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Mr. William Rose
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Dear Bill:

Through a series of referrals, your letter of 27 August to George Culbert has landed on my desk, and I hasten to reply now that it has come to rest!

The Material Resources office is actually a service facility of Church World Service rather than a separate "program," and that means that shipments handled by MRP are paid for by other departments or area desks. In short, if Material Resources sends equipment to Vietnam, it is part of the VNCS budget; certainly many supplies are donated, but there are always related costs, of which I know you are well aware. Clearly this would mean that unless a Minh-Quy specific request were incorporated into VNCS budget, MRP would be unable to accommodate it.

In light of the above, and in appreciation of the reduction in availabilities you describe in your letter, I have contacted the Division of Program and Supplies at Catholic Relief Services in the hope they might be able to increase support, and I will share a copy of this letter with them, along with forwarding the excellent report you enclosed (dated June 1973), so that you will not have to send another. The person to whom I am referring these items is:

Mr. Anthony Foddai
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in the event you want to contact him directly, perhaps with additional information or more specific requests.

VNCS, like all the voluntary agencies working in Vietnam today, shares many of the cost pressures you note at Minh-Quy, but let me say that any specific item could be submitted to VNCS Saigon for consideration as a budget factor. I am sure you realize the 1974 budget is still being considered here in New York, as is projected support, so I say this as a possible alternative only; clearly the decision is not mine to make!

Perhaps Mr. Foddai will have other suggestions or will be able to provide slightly more positive answers; I hope so.

I trust that you and your family are well. Are you still planning a trip to the States and/or graduate school? Do let us know if you come this way.

Best regards,



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