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Dear Father McVeigh,

Attached herewith please find reports on trucking & oxygen, expenditures from Minh Quy's Austria-Caritas funds, plus the appropriate vouchers; plus a letter giving data on cost of delivery of patient care, which may come in useful in the event that we can plug into the USAID malnourished-child-care program which is being administered by CRS.

For the record, I should like to review some of the financial matters we discussed yesterday afternoon:

- Hopefully I shall be able to pick up four thousand dollars' worth of piasters later in the day from our check to you that has now been cleared --- we appreciate your promptness in this matter as it ~~will~~ will enable the funds to be sent up tomorrow with George Christian so we can meet our monthly payroll on time.
- We hope too that the five-thousand dollar check submitted yesterday will be cleared shortly, so that we have sufficient operating funds at the end of this month.
- As for Pat's personal check for 100 dollars, we will pay her the sum on a loan basis out of operating funds, to be reimbursed when her check has been cleared.
- As for our 'debt' of roughly 108,000 piasters (less 50 dollars' credit), I still believe this needs to be adjusted in view of money that was mistakenly drawn from our regular account for cloth purchases when in fact it should have been taken from Father Heubel's 'cloth grant' (account No. 500-268) instead. The sum involved was 104,750\$, as noted in my letter to Miss Muoi dated 27 June 1974.
- Presumably Brother Mortensen's grant of 50,000 was deposited into the Minh Quy account --- I should like to draw this amount so that the money can be used for purchase of pediatric medicines as per the original intention (my letter of 20 June refers).
- Could we have at your early convenience a report on expenditures from the Minh Quy account beginning as of 1 February 1974.
- We were most pleased to hear that the COREV trucking grant has been extended. Could you arrange to have the entire ~~sum~~ (on the order of 1,300,000 piasters, if I remember correctly) sent to Dr. Pat Smith via telegraphic transfer c/o the Kontum Agricultural Development Bank. This will enable us to make direct payments for trucking & oxygen services at the Kontum end, and avoid confusion at the CRS office.
- We understand that a grant has just been approved and forwarded to cover the cost of our monthly stipend (60,000\$) to the Sisters employed at Minh Quy. John Cullen says that the most convenient form of payment would be in quarterly installments --- i.e. 240,000\$ at a time. Could I pick up this amount in check form for later transfer to Minh Quy?
- I shall work out details of shipping the canned meat, soap, and clothing that is waiting in your warehouse with Mr. Chau after consulting with Kim Thai trucking agency as to their rates.
- Delivery of PL-480 commodities can hopefully be worked out with Joseph Bai --- this will be quite a boon to our patient-care if it can be arranged.

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If an Albanian lion-tamer by the name of Maximilian comes in looking for coverage for his visa as part of the Minh Quy staff, don't get involved --- true, we have an opening for a lion-tamer but CARE is picking up this guy's contract.

Regards,

Bill R.