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January 19, 1955

TO: Dr. Paul Peterson, Chief, Div. Health and Sanitation
FROM: Randall V. Frakes
SUBJECT: Present Status of the Welcome Kits.

The assembling of the Welcome Kits has been completed, thanks to the very commendable efforts of the American Women's Association. A letter explaining the Kits and the necessity of distributing the educational leaflet with each one, has been prepared and signed by Msgr. Harnett. This letter will be sent to each Priest along with the educational pamphlet to introduce the subject of requesting and distributing the Kits. Msgr. Harnett has been provided a supply of the introductory letters, the educational leaflets, and the mimeographed order blanks. He will distribute the letters and then make requests for the kits at my office in La Grandiere Building. My secretary will handle the distribution of the kits at times when I am not in the office and she will keep the appropriate stock record card.

Msgr. Harnett and I agreed that the Kits would be distributed to every Refugee mother who had borne a child since arriving in South Vietnam. This will preclude the problem of making distinctions between recipients at the time of distribution. I suggest that you contact Mr. Adler and mention the possibility of each of the Field Representatives determining the Non-Catholic Refugees in his area and arranging distribution of Kits to these people. It seems to me that we have a responsibility for getting this material to other people than the Catholics as long as these people are Refugees from N.V.N.

The following items are the extra supplies which were left after the completion of assembling the Kits. This occurred because there were not equal quantities of all of the Kit items.

1. Plastic bags w/American Aid Stencil	118	each
2. Vaseline Hair Tonic, 2 cases and 7 boxes	186	bottles
3. Toothbrushes, 14 boxes of 1 dz.	168	each
4. Combs, black, 11 boxes of 1 dz.	132	each
5. Luster Cream Shampoo, 7 boxes of 1 dz.	84	tubes
6. Towels, 4 dz.	48	each
7. Soap, $\frac{3}{8}$ oz. bars with Pan American wrappers,	9300	bars
9 cases @ 1000 bars per case, plus approx. 800 extra bars		

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Assigned items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 to Miss Frakes
for use in reception center and
resettlement village - Cap St. Jacques. P.F.

There are 7637 Welcome Kits now packed in wooden crates or cardboard boxes and approximately ~~XXXX~~²²⁵⁰ which still require some kind of packaging. A cardboard container ranging from 18" long, 12" wide, and 8" deep on up to a box 3' in diameter each way would be suitable for this packaging. The sooner we can get these Kits in boxes the less chance there will be of pilferage and the greater opportunity there will be to get them distributed quickly. Msgr. Harnett and I agreed that the initial distribution would include Kits for approximately three months time. No estimate of the total time required for the complete distribution seems satisfactory at present. The Kits now in boxes and cartons are:

1. 94 cardboard cartons with 25 Kits in each	2350
2. 22 wooden crates with 100 Kits in each	2200
3. 25 wooden crates with 75 Kits in each	1875
4. 6 cardboard cartons with 150 Kits in each	900
5. 26 cardboard cartons with 12 Kits in each	312
	<u>XXXX</u>
Total now crated	7637
Total not utilized	118
Total	<u>7755</u>
Number remaining (Approx.)	XXXX 2250

Encl. (3)

1. Covering Letter From Msgr. Harnett to Priests
2. Educational Leaflet to Accompany Each Kit
3. Copy of the Requisition for Ordering Kits