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TO : Dr. Paul Q. Peterson, Chief, Div. of Health and Sanitation STEP/Saigon DATE: Sept. 28, 54
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SUBJECT: Trip report to Hue, Quang Tri, Dong Ha

1. The purposes of this trip were to

- a) introduce Dr. Edward Kupka to various officials of Central Vietnam and to let him see some of the refugee and resettlement problems of the region
- b) evaluate the refugee and resettlement activities in the Quang Tri, Dong Ha area.

2. Officials seen and consulted during the trip

Mr. Dam and Staff
Dr. Vien and Staff
Mr. Tu Bo Guynh - Social action - Hue
Dr. Hoang Ba, medecin à Hue who has recently been designated by Dr. Vien as my counterpart
Commandant Pham van Ke, Commandant le 24è Bataillon Vietnam troupes à S.P. 4.321.
Dr. Phillippe, Medecin Chef of Quang Tri
Chef de province of Quang Tri
Delegate of chef de province of Quang Tri
Chef of ville or circonscription of DongHa

3. We accomplished the following:

- a) In company with Dr. Kupka and Vietnamese representative from Social Action and Health we visited Quang Tri and Dong Ha. There we found that the refugee and resettlement problem at Dong Ha was under control with the number reduced from 8000 to 800 by resettlement or by the refugees going elsewhere. There we also found that the committee for resettlement in Quang Tri city had obtained sufficient land to resettle more than 8000 refugees now in the 6 centers in that area. We inspected 3 of these proposed site for permanent resettlement and found only the one at La-Vang satisfactory. This is a place for about 310 families with 1/2 acre per family for their house and vegetable garden. The committee was requested to continue to search for more satisfactory sites.
- b) The representative of the Quang Tri city committee. The delegate of the chef de province states that the chief problems now are to:

I. Obtain the material for the construction of the permanent buildings including a school, a pagoda and a Health Center (dispensary).

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- II. Means for supplying each family with a buffalo to be used in farming on land not far from their home.
- III. Means for supplying each farmer with rice seed and other essential agriculture implements.
- c) We were informed that the health center will be supplied with a professional nurse and rural midwife.
 - d) We were informed that slightly less than 1000 of these 8000 refugees were fishermen and the plan now is to permanently resettle them in a center better for fishing than the QuangTri city area.
 - e) After a visit to the hospital, maternity and pharmacy at QuangTri Dr. Phillippe states that his immediate needs are an operating room table, an obstetrical table, the working end of a diathermy machine, a blood pressure machine, some more miscellaneous drugs.
 - f) Made a tour of the hospital at Hue, see Dr. Kupka's report for details.

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