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Mr. William H. McCahon
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Dear Bill,

You probably will remember that some time ago Mr. McCormick in the Indochina division gave us a written proposal submitted by the Philippine Junior Chamber of Commerce (if I am not mistaken), concerning the organization of medical teams for work in Vietnam. I discussed this proposal briefly with you and Miss Main and Mr. McCormick thought that we might want to do something with it; we finally gave it back to him and then I suggested that he send it to USOM/Saigon for consideration.

There is general agreement here that technical field teams (not only in the medical field) would be of considerable value in the refugee resettlement program. Besides Msgr Harnett's proposal we have others, especially one submitted by a French expert and they all stress the importance of such teams; we are now in the process of discussing some of these proposals and hope to come up with something concrete in the near future; I am sure that you share my belief that the voluntary agencies can make a very substantial contribution in this field.

We would like to have the Philippine proposal which I mentioned above because it contains some ideas which might be applicable to technical teams in other fields. Our Public Health people would also like to have a look at it. I would therefore very much appreciate it if you would ask Mr. McCormick to send it to us as soon as possible.

With my best regards to you and everybody in VFA

Sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. Poindexter

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