very much.

We were approached, pestered, by some NBC newsmen a couple of weeks ago, who told us they had your permission to photograph the child. We refused categorically, as it is quite against our principles. While the child is in our custody, we feel responsible to make any decisions of this nature on his behalf. Our policy is not to give interviews to newsmen unless we have some definite purpose to be served. We are refusing importunate newsmen with wearing regularity. First of all, we do not have time to become involved in these interviews. Secondly, visiting newsmen are totally inadequate when it comes to really understanding the situation here in Vietnam, and the half truths that they toss around in order to make their reports "acceptable", are productive of more harm than good. Rather than contribute towards misleading the general public with these half truths, we prefer to refrain altogether. Thirdly, I am strongly against the principle that the press should be "FREE".. in the sense that we are all to be at the mercy of a bunch of the 10th rate minds that make up most of the journalistic world.. men who certainly aren't noted for their integrity, or for the depth of their perception. (Of course, there are some exceptions, and I know some myself). I think it is an atrocious reflection on modern society, especially in America, that people accept this right of news media to trample all over the private lives of people.. all done in the noble cause of "informing the public". But why is the "public right" to know, any greater than the individual's right to privacy of his own life? We all realise that the news-media is the most powerful political weapon in the world today, and yet what qualifications of intelligence, or integrity do we require of our newsmen? We thus have people with a flair for the colourful, literally ruling the world. This idea hurts me. I have seen too much biased and mediocre reporting, influencing an all too gullible public.

Other newsmen, to whom we have refused an interview, have behaved decently, and let us alone. In some cases we have respected their decency, realising that they were not out to "get a story at any cost", but had a real appreciation for the human issues involved. When we did have a point that we wished to be made known publicly, we would call on one of these men, and explain the situation, trusting that they would help us, and would not merely distort and emphasize sensational elements.

These NBC newsmen however, refused to accede to our wishes, and staged an "ambush" for us at the airport, when we were trying to get off a group of children. Our usual procedure is to handle the formalities as quietly as possible, both for the good of the project, and the good of the children departing. We try to carry them on to the plane with calm and no fuss. We do not want to upset the children in any way.

Last week, the departure was a disaster, due to the sheer brutality of the NBC television cameramen. I say brutality as there is no other word to express their utter lack of concern for the children and for us. They wanted their story at all costs. Of course they had no personal concern for the little children involved, nor for the escort who was starting out on a 36 hour trip across the world. We literally fought to keep them off, and we were helped by a kind American passenger, who was badly bruised and lost his passport in the fray. He didn't discover his loss until the plane had taken off. He was frankly ashamed at the behaviour of his fellow country men, and did all he could to help keep them off.

The struggle was not merely undignified, but exhausting. I myself was in tears. The babies were carried on to the plane without any semblance of calm, and we weren't even able to get them strapped in their seats, because of the delay caused. The escort herself, our nurse, who had already been ~~was~~ working around the clock for days on end, with sick children, was in pieces, and broke down and cried for the first part of the trip, so unnerved was she by the experience. In order to avoid a possible reception by the same newspeople at New York, she insisted on changing the schedule

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in Paris, and was prepared to stay overnight with 8 children in Paris, if necessary. We meanwhile contacted someone in the U.S. and asked them to try and forestall any showy news coverage that end, as we knew our escort would be too exhausted to suffer a repetition of what she had already endured in Saigon.

To aggravate us, and make themselves even more obnoxious, the NBC Television crewmen trained their cameras on us as we were leaving the airport. We stopped to talk with a representative from security of the U.S. Embassy who had come to try and help us, and they again trained their cameras on us. When we were in the bus coming back from the plane, they brought out their microphone and held it out, as we were trembling with anger. What human decency was there in such an action?

We intended then, thinking you were initially responsible for the whole affair, to inform you that we could not take the risk of sending your child in one of our groups. But now I feel you were probably quite unaware of this, and we shall go ahead with travel plans for your child.

I am sending a copy of this letter to NBC, and to a few groups involved in Vietnamese adoptions, in order that they may diffuse this information, and warn prospective parents of our feelings on the matter.

We will not prostitute the children so that any 5th rate newsman may pocket his fat monthly salary.

sincerely and regretfully

Rosemary J. Taylor

all mail to:

SAIGON Nov. 1, 1972

Dear adoptive parents, all do our best for every child in the nursery of expense involved.

this month we shall be opening a third nursery in Saigon. In these nurseries, we have orphans from various parts of the country, all awaiting their departure for adoptive homes in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

It has been our policy never to ask any "board" for these children, during the time they are with us. We wish to continue with this policy. In order to do so, we must depend on contributions from friends, for it costs us approximately 2,000 dollars a month to run each nursery. This works out to 59 dollars a child, each month. This money is needed to cover rent on the house, local staff salaries (3 houses employ about 50 local personnel); utilities, repairs and modifications, and one time expenses like baby-beds etc; medical and hospital expenses; milk bills. Apart from this, we received many items from abroad which we do not have to pay for.. toilet articles, clothing and linen, a quantity of milk, and cereal, and much of our medication. The 50 dollars is over and above this.

The \$25 we usually ask for SUNDRY EXPENSES in the adoption, are used to cover some or all of the following: Photos; photocopying; postage for correspondence; in-country travel (always by taxi here); medical examination and X-ray (which is done at a private clinic close to the nursery; occasionally telegrams and long-distance phone-calls to orphanages; small departure expenses (bags for travelling) and other office expenses connected with the formalities.

In a recent review of our financial situation, we have decided that we must invite parents to participate at least in the extra-ordinary expenses which we may incur on behalf of their child. One notable expense is that of HOSPITALISATION. Perhaps, if we send the hospital bill to the U.S., adoptive parents may be able to obtain some help in payment from their own hospital benefits, or insurance. Needless to say, we would certainly appreciate any contribution towards the upkeep of the nurseries from those families whose finances would permit such a contribution. However, we assure you that your

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ability to make such a contribution will not affect the treatment of your child. We shall do our best for every child in the nursery regardless of expenses involved.

Any excess we receive in the way of clothing, or milk, or we share with other orphanages where the need is greatest.

Some adoptive parents belong to groups engaged in helping different orphanages. This is to be encouraged. Your continued help will make it possible for the orphanage to go on helping the children that remain. It is good for adoptive parents to realise that the efforts of many people made it possible for them to adopt their child. A lot more is involved beyond the lawyer's fees, and the plane fare. Perhaps someone on the other side of the world, has been "sponsoring" your baby before departure... that is, contributing something towards the upkeep while it is in the orphanage or the nursery. We do this for reasons of policy... so that there is no direct connection between our services, and the money we receive. Thus a family in Australia may be helping us to look after your child, knowing only the "nursery name", and never the name of the family adopting the child.

This is not meant to be an appeal for help. We continue to hope that we shall not have to send out a direct appeal, and that "friends" of the orphans will continue to give us the wherewithal to carry on. We shall continue to operate only so long as we are able to do so in an unpaid capacity. The work is a great joy to us. The joy helps enormously, but we need other currency for paying rent and electricity and milk bills, unfortunately.

We have decided that we Sincer thanks to all who have helped us to carry on our extra-ordinary expenses which carry on our behalf of their children. One notable expense is that of HOSPITALISATION. Perhaps, if we send the hospital bill to the U.S., adoptive parents may be able to have it paid in payment from their own hospital benefits, or insurance. Needless to say, we would like Rosemary J. Taylor's contribution towards the upkeep of the nursery and all at the nurseries.

Buchanan

Saigon Nov. 9, 1972

FCVN: Colorado

Dear Friends,

greetings from us all. Some notes in haste:

KAREN: arrived and I reckon it will work out. She seems very nice. Hope my letter about not sending her won't cause you too much confusion. Everything going very well at the moment. Spirit amongst the staff is excellent!

KELLER: This child will be home probably before this letter. But I want to establish firm principles, if possible, for such on-ward travel cases.

ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN: Shall I send these children via EAST or WEST COAST ?

* NEW YORK cost via Paris is \$365.50
+ return trip of parent to N.Y.

* SAN FRAN... cost is sometimes just 10%, ie \$56
+ return trip of parent to S.F.

Please find out from the parents which is most convenient for them, in each case. Remember that we can send children INDIVIDUALLY at the moment, for 10% fare if they are less than 2 years.. to SAN FRANCISCO. We have individual escorts going to West Coast.

When the children come individually, can FCVN afford the time and personnel to collect them and make onward reservation? This seems as if it will be rather difficult.

It would be a great help to me if FCVN established the procedure desired by each ~~parent~~ family, and let me know. If the plane ticket is being paid through FCVN, I would like the ticket to be sent immediately, before being requested, because it is difficult to make PAM AM here understand that they must request tickets from Colorado, when the family lives in Wisconsin.

FOOT: I sent the child with 10% ticket, and therefore I owe you a reimbursement for about \$250 dollars, since they had paid 310 dollars for plane through FCVN. If you like to deduct this from other money owing, you can let me know.

PERSON: I paid 10% to San Francisco, and half-fare to Denver, in case he was to be met by someone on a free ticket who had no right to take a baby for nothing. Please rectify this if necessary, and obtain a reimbursement of fare SF to DENVER, if the baby is met by a full-fare adult. Since this fare cost only \$92.25, I owe a substantial re-imbursement here, You had sent me 500 dollars to cover lawyer and plane. I therefor owe you \$250 for PERSON. Let me know how to account for this. *(If parents met PERSON in SF. then there ought to be a \$30 refund on his SF → DENVER fare.)*

TRAVEL: getting back to this subject, could you present me with instructions:

CONVOY to NEW YORK (50% tickets always) & MET BY PARENTS
 SINGLE ESCORT TO SAN FRANCISCO & MET BY PARENTS
 SINGLE ESCORT TO SAN FRANCISCO & MET BY FCVN *hence onward ticket would be 50% even for babies??*
 GROUP TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO & MET BY PARENTS OR FCVN/

Some specific cases coming up:

- ? RATLIFF: Wisconsin: (child will be just over 2, and can't therefore profit by a baby-fare, even with single escort.
- ? YEO: Wisconsin: (ticket already at PAN AM)
- ? GRANBERG: Missouri

Give me preferred routing for these children, and alternatives. Of course, the COLORADO children present no problem, nor do the East Coast children (N.Y., N.J. Conn, and MASS. etc.)

GERALD: I would like to add a note to his medical "dossier". The doctor here says it is a CYST in his throat, and ought to be removed by surgery, but it is not urgent, and can wait for a year or two. It is filled with liquid.. puncturing it would do no permanent good as it would fill up again. It ought to be removed surgically later. Nothing is evident from the boys outward appearance. He is doing very well.

CHEQUE for \$4.00 (with KAREN). Many thanks. It was cashed next day and spent immediately!

BIRDS & RICE PAPER: Ilse sent some with Mrs. Brown. I hope it did not get lost.

DRUGS: The list you sent out was excellent. I was relieved to see ~~no~~ TETRACYCLINE! The ampicillin etc. are what we most need. The PERISTON-N is intravenous IRON, and marvellous way of giving iron to babies who cannot take it orally (would cause diarrhea). Some of our fragile babies are on a course of PERISTON-N... so many c.cs several times a week, intravenously.

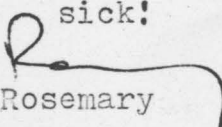
AMPICILLIN: Ilse told me to tell you that the quantity you sent after her telephone message, arrived and has been ~~an~~ indispensable. This is something we depend on more than the daily bread. When our supply of ampicillin or penecillin runs out, we feel we are striking rock bot~~om~~!

THIRD NURSERY: We have it. Now we are trying to equip it. Perhaps children can move in within a couple of weeks.

LEMON: The baby whose photo I sent a few days ago. He is doing very well. He is no longer yellow... that must have been just the ordinary after-birth jaundice, which just appeared more exaggerated on him, because of his basic colouring. I think he will turn out to be part black, though his skin colouring is quite light.. not even brown. Of course he will go as brown as all our babies once he starts his daily sun-bath.

OLIVE: You mentioned this child and a possible home. Actually she is already placed. I hesitated for a while, thinking I might withdraw her from original placement, but now that she is in a foster home she is behaving quite normally, and has made great progress.

blessings to everyone, especially the
sick!


Rosemary

Dear Rosemary,

Nov.10, 1972

Do you know it was 4 years ago tonight that we went to the airport to get Timothy? What a night that was! He was so beautiful, but he smelled so funny! That man from the Embassy who brought Timothy and Steven Bumpus had a hard time keeping up on the diaper changing.. You would love to see Timmy today. He just radiates love and vivacity. Tonight when I recounted the story of his arrival he enjoyed it so much. 'and now I am the BEST one' he says modestly!

I am recovering from the hepatitis. How is Christy? I wonder if Wendy, Christy and I all got it when we went out to eat that one Saturday eve?

As usual we have questions. I know how that delights you. We have some chapters who seem to write three times a week with more questions.

Would it be possible for Sr. Anicet to escort a group of (perhaps older) children to U.S. late in November. Connie Boll and Suzie Cummings will put up the money for her to get to Conn., Missouri, and then on to Colorado. We would want her for three or four weeks. We just discovered she has heart trouble. I believe we can arrange for her to see a Doctor, too. If she is able to speak to a group or two, I am sure a lot of money can be raised. We are sending a letter to the order requesting permission for this. Would you check with them and help with arrangements?

Did the blender and rest of the ampicillin, injectible cortisone, and injectible 'aspirin' ever arrive?

How is Karen doing?

How is 'Olive' ? I think of her so much.

Tolmans are delirious with joy over Ramsey and Lydia. Lani Tolman is doing the adoptions along with Sue Johnson now and Wendy will coordinate and supervise. The whole program keeps growing.

Last question: We are constantly asked 'what effect a cease fire and eventual U.S. pullout will mean to the whole program, your A.P.O. etc. Do you have

any kind of feeling on this?

Much love from the Buchanans and from all in the group. Please take care of yourself, a lot of love and a lot of prayers go your way every day.

P.S. Have sent letters to several families as asked by Michelle W. We are happy to help if we can. Judy Silverburg has such a clear head always and writes such good letters.

Buchanan

Saigon Nov. 14, 1972

FCVN Colorado

Dear Friends,

I hasten to assure you that KAREN is great. Just forget all my pre-arrival reservations. Now that I can see her first hand, I congratulate you for your choice. She's so very easy going, and seems so affable and relaxed... I can't see how she could not get on with anybody. She is perhaps just what we needed to fill this particular position in Warm Nest. Someone devoted to the kids, and wanting to be helpful, without too many preconceptions of how things ought to be done. She is young enough to adapt. Truly I think she will be ideal.

Please pass this news on to WENDY and LEESAWE and all the other concerned.

Thanks for your marvellous efficiency. Things are progressing better than ever before. I am so anxious to take full advantage of a number of factors.. helpfulness of present U.S. consul here, and the fact that non-preference numbers are currently available instantaneously. This information isn't to be used to threaten immigration, not welfare departments... as I would only use non-preference visas when I am sure that state regulations have or will be met. Moreover, we do not know how long this situation will last.

Thanks to everyone also for the great financial and material support you are giving us. In our effort to improve conditions in the nursery we never stop to count the cost. Now we have a night-duty "nurse" in each room, that makes 5 in all. Previously we had only two for the entire nursery. We have converted a back room for the new-borns, and put in airconditioning, since there was no ventilation. Despite my initial scepticism it seems to be working beyond expectations. In this way we can isolate the new-born from the sick, who still occupy the other half of our "salon", so that they can be under constant supervision. Ilse brought back a baby weighing less than two pounds.. very premature, and she borrowed an incubator for it, but as the incubator wasn't working, she just

improvised with a small electric blanket around the baby. It seems a miracle to me, but the child is living, and gaining steadily. Of course she is a long way from being out of danger, and we just hope that her progress continues.

Are you in contact with ARIZONA.. and Bill and Kathy JOHNSON? They are adopting a second child.. are great people.. I'd like to get this child beyond the West Coast if I could. Soory, I take that back.. I have just consulted a map, and seen to my suprise that they are closer to the West Coast than you are. I was under the impression they were farther away.

I am hoping that Sister Sylvie may be able to make a trip to Colorado next year. She would be delighted, if she can get her papers . She is giving us unlimited help with the adoptions.

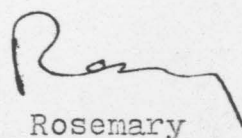
PETERS: I enclose the RELEASE CERTIFICATE for them. Birth cert. is under translation. Photo is coming. Please give this release to WELFARE DEPT. at appropriate moment (that is, don't let it seem that we are anticipating their approval).

RATLIFF: Release . (Birth certificate and photo already sent).

TOLMAN: Am waiting on their approval of the girl I proposed.

I would appreciate from you a LIST of the cases you are handling.

cheers and sincere regards from
us all


Rosemary

TO AM NURSERY
APO SF 96243

Saigon Nov. 18, 1972

FCVN Colorado

Dear Leesanne,

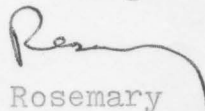
this is just to answer the question in your letter about Sr. Anicet. No it would not be possible to send her at such short notice. It takes several months for the Vietnamese to obtain their exit papers. It could possibly be worked out for early next year, but I doubt whether the order would give permission. The nuns are usually allowed to make such trips. Sister Angela from Danang wasn't able to take a group to N.Y. because it wasn't considered a suitable trip for a nun.

On the other hand, I think Sr. Sylvie may be able to go to the States next year, with a group... and because of this, perhaps Sister Anicet may also be able to go. But it can't be done rapidly.. it must be planned well in advance, because of the lengthy passport formalities. It is very hard for Vietnamese to leave the country.

As far as I am concerned, I am more than willing to arrange a trip for them, if they can get permission.

BLENDER, AMPICILLIN, CORTISONE & ASPIRIN all arrived. GREAT THANKS.

blessings to all


Rosemary

VIETNAMESE ADOPTION PROCEDURE:

When the complete dossier of both parents and child is available:

1. TRANSLATION OF DOSSIER INTO VIETNAMESE: time taken - 1 week to 1 month
2. LAWYER RECEIVES DOSSIER: After registering the Release Certificate and Powers of Attorney, the lawyer files dossier at Peace Court where the adoption application is registered, and a Certificate of Registration is issued. time taken - 1 week to 2 months
3. DISPENSATION FROM PRESIDENT: Most dossiers require a dispensation because the parents do not fulfill the Vietnamese adoption requirements. The lawyer thus compiles a second dossier with the Certificate of Registration from the Peace Court and sends it to the Ministry of Justice, requesting a special presidential dispensation in favor of the adoptive parents. The Ministry of Justice reviews the application, and sends it on to the Secretary General, who, in turn, sends it on to the Office of the President. When the President signs the dispensation, copies are made, and sent to the relevant ministries and courts. When the Peace Court receives notification of the dispensation, a date is set for the signing of the Adoption Contract. time taken - 2 to 5 months.
4. SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT: This usually takes place within 1 month of granting of the dispensation but date will depend on the court calendar, since only a short period every week is allotted to signing adoption contracts. Later, the contract must be typed up by the court and sent to the Registration Office. time taken - 2 weeks to 1 month.
5. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT: The lawyer withdraws the contract from the Peace Court, after it has been registered and makes application at the Court of First Instance for Ratification of the Adoption Contract (this is sometimes called HOMOLOGATION). The Ratification usually takes place in 2 to 3 months after the signing of the contract, though court vacation or discrepancies in the dossier, or idiosyncrasies of individual judges may cause further delay. time taken - 2 to 3 months.
6. ADOPTION DECREE or the CERTIFICATION OF RATIFICATION: This may be delivered from one day to two weeks after the decree has been granted. This must then be registered, usually a one-day procedure.
7. EXIT VISA: Application for the exit visa may be made at this stage. This is usually granted in 2 to 4 weeks. TAX DISPENSATION and PASSPORT may be obtained within 1 WEEK after the exit authorization has been granted.

NOTE: We would like to assure adoptive parents that writing letters to ambassadors, Congressmen, Presidents, or other VIP's can only confuse the case and irritate the authorities responsible. It must be stressed that U. S. authorities have no jurisdiction whatsoever in Vietnamese legal procedures.

We would advise parents not to undertake the adoption unless they are prepared to wait patiently for at least one year.

I'm sending an extra
copy since so
many of you are involved
in answering
Saigon Dec. 2, 1972

FCVN Colorado:

Dear FRIENDS

I have just this minute finished listening to the TAPE.
I shall answer^w from the notes I made:

FIRST:(NOT ON THE TAPE) I enclose a letter from a family BRUZINA. He was a Major, up in Kontum, whom Sister Anicet knew, and begged us to find a child for him. I offered little LUOM from Soctrang, who like most of the older kids from that area, has a bit of a limp. The child has been there perhaps a couple of months already. The letter was a blow. Please will you treat this case as absolute priority... remove the child from the BRUZINAS as fast as possible for the sake of everyone concerned. This is beyond my imagination how anyone could do this, but I'm afraid that perhaps the wife may be a bit neurotic or something like that, and she may cause trouble if we don't act quickly. (There is no reason for me to say "neurotic"... its just a suspicion I have merely because she is capable of such an action.).

I have thought of an idea.. rather borrowed the idea from an English group handling adoptions. They send out a questionnaire to parents, saying things like: Do you realise that the child may have such and such a problem? to which the parents reply "yes".. then they sign the paper and return it to the agency. I am thinking that this would be a good idea. What bothers me in this case is the fact that Major B. was over in Vietnam, and could see the situation for himself (though he did not actually see this child). I try to warn the parents about extensive dental repair. I think we can also regard "limping" as more normal than extraordinary in the older children. So many of them have either had polio, or have some other slight problem. This Bruzina child walked "with a bit of a limp" . That was the description given me by the orphanage. I had seen the girl myself quite often at Soctrang. One tends not to notice at all such things as limps, when the child is walking in a way that does not really attract attention. There are so many others with real problems. I am sure you know what I mean.

Anyhow, I trust you to handle this situation discreetly and efficiently.

2.

NEW VOLONTEER: i know you'll think I'm crazy the way I am desperate one minute and then say no the next... but we DONT want anyone else for w while, because ANNE has an English nurse coming from England on the first of January, to replace Wendy. This will mean 3 in Allambie which is the maxium^m that can be accomodated .

Then for the new house, which we call PHAN DINH PHUNG (name of the street where it is) for want of a better name, we have AVIS, EDYTH, and a nurse is being sent out from France.. coming soon. Acutally there is accomodation only for 2 foreign staff, but we don't know how long Edyth will stay. Moreover, I feel we ought to let France provide a nurse, and feel they have a foot in the door, since they are supposed to be paying a big chunk of the finances of the third house.

Linda, from Warm Nest will definitely be leaving in the New Year, but I want Ilse to see first of all if she can get a German nurse to come and work with her. This is most important. Ilse must come back from Germany after Christmas with a final answer. If she has no German nurse, then we must get a FULLY QUALIFIED NURSE. Barabra Baden has one in mind, with some years of pediatric exper-ience but still young enough. For the moment I am going to tell Barb to hold off. I'll wait for a final word from Germany. But we definitely won't need any-one else for a while.

KAREN: she is working out well, and is with the children in room 4 all day. This is marvellous. It is just what we wanted moreover Karen is easy to get on with.

KAREN'S ALLOWANCE: I would really appreciate you sending her a regular amount. Normally, she would just take what she needed from general funds... but I do think it is better for the moale to hage a bit of independence. Its not that anyone ever has to ask to take money from the cupboard. Everyone is free to take it when needed... the problem these days is that there never is any money in the cup-board, or if there is, people feel that it is already ear-marked and they ought not to take it! Any necessities of course are from house money... but I do think it very good for the volunteers to have something they can call th their own. I'm sure you know what I mean. I wish the others were sponsored in some way.

Ilse and Linda actually get a very good allowance from TDH in Germany. Ilse uses practically all her money on the house, and

related things. She is fiercely independent. I'm in a bit of a predicament this way myself... I just asked Ilse if she would buy me a ticket back to Australia from her own money. I feel that I can use house money to buy tickets of other volunteers coming over, but I can't use it on myself. Hence have asked Ilse, knowing she would be happy to do this. (I have someone working on getting me a reduction on the ticket.. hope it comes off).

KAREN's ticket: Yes, Barbara borrowed the money to buy tickets for both Karen and Edyth, but I have promised to pay it back in December. I don't know if I can do so all in one lump. I really regret this big expense, because I think we could have obtained free tickets somehow or another... but the idea occurred too late... and at that moment we were needing people quickly. But the nurse coming from England will come as an ESCORT for a group leaving a year later. When we need other volunteers from the U.S. we ought to be able to do something better than paying full fare!

HOLD & ROY BERTELSON etc: I leave this to you. I prefer to centralise all the U.S. adoptions in FCVN Colorado, if you can handle the work involved. You of course would then supply all your affiliated groups with the same information etc. I leave you to speak for me As you think best. We all have great confidence in Colorado, and so far no other group has come anywhere near FCVN Colorado in ability to cope. You make any decisions and let me know. You understand our situations and our possibilities.

5 YEAR OLD BOY TRAVELLING WITH US. I am agreeable to help with arrangements if the family contact us. I shall enquire through PAN AM. I know they have already received the ticket for the boy, and brought it to my attention the other day. They were going to contact ^{Mr} Giang directly.

SHOTS: Smallpox, Cholera, Typhoid, and gamma globulin. Plague if you like but I know it is not necessary, and there doesn't seem to be any plague in the country. Here in Saigon there is not supposed to be any danger of Malaria. As medicines, bring something for diarrhea.

YOUR ILLNESSES: Leesanne mentioned Judy became very thin! Can't imagine Judy having much to spare at any time! How difficult for you all. Our Christie is back from Minnesota, and she looks good. Glad to be back I think.

Incidentally, this isn't on the tape either, but ANNE DOLAN, our English nurse~~s~~ has recently come back from England after delivering a group. Her trip must have been beyond imagination. She was left 16 hours in the BOMBAY airport with her bunch of children, with no help at all. The children weren't allowed past immigration to go to hotels because of their VN passports. Can you imagine? I mean now, who in their right mind would want to smuggle 10 children illegally into India? Did the authorities fear that the children might STAY if they were allowed to go to a hotel? It is incredible. One wonders what is the meaning or use of the U.N. and all the children oriented off-shoots, if one country treats the children of another country like that.

After many hours, Anne asked for some milk. They eventually gave her just two bottles. Then wanted to give her curry, when she asked for food for the children... it took her about 10 hours before they would produce some rice.

MARIA EITZ: I am very grateful for her efforts to help the children, and I hope she continues to do so, but I cannot offer her another child. The child she has was not placed by myself, but by one of the military chaplain's who knew Maria. I said I would help with the papers. I really cannot ever offer a child to a single person when there are so many parents (married) wanting them. It is a different matter if they single parent has found her own child, and asks me to help with the paper-work. However, I am very sorry to see the number of children going to single parents in France.. not so many now, since I refuse to handle them... but other people are still writing directly to the orphanage, and ultimately I am responsible for the departures. I feel it is a real waste to give two or three children to a single parent. I know of a couple of French cases like this,

from Maria's letter, I did get the impression that she is anxious to take another one because she honestly feels there is this great abundance of children seeking homes. She probably doesn't realise that there are many more parents than there are children. Could you explain this to her. I don't doubt her capabilities for a moment.

Its just that I don't want to go against our principles in this matter, and I do feel a more normal life is possible with 2 parents, obviously.

SR. ANICET's TRIP: I do think it will be possible. Next time I see Sister Anicet I shall ask her to obtain the permission, and to begin her papers. As soon as she could have her papers, there would certainly be a group ready for her to take. But getting papers for the Vietnamese to leave the country really takes a long time. Sister Sylvie has started hers 2 months before departure. She will be going to France.

TELEVISION FOR SOCTRANG: This supprises me. They already have one television, but that is in a common room, where all the older boarders come at night to watch. The T.V. is really a big educational factor in these provincial towns. It is their only contact with the rest of the world, in a sense. It would be difficult for you to imagine this in the U.S. WE were given a T.V. which we NEVER use. It is in our "salon". I have never seen it on. I reckon we could give this easily to SOCTRANG, but I would have to ask the others since I don't feel that I can dispose of the property in their house without asking them. It is certainly a possibility to consider. I reckon it would be a good idea. I'll let you know.

Two children whose photos I sent recently:

AUGUST & MARIE THERESE: Final diagnosis is: AUGUST clear .. no TB. He will have streptomycin for one week only. MARIE-THERESE will have streptomycin for one month, and then her treatment will be finished. Her condition is not as bad as we feared. They ought to both make rapid progress with good food and loving care.

RELEASES ENCLOSED FOR REYNOLDS & KNAUF

GIRLS AVAILABLE: No. I would have a limited, very limited number of new-born girls, but for older babies, or older children, it would be a good idea to write to other orphanages. Let me know whether there is a prospect for a child at any orphanage, as soon as you have the information yourselves.

FILING 1-600: Yes, do so systematically. I have byepassed the 1-600 on a few occasions here, but on the strength of the fact that the 1-600 had been filed, and would certainly be approved in the near future. Moreover, although th numbers are "current" at the momant, this may not

last long. And various consuls differ in their opinion as to whether we are depriving others of non-preference numbers by giving them to the children. The present consul is most sympathetic. I shall be pressing our luck this next month, trying to get as many home for Christmas as possible, with some non-preference numbers. But I hope within the next few weeks some of the 1-600 will be approved and that will save me having to use a non-preference.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: No, I answered this in a previous letter which you have probably received by now. I think just the statement of salary will be sufficient. Nobody here at the Embassy cares much about other supporting documents. If the policy changes I shall let you know.

TOLMAN, TOLMAN, KIRSCHLING. JARRETT, RATLIFF: These children may get measles shortly (unless they have been vaccinated). KIRSCHLING had been in a Vietnamese foster home, where one of the other babies had measles. Ilse is terribly upset .. they had brought back this baby to our nursery a couple of days ago, with a fever, and then shortly after the measles appeared. There are so many of our children who are too small or sick to vaccinate against measles. Let us pray that there will be no epidemic. WE have the vaccine, but the one shot vaccine is for much older babies, and the three shot we don't usually start until the baby is solid enough to stand it. Since KIRSCHLING contacted the other babies, they may also come down with measles.

YOUR LISTS: Thanks so much. They look complete.

more later.. love to all

Rosemary.

Saigon Dec.14, 1972

FCVN Colorado

Dear Friends,

here is RELEASE and PHOTO of child from PHAN THIET for STANLEY. Birth certificate is being translated, and will be sent later.

Please ask STANLEYS to send lawyers fees and plane fare for child.

WEISSER: I have a girl for them. NGUYEN THI THU HUYEN born 10 Nov. 1970. She is a bit older than desired (1 to 2 years) but I thought the family would still consider her.

next letter — (I enclose a photo.) Please have family indicate their acceptance of this child, and send lawyers fees and plane ticket. HUYEN comes from QuiNhon. She arrived in Saigon today. The release papers ought to be coming from St. Paul's orphanage in Qui Nhon.

Ramy

Saigon Dec. 15, 1972

FCVN
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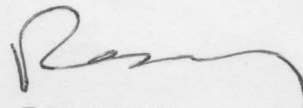
Dear Friends,

here is the group I hope to send on the 28th. I already have two escorts for this group.. a Sister of the Good Shepherd from Vinh Long orphanage, and another person. If there is any other child ready at this stage, I shall add him to the convoy. The list is not yet final.

Would you contact the parents and make arrangements for onward travel.

Send prepaid tickets for those children who are your responsibility. I shall ask PAN AM to ask for prepaids in the cases where we do not yet have them.

in haste



Rosemary.

Michelle will be leaving on 21st with a group for the West Coast but these are mostly Danang children and not handled by Colorado.

Dear Rosemary,

January 18, 1973

I hate to bother you on vacation but I thought this (enclosed) letter from Sanders Newman was most interesting and should be passed on to you. If you think the idea of naming a 'building' after Levitz has any merit it might bring in a lot of money. I used to hate the idea of catering to peoples egos to get money, but I finally decided that a hungry baby doesn't care if the money came from someone who pinched it out of the grocery money or someone who thinks a lot of himself and wants all due recognition. Don't know how you feel about it. John suggested (in fun) a rotating sign on your laundry facilities saing Levitz or whoever else might donate like this. Then we please a lot of people!

The work goes well. Some days I get mighty discouraged with the same kind of persanality problems I am sure you sometimes face in your people. I have learned that the desire to work for the betterment of Viet children doesn't automatically mean everyone can work well together. Basically it is going fine. I have people come in two times a week and help me type, file or work on the card file. This is freeing me of those duties the other days. I am on the phone a lot, but the kids recognize this as "Mommys' job" and if I put it all away at 4 o'clock and spend undivided attention with them all is well. John is very happy now that I pace myself better. In fact we are going to move to a big old house so I can have more room for my junk. I am quite excited about the possibility of fixing up this house.

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Sorry to ramble on. Sometimes I wake up in the night and think of something I want to say to you...but it is gone now. I do know that with all the more organized work we both are doing we are busy people. In some ways it isn't as much FUN as packing a

shoe box with a few odds and ends. But it IS a thrill to see the nearly one ton a month we are sending, all stacked up in Judys garage and ready to go. Do you ever feel you were closer somehow to the realities of it all when you did it all and on a small scale? Of course no one would opt to save 10 when now hundreds are being saved.

Have a good holiday, Rosemary. I hope you come back refreshed and rested. We all send our love to you and greeting to your family.

Love
Lillian

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Dear Rosemary,

WS

March 12, 1973

I have just spent several irritating minutes trying to fix this machine.!!! I hope it works now.

I meant to get a letter off with Margaret telling you how much we enjoyed her and loved her. We hope she returns again before too long. Of course we also hope we get to have you visit sometime too. I know we tired Marg out with all the comings and goings. I hope she will get rested up, although just being again on sea level should help some, as our high altitude usually results in fatigue for quite a while.

We felt you needed to be in on the picture of the various chapters. I am afraid I am not a great one for organizing things for the sake of organizing... and the FCVN as a whole has been rather loosely knit. Obviously this will have to change somewhat, but to what extent I am just not sure. I foresee problems with Krivit (New Jersey), Wetterer on Long Island and that Spicuzzi family in Ohio. I am more familiar with Krivit and Wetterer. Since I have never ~~known~~ known exactly what role John W. has played (and still don't) as far as you are concerned, I have not wanted to too strongly criticize his actions. But in his latest newsletter he takes the responsibility of 'recognizing' the New Jersey chapter. Since they WILL not comply with even the simplest requests from us, we have tried to get them to stop calling themselves FCVN. Perhaps, however it would be better to continue to have them be FCVN, but just try to get more cooperation from them. What do you think? Would it be better to have them all in the same boat?

Tell Margaret that we have slowed down our pace considerably. We did pack at Judy's yesterday for several hours and sent off two truck loads. Judy, Cheryl and I will do the rest this weekend when husbands or brothers can watch the kids. More gets done without toddlers around! And a couple of days ago I took a day off and baked peanut butter cookies, drank tea, and ate half the cookies myself! I even got my Christmas letter off this week. So it has been a good week. The kids really like their new school and we like living in the city much better than living in the suburbs. It is dirtier and a little more likely to have things stolen, but I think we will like it. And if all the 'average families' move out, the cities can't help but decline.

We got a cable from Pan Am that FCVN group would travel on Monday 19, and now are awaiting word on who will come and which children. I hope the visit is going well and the registration is most nearly accomplished.
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It seems to be taking forever to get this letter done. Now it IS March 19 and we are all excited about the arrival tonight.

John Wetterer called the other day and it seems he has no intentions whatever of letting us know any thing at all in his group. No financial reports etc. He wishes to be 'totally autonomous'. He keeps saying he is working only for the kids and doesn't want to get 'all bound up' in petty details. Well, God knows neither do any of us! But even a family has to have some organization and a nationwide group has to have SOME attention to details. Please let me know what you want me to do. I am ~~sure~~ sure he will respect your suggestions where he would totally reject mine. I feel very sorry for Vikki as she is really trying to do a good job and I have a lot of faith in her.

Much love from all of us in the Buchanan family. Please give Marg our love too.

Leah

Saigon April 15, 1973

PCVN Colorado

Dear Leesanne,

greetings to you. It has been a long time since I have had the chance to even say hello to you it seems, but I am sure you understand that every word sent to Colorado is an implicit greetings.

Re the new nurse: She could come later on as a replacement for Christie or Anne. I am not sure when they are leaving. I am certainly not anxious for them to leave as they are doing such a splendid job, but this is a matter you might discuss with Anne while she is in Colorado.

Actually there will be no vacancy until later on in the year. Avis is going in June I believe. There are only two at Allambie, but they seem to think that there is not enough specific nursing work at Allambie to warrant two nurses. I would like a third person in the house.. in each of the houses so that when one is absent there are two left to carry on. It would be good for a new nurse to arrive a little before the departure of the old nurse, so that she can learn the ropes.

Discuss this with Anne Dolan. I would like Anne to make the decision about Allambie and the new personnel, depending on the future plans of Christie and Anne, and whether or not they want another person in Allambie.

New-haven is only staffed temporarily, but I have asked the French to be entirely responsible for finding new staff for them. If the French staff don't come, then I shall have to rethink, but I do expect France to send nurses with no problem.

We have a Sister of Loretto, Susan MacDonald.. coming in May. If I remember correctly, you know her already from previous correspondence.

I am not quite sure at the moment just what Susan will be doing. When I wrote and told her to come urgently, it was one of those moments when it seemed that I would have to get new staff for both TO AM and Newhaven. I shall work out something when she comes, depending on how she fits in.

If the U.S. nurse does come, we can get her an AIRFRANCE ticket free, I am sure. We have done this for Susan. An allowance would certainly be a good idea.

Wendy will give you all the news

sincerest regards

Rosemary

Soft Touch



*especially to you
from Rosemary*



SAIGON

MAY 17, 1973

Dear Leeanne

I received your
memorandum on resignation
& your note —

I do not understand
what has happened over there
but all I know is
that we love you all
& are grateful for
all your efforts to
help the children — please
Leeanne — do not regard
me as part of anything
that has happened in Colorado
— regardless of who has
which position I wish
to keep my friendship
with each family
especially those I have

known for such a long time.
Over here we too have dreadful tensions
that threaten to break up the group — I understand
very well how such tensions can exist. We
really do get to the stage of saying "one of us
must go" because the situation becomes
unbearable — even though everyone is working for
the same end. I see it happening over here
and I can imagine very well it happening
over there. At one point I offered and
would have been ready to leave were I sure
that someone would take over — but we managed
to survive that — believe me it takes a mighty

psychological effect to ³ make our group run
even over here where you'd imagine we'd have too
many emergencies to ever get bogged down in
petty disagreements —

Whatever decisions you made over in
Colorado were made independently of us —
Obviously you are very upset about what
has happened and I regret this so much.
I only wish we could all function always
in perfect agreement as we are all working
for the same end.

I hope now that there will not
be a total alienation between members
or former members of the group — but
I suppose the question is such a delicate
one that I ought not to interfere.

Over here we still have a long way
to go but we are working for a day
at a time — it is hard to look to the
future when the present is so absorbing
and so complicated.

I saw Sister Anicet tonight
— she came to our place for supper, with
Sœur Pierre, one of the old ^{and} Sisters who
would have eaten with us that night at
Providence convent. Sister Anicet & I
talked about all of the children we could
remember — including your daughters.
Dear Sister Anicet has a huge task up
with the Montparnasse — she has next to
nothing for material — & lives very poorly
I believe — but she is a wonderful person
& most capable.

Please excuse this scrawl — but
it is now 3-15 am — I didn't want
to go to bed tonight before writing you
at least this little note.

Very best regards, dear Leesamer
Rosemary

*especially to you
from Rosemary*

Soft Touch



Carlton Cards

SAIGON MAY 21 1973

Dear Leeanne,

I wrote to you a short while ago, on this same paper, but I have an awful feeling that the letter has been lost. I put your name on the envelope ~~to~~ and then put the letter aside until I could check your home address - I did not want to send the letter through FCVN but to your home. Well something happened - either the letter was put by accident in an envelope with other papers for FCVN, or I put the letter in the regular post without any address - I waited for a few days looking for the letter but I now feel it has been lost so I hasten to write again. I am only sorry that you have received no correspondence ~~with~~ from me since the news of your resignation.

Leeanne - please don't let this affect our friendship in any way. I don't know or understand what has happened over there in any detail - I can just gather, from recent events, that you have all been undergoing a period of great stress - this I can understand very well as over here we do have more than our share of tension in interpersonal relations.

Every so often we get to a critical point where we are faced with the ultimatum "either you go or I go - because we just can't work together". Such situations arise over here, not through any difference in policies - not objectives - but through miserable little personal misunderstandings which are blown up to enormous proportions when one is tired & unnerved. We seem to be faced with one crisis after another in the matter of personal relations, and there are many wounds inflicted unintentionally. Wendy while I was here on her last visit was forced to witness one such crisis between Ilse & myself (not infrequent) - but which we happily have resolved temporarily. Margaret's morale is devastated by the strain of these crises, particularly those between Ilse & myself. Ilse & I are both totally dedicated to this work & yet the tension can become so great that I feel we cannot both continue. I myself discussed seriously the possibility of quitting for the sake of the work continuing if someone could be found to take my place. I knew what a valuable person Ilse was, & how extremely capable as a nurse - & I did not want the work to stop. I would have been very willing to let someone else take over my job. But the truth is at that time & now I am the only person in the group really "free" enough - others are here for a year, or have other family problems to consider - whereas at this moment I have no obligations outside of my work here. This gave me a certain freedom which would be necessary in this particular work. I do not think for one moment I am indispensable & I know of people who could easily take over my job were they free to do so.

I tell you all this because I want you to know that I really do understand very well, from personal experience, why one is sometimes willing to resign - or forced to resign from the sheer strain. I have been in such a position quite recently - though through a big effort we have things now in state of very unstable equilibrium - but at least a temporary equilibrium which enables us to continue working.

WESTLAKE

Saigon, 14th August.

Dear Al, Judy, Cheryl and Nancy,

Great news about the FPO. If you've got that in writing, will you send a copy here? We'd better start a system of duplicate files. The 90 days will give us time to look at alternative systems. It has been explained to us here, and no doubt to you there, that FPO parcels are subsidised to the tune of 80cents a pound by Sinpak and that this is getting and will get out of hand as the FPO force here gets smaller. Anyway, if we can in fact get by for 90 days we will have some transport and some familiarity with local customs systems .

We have to try to get a contract for shipping with the Flying Tigers, who handle the FPO contract in any case. I haven't yet located the man here in Saigon, but will do it as soon as I can get down to my own job. (Have spent the last four days cleaning a little bit of my permanent room, sorting junk, not going to meetings and not seeing people. The last few weeks in Aust, the States and here have been hectic. Getting tired of meetings. Aren't we all.) It seems that Holt, etc. are prepared to go in on this, but I said that we'd find out about it and then let Chamness from Holt do the negotiating this end. They used the Flying Tiger Service in Korea, so have something to work from. Probably it would be worth while contacting Holt your end too. If we have 90 days grace, this is not top priority. We will all fight to retain letter privileges on FPO when the time comes.

It was also suggested recently that we investigate more the manufactureres of particular items, and that between the agencies we submit regular monthly orders or whatever. EG if Holt is responsible for handling diapers, they place the orders for all agencies. It is a question of feasibilities and of either direct postage or good contacts in San Francisco. Marlene Eitz

... seemed to me a sign of unusual potential. In any case, this is still for the record only. I have yet to go to the Commercial attache at the US Embassy, and look in his big book at the list of everything from aspirin to ~~xxxxxx~~ zippers and who makes them. My problem is, I wish we could get over August and September, with people arriving or not arriving, finding Allambie, equipping it, etc., the people at To Am making up their minds what they're going to do, the cars coming through and getting serviced, people getting broken in, not to mention accommodated: we won't be operational as an organisation until the middle of September at the earliest. It would be so nice at this eleventh hour to be operational. Meanwhile, we can just keep each other abreast of each others meetings and hope to God that somewhere someone is ~~xxxxxxx~~ getting something done.

So the Flying Tigers is not top priority either. It is, however, priority to register with the Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid for validation of the program. Documents required from this end I am sending as soon as possible. It just may (in time) be possible collectively with the other agencies to get reimbursement on ocean freight. This is of course, particularly important as far as cars are concerned. I only heard about this a couple of days ago: we've probably missed the boat as far as the Connecticut VW is concerned.

Fiat is now clear of customs with legal registration; not yet operational. Needs parts. Ilse will get in Germany. Dodge bus should come ~~through~~ through within a couple of days, will need minimal service; could be usable for convoys, etc by end of month. Renault is back in our hands but a wreck. It is in service to the tune of a few hundred bucks, no doubt. Anyway, it goes. Little Volkswagen not operational. Will spend another hundred or so to get it moving until the decent vehicles appear. That big bloody VW that the batteries fell out of, which leaks to the soul, and which, like many of the children, has no legal papers, and no right to function, is still our only vehicle!

3. (After one year, just got my typewriter working. Those other two pages were written on Rosemary's a couple of days ago while she was out. So at least I am now more or less operational.) Yesterday, the 15th, Lydia got the Dodge bus clear of customs and bought a (legal) license plate for it. It promptly broke down, but she got it working again. The Renault is back from service. We'll get the Dodge serviced now.

Forgive me, but yesterday I bid \$760 US on an excellent Landrover Jeep for use in collecting and distributing parcels. It was up for auction at the Australian Embassy and we don't get favours yet, so I had to bid a fair price (unlike the \$50 Dodge airconditioned bus from the US Embassy.) I don't know yet if it was pulled off. It has a very big covered back, 2½ times the back space of the normal jeep, and is much tougher than your average truck. Rose thinks I'm crazy, bidding that much, but we were unable to find out what normal bids are there. As I said, I'm sorry, but if we get the bloody thing, it would be invaluable to Richard.

As far as there is a rationale about vehicles, it is as follows:

Dodge bus: convoy transport. Location: Allambie. Purpose is that these kids, who are in need of exercise, will then be able to go to places like the beach, the zoo, the country, the fresh air, etc., under supervision and in reasonably large groups of twenty or thirty. It worries us terribly that our bigger kids never see anything of their country and that they are unable ever to run around without banging into some other kid.

Fiat : Newhaven. This vehicle is needed for running papers and escorts to the airport, and relevant documents are prepared at Newhaven, which is more or less the adoption office. Also, at this time, Newhaven is doing the supervision of the many small children who are in creches in the area because of lack of space anywhere else and because we cannot yet rationalise the situation at To Am. These kids need constant supervision; some require hospitalisation at uncanny hours. We have been putting them in the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, which is 25 minutes away from Newhaven and the surrounding private creches. Dolly, however, is this weekend making arrangements to renew our earlier affiliation with the French Hospital. The pediatrician there has often expressed willingness to make daily calls; there is an interpreter available; it is a very good hospital, and three blocks away from Newhaven, much closer than Hoan My, which is almost filled with kids from TO AM.

VW Kombi Van (from Connecticut): this will be used as a mobile

clinic by the beginning of October hopefully. It will be located wherever the Central Pharmacy is located. Christine is hoping to start work on this sort of service without a vehicle as soon as Julie Chinberg has arrived and has had a day or two to settle in. She will stay with Ann McCrudden during her remaining two months here. While Elaine Moir from Australia is still here they will probably continue to work together picking up sick children and black children. Most of this is done by air from Qui Nhon and Cam Ranh. There is also the possibility of her travelling with Sister Kateri, who is mobile, (from Catholic Relief) but who is not in a position to take in sick children. She is well able to find them, however. Both she and Elaine have already located children for us while locating others for themselves. Susan MacDonald is taking a couple of Elaine's kids (with entry visas) to Australia tomorrow; while there she will interview an Australian Nurse, who, if acceptable, will work temporarily with Sister Kateri, since she has at the moment no medical assistance. Ilse has sent one of the mothercraft nurses from To Am to the small clinic that Kateri has established near Tu Duc. This is for 2 weeks only, and is to liberate Kateri to get a few kids out instead of changing diapers. She is very energetic and very nice: she is an MSW from Boston and is hoping soon to bring out another sister from her order to help her. A pity that at this time she has so little back up, as she is a bundle of energy and certainly has her priorities straight.

Renault (registered to Terre Des Hommes France): I hope eventually to use this myself, and I think that Rose could quickly learn to drive it. It would then be located at Phu My. For the next couple of months, however, this car will float to wherever needs it. Rosemary's decrepit motorbike was just stolen. I am currently spending between \$80-\$100 a month on cab fares, as I sometimes have to go to as many as 15 places a day. Rosemary of course likewise.

Jeep: if we get it, will go to what we hope will soon be the old Allambie, for collection, distribution, etc. as explained. After Edyth comes, this vehicle would also be excellent if she has to go to the provinces. Richard could use the opportunity to take supplies directly to the orphanages there while Edyth is doing whatever she has to do (or Rosemary.) Since there are at the moment neither Richard nor Edyth nor a Jeep nor a whole stack of supplies nor anywhere to organise them, this project still retains the status of pie in the sky.

VW's (old, with private registration) will stay at To Am for now.

No light yet on the subject of To Am, so am simply planning around the fact that there is not likely to be any light for a month or so. Can't do anything about it, so no use worrying.

Eventually we will have to jettison the old VW which

5. has no papers whatsoever. The small VW we attempted to register as you know 18 months ago under the name of Terre des Hommes Switzerland. When it is possible for us to function without it, and for Terre des Hommes, who are still critically understaffed here, to take up the matter, we will attempt to get them the registration and I suppose the car, for what it is worth.

VW ILLINOIS: After all, I think that we had better proceed with this.

Could you ask the relevant people there about the feasibility of proceeding? Eventually, we are going to be able to sort out whatever it is that is wrong at To Am, and since they have been responsible for most of the provincial trips south of Saigon, they would need a good new strong car. At the moment, they are in too much of a bind to make any plans. This is priority, but since we are unable to cope with it, you have at least a month to negotiate.

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Sincerely,

Margaret
James Bond.

one each

MARKSON

Saigon, 14th August.

Dear Al, Judy, Cheryl and Nancy,

Great news about the FPO. If you've got that in writing, will you send a copy here? We'd better start a system of duplicate files. The 90 days will give us time to look at alternative systems. It has been explained to us here, and no doubt to you there, that FPO parcels are subsidised to the tune of 80cents a pound by Sinpak and that this is getting and will get out of hand as the FPO force here gets smaller. Anyway, if we can in fact get by for 90 days we will have some transport and some familiarity with local customs systems .

We have to try to get a contract for shipping with the Flying Tigers, who handle the FPO contract in any case. I haven't yet located the man here in Saigon, but will do it as soon as I can get down to my own job. (Have spent the last four days cleaning a little bit of my permanent room, sorting junk, not going to meetings and not seeing people. The last few weeks in Aust, the States and here have been hectic. Getting tired of meetings. Aren't we all.) It seems that Holt, etc. are prepared to go in on this, but I said that we'd find out about it and then let Chamness from Holt do the negotiating this end. They used the Flying Tiger Service in Korea, so have something to work from. Probably it would be worth while contacting Holt your end too. If we have 90 days grace, this is not top priority. We will all fight to retain letter privileges on FPO when the time comes.

It was also suggested recently that we investigate more the manufactureres of particular items, and that between the agencies we submit regular monthly orders or whatever. EG if Holt is responsible for handling diapers, they place the orders for all agencies. It is a question of feasibilities and of either direct postage or good contacts in San Francisco. Marlene Eitz

still for the record only. I have yet to go to the Commercial attache at the US Embassy, and look in his big book at the list of everything from aspirin to ~~xxxxx~~ zippers and who makes them. My problem is, I wish we could get over August and September, with people arriving or not arriving, finding Allambie, equipping it, etc., the people at To Am making up their minds what they're going to do, the cars coming through and getting serviced, people getting broken in, not to mention accommodated: we won't be operational as an organisation until the middle of September at the earliest. It would be so nice at this eleventh hour to be operational. Meanwhile, we can just keep each other abreast of each others meetings and hope to God that somewhere someone is ~~xxxxxxx~~ getting something done.

So the Flying Tigers is not top priority either. It is, however, priority to register with the Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid for validation of the program. Documents required from this end I am sending as soon as possible. It just may (in time) be possible collectively with the other agencies to get reimbursement on ocean freight. This is of course, particularly important as far as cars are concerned. I only heard about this a couple of days ago: we've probably missed the boat as far as the Connecticut VW is concerned.

Fiat is now clear of customs with legal registration; not yet operational. Needs parts. Ilse will get in Germany. Dodge bus should come ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ through within a couple of days, will need minimal service; could be usable for conv. cys, etc by end of month. Renault is back in our hands but a wreck. It is in service to the tune of a few hundred bucks, no doubt. Anyway, it goes. Little Volkswagen not operational. Will spend another hundred or so to get it moving until the decent vehicles appear. That big bloody VW that the batteries fell out of, which leaks to the soul, and which, like many of the children, has no legal papers, and no right to function, is still our only vehicle!

3. (After one year, just got my typewriter working. Those other two pages were written on Rosemary's a couple of days ago while she was out. So at least I am now more or less operational.) Yesterday, the 15th, Lydia got the Dodge bus clear of customs and bought a (legal) license plate for it. It promptly broke down, but she got it working again. The Renault is back from service. We'll get the Dodge serviced now.

Forgive me, but yesterday I bid \$700 US on an excellent Landrover Jeep for use in collecting and distributing parcels. It was up for auction at the Australian Embassy and we don't get favours yet, so I had to bid a fair price (unlike the \$50 Dodge airconditioned bus from the US Embassy.) I don't know yet if if we pulled it off. It has a very big covered back, 2½ times the back space of the normal jeep, and is much tougher than your average truck. Rose thinks I'm crazy, bidding that much, but we were unable to find out what normal bids are there. As I said, I'm sorry, but if we get the bloody thing, it would be invaluable to Richard.

As far as there is a rationale about vehicles, it is as follows:

Dodge bus: convoy transport. Location: Allambie. Purpose is that these kids, who are in need of exercise, will then be able to go to places like the beach, the zoo, the country, the fresh air, etc., under supervision and in reasonably large groups of twenty or thirty. It worries us terribly that our bigger kids never see anything of their country and that they are unable ever to run around without banging into some other kid.

Fiat: Newhaven. This vehicle is needed for running papers and escorts to the airport, and relevant documents are prepared at Newhaven, which is more or less the adoption office. Also, at this time, Newhaven is doing the supervision of the many small children who are in creches in the area because of lack of space anywhere else and because we cannot yet rationalise the situation at To Am. These kids need constant supervision: some require hospitalisation at uncanny hours. We have been putting them in the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, which is 25 minutes away from Newhaven and the surrounding private creches. Dolly, however, is this weekend making arrangements to renew our earlier affiliation with the French Hospital. The pediatrician there has often expressed willingness to make daily calls; there is an interpreter available; it is a very good hospital, and three blocks away from Newhaven, much closer than Hoan My, which is almost filled with kids from TO AM.

VW Kombi Van (from Connecticut): this will be used as a mobile

clinic by the beginning of October hopefully. It will be located wherever the Central Pharmacy is located. Christine is hoping to start work on this sort of service without a vehicle as soon as Julie Chinberg has arrived and has had a day or two to settle in. She will stay with Ann McCrudden during her remaining two months here. While Elaine Moir from Australia is still here they will probably continue to work together picking up sick children and black children. Most of this is done by air from Qui Nhon and Cam Ranh. There is also the possibility of her travelling with Sister Kateri, who is mobile, (from Catholic Relief) but who is not in a position to take in sick children. She is well able to find them, however. Both she and Elaine have already located children for us while locating others for themselves. Susan MacDonald is taking a couple of Elaine's kids (with entry visas) to Australia tomorrow: while there she will interview an Australian Nurse, who, if acceptable, will work temporarily with Sister Kateri, since she has at the moment no medical assistance. Ilse has sent one of the mothercraft nurses from To Am to the small clinic that Kateri has established near Tu Duc. This is for 2 weeks only, and is to liberate Kateri to get a few kids out instead of changing diapers. She is very energetic and very nice: she is an MSW from Boston and is hoping soon to bring out another sister from her order to help her. A pity that at this time she has so little back up, as she is a bundle of energy and certainly has her priorities straight.

Renault (registered to Terre Des Hommes France): I hope eventually to use this myself, and I think that Rose could quickly learn to drive it. It would then be located at Phu My. For the next couple of months, however, this car will float to wherever needs it. Rosemary's decrepit motorbike was just stolen. I am currently spending between \$80-\$100 a month on cab fares, as I sometimes have to go to as many as 15 places a day. Rosemary of course likewise.

Jeep: if we get it, will go to what we hope will soon be the old Allambie, for collection, distribution, etc. as explained. After Edyth comes, this vehicle would also be excellent if she has to go to the provinces. Richard could use the opportunity to take supplies directly to the orphanages there while Edyth is doing whatever she has to do (or Rosemary.) Since there are at the moment neither Richard nor Edyth nor a Jeep nor a whole stack of supplies nor anywhere to organise them, this project still retains the status of pie in the sky.

VW's (old, with private registration) will stay at To Am for now.

No light yet on the subject of To Am, so am simply planning around the fact that there is not likely to be any light for a month or so. Can't do anything about it, so no use worrying.

Eventually we will have to jettison the old VW which

... as in papers introduced. The small VW we attempted to register as you know 18 months ago under the name of Terre des Hommes Switzerland. When it is possible for us to function without it, and for Terre des Hommes, who are still critically understaffed here, to take up the matter, we will attempt to get them the registration and I suppose the car, for what it is worth.

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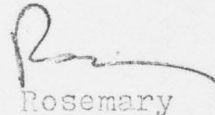
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Saigon Aug.29, 1973

Dear Nancy,

please find enclosed the following receipts for money recently delivered to PROVIDENCE, HAI BA TRUNG, for Sr. Anicet and Sr. Eugenie. Sometimes I have been holding on to the money in order to give it to them personally when they get to Saigon, but as this is always so unpredictable, I shall now ~~xxx~~ leave all the money for these outer orphanages, with their MOTHER-HOUSE here in Saigon, with instructions about the destination of the money. I must just trust that the money gets to destination.

Much love to you and Bernd, and all the family.


Rosemary

P.S. We have just taken on a NEW HOUSE FOR INTENSIVE CARE, as TO AM is already dangerously overcrowded with 135 children. We considered this a primary necessity. This will mean we have an IMMEDIATE NEED of about 30,000 dollars at least for a years rent and all necessary installation. Hope the money is forthcoming! We have already said that we are taking the house. We are also looking for a replacement for ALLAMBIE, which we must find within the next few weeks. That facility is unhealthy. We shall then need about 20,000 dollars for rent and installations on the new house. My figures are very approximate. Margaret will produce something more exact later, but the truth is 50,000 dollars we could spend in a month, with no problem at all! Crazy isn't it!

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include
renting
G.B.

Saigon May 21, 1973

Dear John,

I reply immediately to your letter. I DID write to Leesanne but evidently my letter has not arrived. I wrote by hand, on blue notepaper a little while ago. I addressed the envelope with name only, ^{while writing I wrote up your home address} as I did not want to send it to FCVN address, but to your private address. The same day, I sent a package of letters to Colorado FCVN, and by accident one of two things has happened; either I included the envelope in the package of other mail, addressed to FCVN, which would have been an accident... or I have put the letter in the mail, without ANY address at all, only your name. The letter has obviously gone astray, and I regret this. This silence from me is/must be very hard for you to understand.

In my letter, I indicated my appreciation of Leesanne, and ~~begged~~ asked her not to consider me involved in any way in decisions made in Colorado. I would be very sorry indeed if this upset the friendly relation between us.

I understand very well how unbearable can become the inner tensions in a group, even when everyone is working for the same end with the same unquestionable motives. Over here we have more than our share of tensions. I myself have been in the position of having to say to the person who works hardest over here, and is more valuable than I can say... that either I would have to go or she would have to go.. Not because I did not appreciate what she was doing, but because the personal tensions became so great that it would interfere with the work.. too much energy would be absorbed in the useless conflicts of personality. Happily, we have temporarily eased over that particular problem and we are managing to preserve a status quo. I hope it can continue. We are facing so many other problems that we need all our energy and can't hope to succeed unless we manage to work together.

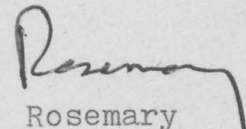
At the moment I feel particularly glum, as we have such an accumulation of things happening the past few days.. and today's

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mail brought your letter, and news of the death of another Colorado baby and some other bad news. Then we have had robbers breaking into the nursery Newhaven for two nights following, last week. There was a third attempt, but the boys were deterred by a U.S.Embassy guard who was on duty. The Embassy gave us 48 hours surveillance, but tonight so far there is nothing arranged. I have to face this situation in a short time... if there is no guard I shall stay on duty myself, by the telephone, with a can of "mace" as the only protection for the whole nursery. The whole day seems so shrouded in gloom that it needs some extra ration of courage to continue. Anyhow, I imagine you have enough of your own problems without listening to ours.

John, I shall write again to Leesanne, by this same mail. I have nothing but respect, goodwill and gratitude for you both and your enormous contribution to helping the children. And I sincerely hope that any differences with FCVN over there, won't in any way affect the friendship between Leesanne and myself.

sincerest regards


Rosemary

May 26 '73
Saturday

P.H.H.

Dear Lee Anne,

I knew my instincts were right and that you did need to know that you still had friends who cared. I'm glad to know your husband is your mainstay because crying on my husband's strong shoulder has carried me thru 9 black periods also. A few bits & pieces has dribbled out of Denver about your resignation. But most of it is a smoke screen to avoid any real details.

I admire you for keeping quiet about the real truth and hope you can justify the reasons to yourself. It must certainly be more serious than I thought if you are dropping out of FCVN. It makes me think there might be some real corruption in FCVN. And most of us

across the country are working hard
because we "trust" the officials &
believe that all of the money is
sent to Rosemary & the children. If
this has changed I couldn't continue
raising money & keep a clear conscience.

For the past 2 weeks I've
been typing publicity & letters to send
out to 1,000 "rich" people inviting
them to attend our symphony concert
benefit on June 10th. That's why I'm
scribbling to you. I'm so sick of
typing!! We have these people
will sit loose of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10 or \$5
to hear good music & also support
the children. Since our son may
arrive anytime I want to do as
much before he comes so I won't
feel guilty doing nothing when he
first arrives.

Since I wrote ^{you} our case
has been topsy turvy. Michelle

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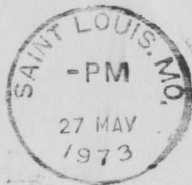
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wrote the Feilands saying he & son
& mine wouldn't be here until
June or July (after telling me May).
Then last week Wende Grant told Suzie
that the Ra Nang cases were a mess
& that all families had to compile
some new info to forward to FCIV.
Also I met John Califf when he came
to StL last week. He was very pessimistic
about the Ra Nang cases & gave me
very little hope.

But this week has been
most promising. On Tuesday I got a
note from Christie in Alhambie (sp?) saying
Paul was there, in good health, but
she couldn't say when he'd leave.
On Thursday I got a letter from
Sister Angela (my 2nd from her) & 2 pictures
of Paul - one at age 6 mos. She said
he was in Saigon & told us how

to send packages, etc. Then yesterday
Wende sent me a short letter saying I had
complied with their recent request and
it looked hopeful for an early arrival.
So I am out of the dumps & looking
for Paul to arrive soon. But this
Symphony has left me & my house
in a state of turmoil. I'm painting
my old metal desk which sits in our
kitchen & where all my typing is done.
So everything is sitting in 4 boxes
in my small living room waiting
for the paint to dry.

I know my days would seem
unreal if I didn't have some FCRV stuff
to do. So I can imagine how lost you
feel especially with the work load you
were carrying. I wish you'd stay in FCRV
even as a non-Denver member. But if you
go into Amer Friends Sw. I'm sure you'll do a
lot of good for Rotary. Denver isn't that far
so I'm sure we'll be able to meet one day.
I'll keep sending you our newsletter & hope you
will write again. Take care &
God Bless,
P.S. When I lose weight I'll send you my mug! Pat



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Dear Rosemary -

June 1, 1973

I recieved your letter the same day
~~you wrote to John~~ John got his letter from
you. The next day your first letter arrived
... mailed in Colorado. I don't know
where it has been. I didn't know about John's
letter to you - I hope you didn't feel it
was gratitude, or thanks I needed. I did
hate to have you left thinking untrue things
about me, or that just because I was tired
of the work, or whatever. I have had such
a love & respect for you for so long... I didn't
want to ruin it.

I feel so bad about you suffering through
a similar thing with Dee. If anyone in
the world should be spared this kind of
thing it is you. One difference emerges.

Dee's value is in saving those tiny
fishes. I'm sure she is unique & irreplaceable,
but she doesn't have to deal with or hunt
a lot of other people. As president I was
~~was~~ ultimately responsible for the hunt of
so many others - parents, other FCH people,
people wanting to adapt - I could not excuse
the moral end (saving kids) to justify inward
means (hunting people). So I left.

I know Wendy was needed at ~~that~~ time,
& especially if the program was to have
continued for only a few weeks more.
Wendy also said you would not mark
much any one except her.

My commitment is still completely with
Vietnamese children. I thought maybe I could
interest myself in some other worthwhile
project - but I always come back to those
beautiful faces of my own two - and must
continue to help those still in Vietnam.

I may run for the board of FUCH next month -
if I decide not to - I will consider
helping Am. FSC. with their Vietnam
work. I still am unalterably committed
to you & to Amist. I'll do what I can.

Maybe God was leading me out of FUCH
for a good reason. you know we have this
Hansberry with us (~~some~~ 5 1/2 m. now)
the welfare has just asked John & me to
try & get them to voluntarily relinquish
her - if they refuse, it means a court
case - with me as the chief witnesses.
I will need every bit of strength to
deal with what has asked for the next
few weeks. This needs so much. Somehow

she is strong + sincere even though I believe the past 5 months are the only real shot at happiness she has ever really had. When one thinks of how many people would love to have a 5 year old, beautiful girl it makes us ache for her + the parents she could have had. We, of course, love her as much by now. We are considering asking for her ourselves - but we are afraid the courts may say we are ~~self motivated~~ motivated by this to encourage relinquishment.

Abs - she may really need a smaller family. She requires a great deal of attention + 6 kids are a lot! Karen is only 9 - so this makes 6 between 4 + 9. I really didn't want you to know about the failure of this adoption. I felt you had all you could handle - but since you & Dr. Amit write about it, I guess you do know - and I know you are concerned with what is happening to her. She is very very smart and very beautiful. She deserves every chance in the world of happiness.

I am glad you mentioned Dr. Amit in your first letter, + the rotheries at Newhaven

in your second letter. ~~It makes me~~ Our
problems here seem very large - but compared
to trying to come for hundreds of your mortgagance
they are pretty small.

I just can't say what will happen next.
We all hope & pray the contract is signed. I
do hope that you will keep our small corner
of your mind aware of the possibility
of Wendy's problems meeting the program
here. When she was in Viet Nam the stress
of her regular life was considerably lessened
& I'm sure she functioned better. When the
stress is on, however, it gets pretty bad.
In my case she laid the ground work for many
months (I am too stupid to have seen it coming)
We already have noticed groundwork for disarming
herself with you &/or Karen K. if she should
ever meet it. It is so subtle ~~my~~
~~mind~~ I feel a remarkable "loss of innocence"
in myself since all this happened. I feel
I'll never trust people again as much - to
avoid this pain. John is really the only one
with whom I can be completely open with. I
guess that is as it should be.

I want to try & say something to let
you know how much I still care... about

you + about the children. But the Maers don't want to come.

If you ever need a place to come for a few days - or longer - our ~~hearts~~ ~~home~~ is home & hearts are open to you. I thought the tears over this thing were over - but I find I can still cry.

Love,

Lee Anne

where ~~is the~~
rest of the letter?
probably written
Spring, 73

I do not know what happened over there - any detail as it was not discussed here. I wish to remain friends with each family - and particularly yourself whom I have known longer than anyone else.

During the time you were president, the group grew so enormously, & my own personal thanks are totally inadequate - you must just look at the children who were able to be placed with families in Colorado, & they must be the thanks for all your dedication & effort. I was very happy for you went here to Vietnam and would love you to come back at any time (but after the hepatitis I hardly dare suggest it). I know there must be a sad division in the group over there, since David also resigned - many feelings must be wounded. I only wish this were not so.

It's strange but perhaps inevitable in a work where one gives so much of self - One is so much more susceptible to hurt the more one is involved personally - & I know you were so dedicated & involved with the work of FCVW. I do hope that better relations can be rebuilt amongst the Colorado group & that you will all come together again. You please pray for our relations over here too. Poor Susan Macdonald has been facing some moments of crisis the last few days. Incidentally, she is splendid - I am tremendously happy that we have such a person joining us. - She seems to be ideal in every way.

Karen too - I'm glad you pressed your point about her. She is a really wonderful girl and contributes not only a great physical effort, but a real moral support to the work. She is fulfilling a function which is invaluable & which no other member of the group could hope to fulfill.

He seems so well-balanced for his young age & can be so mature in his tolerance of others, & his continual outgoing effort to maintain peace between the more volatile staff members. I cannot praise him highly enough.

Today we have had such bad news from many directions — the whole day seems to have been doomed from the start — we lost one baby with whooping cough — then I heard the news of the death of one of the babies recently arrived in Colorado. We have had robbers breaking in at Newhaven — 2 consecutive nights succeeding, & the third night they were deterred by an Embassy guard we had asked to have on duty. We dismissed most of the staff at Newhaven, & started afresh with new people next day — interviewing them was an ordeal — there were so many people without work, all clamoring for a job — there were herds of people standing outside our gate next morning — all looking for a job — it was really terribly sad — having to turn away most of them — a heartbreaking business.

Peace here is bringing a new sort of problem — unemployment — all following the demobilisation of some of the army, & the departure of the U.S.

Leesanne — write me at least a short letter to reassure me that you have received this & that you will set aside me involved in anything that happened in Colorado. I feel myself so depressed tonight — especially because of the news of the two deaths today.

Hope you can read this awful scribble — I preferred to write by hand as it seems less formal — even though less intelligible.

Our very sincere regards to all the family
Rosemary

27 Sept. 1991

Dear Leesanne & John

Connie has sent on your gift of \$200 in memory of Scott. I am sorry to learn of his sad death and understand a little of the grief all this has caused you. I am glad at least that some of the other children may be a source of joy & comfort to you. May God give you courage.

The same day I received the cheque, I received a letter from Sister Anicet, telling me of some recent problems with the Montagnards. The floods destroyed their rice crop & they don't have enough rice. I quote:-

"Since July, I am so busy to buy rice and sell it to them, but I got a lot of loss. Some of them don't have any money; the old and sick people can't make money to gain their life, so I help them. Their meal is very simple: rice and some bamboo shoots or manioc leaves boiled with salt; no oil, no lard. I sell the rice very cheap, so I have to count how many I lose; it's a lot of loss... They come to me so far, some of them have to go 15 or 20 Km to get to my home. But the rice is cheaper, so even very far away, they use to come to me...

"I have another project; I see so many children and adults are illiterate, lacking notebooks, crayons and money to pay the class, so my 2 mountain villages I will try to make classes for the illiterate children in the evening, after work. There are 2 Montagnard teachers and I have to help them with all school materials. I will go there every week to check...

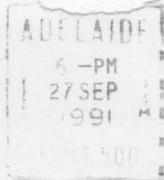
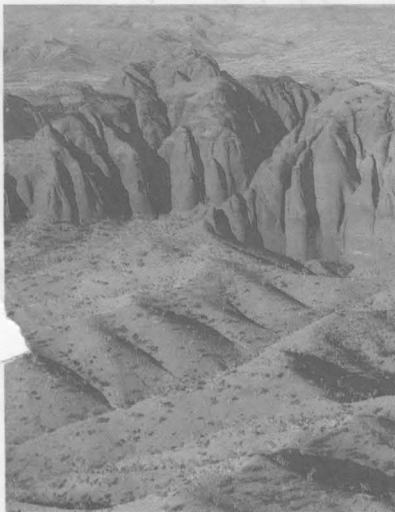
"I really love these people. I never let them go away when they come to me to ask anything. This rainy season they used to get malaria, fever, cough, diarrhea & skin infections.

- - - Sr. Anicet

I will certainly get your donation to Sr. Anicet. You can see that it will be used to benefit the poorest. The Montagnard people receive no help at all from the government - they are really a very deprived minority. With extra support from outside the country, Sr. Anicet has been able to assist these people in real ways. Scott's memorial gift will bring benefit to many.

I am at the moment in Australia but will go back to Thailand in November. I am trying to find more "sponsors"

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TO Mr & Mrs J. Buchanan
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My sincerest regards to all the family
Rosemary Taylor
I thank you for your thoughtful
gift for the pool in Vietnam. It will be used well.
and support for Vietnam projects - I also being with my
mother while my sister has gone away for a much needed holiday.
From this messy writing - I am leaving trouble with a
very cheap ball-point