

The Honorable
Moncrieff J. Spear
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United States Embassy
Saigon

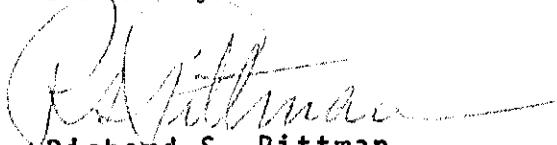
Dear Mr. Spear

On behalf of the field teams of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, I wish to express our appreciation and admiration of your calm and reasoned handling of the movement of our personnel from Nhatrang to Saigon. We are well aware of the difficult dilemma you had in trying to avoid actions which would generate civil panic while at the same time feeling the responsibility to ensure the safety of the many foreign nationals in your charge.

In addition, we are especially in your debt for your kind assistance in getting out all the Institute's irreplaceable research materials on the Montagnard languages and cultures.

We continue our efforts to get information on John and Carolyn Miller and their daughter Luanne, SIL personnel missing in Banmethuot. We are grateful to you and to your colleagues Mr. Cook and Mr. Brownback for your efforts already on this matter. We will appreciate knowing any further information on them that may come your way.

Sincerely



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