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Arrangements for August 1 Evacuation Flight from Saigon

As a result of discussions within the mission, between us and UNHCR, and in a "dry run" exercise at the airport this morning, the following arrangements have been made to receive the 41 or so Americans and their dependents who will be arriving from Saigon on August 1.

1. On the plane's arrival, one UNHCR representative and one Embassy officer will board the plane to explain to the passengers what will be happening.
2. Everyone will move from the plane to VIP Room #4. While Praphat moves off with their passports, disembarkation cards and shot records (UNHCR will insure that the people will have their appropriate shots in Saigon), we will try to determine quickly in conversation with each person who will need what kinds of assistance.
3. All those who desire to meet with the press will move to large VIP Room #1 where Ivan Campbell will have the press in hand. The press conference(s) should hopefully be only about twenty minutes long.
4. Praphat will clear the baggage through customs and bring it to VIP Room #4, to which each person will return to retrieve his own luggage.
5. At least five persons have friends in Bangkok with whom they will stay while here. We will have six micro-buses and one station wagon available to transport the others to either the hotel of their choice, or, if we are footing the bill, to the King's Hotel, where we have reserved twenty rooms, with others available if needed. (The low-priced King's, closest to the Consulate, has far more

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rooms available than the YMCA. This would meet the Department's request to keep people together to the extent possible.)

6. One Embassy officer will accompany each vehicle. Some of the officers will then return to the Embassy to send any messages which the returnees may have for relatives in the U.S. as well as the usual reporting cable to the Department.

The following officers will be at the airport on August 1:

CONS: Robert Jacobs	DAO/JCRC: Lt. Col. Mather
Mary Shoemaker	Sgt. Whorton
Khun Chinda	PA: Ivan Campbell
SEATO: Don Rochlen	USIS: Ross Hazing
POL: Charles H. Twining	PER: KhunPraphat

As we will explain to the arrivals, Lt. Col. Mather, Don Rochlen, and Charles Twining will be engaged in debriefing them once they are settled. In addition, Mary Shoemaker will be available at the Consulate to do the various and sundry things associated with passport or visa issuance, repatriation loans, and the like.

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