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Welcome Kits.

Reference: Your Memo 26 January re above subject.

Mr. Frakes, Health Education Advisor and now on TDY with Refugee Activities was originally given the responsibility for implementing the Welcome Kit Distribution project. The procedures had been worked out with Mr. Ashley, which are in substance as follows:

The kits are to be given to mothers, who are refugees, at the time of giving birth to a child since arriving in Free Viet Nam. This procedure would work through Monsignor Harnett and his fellow workers. Literature has been prepared to accompany the kits which were recently received. Letters have been sent to the village leaders after the "TET" holiday. As of this date 31 January no kits have been distributed as no requests have been received. Recent verbal information indicates that the Kits should begin to move very shortly. (Per Mr. Frakes explanation to this office).

Note: Results of conference with Mr. Frakes after this memorandum was written (Feb 4), I am informed that the work is now proceeding satisfactorily with 250 kits already delivered.

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