

Saigon  
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Dear Pat and Randy,

Yesterday I had a long discussion with Bob Trott, who has promised to give us a written statement of his conception of the nature and extent of C.A.R.E.'s support for the anthropological survey currently being undertaken in Kontum. This will definitely not include provision for travel back to the United States; Bob says however that he will do what he can to arrange an 'escort' situation in hopes of securing a free-gratis trip home --- this may prove extremely difficult however and should not be taken as a guaranteed solution to the transportation problem. Bob says that C.A.R.E.'s total investment in the project might be as much as seven hundred dollars to include salary and support costs, so perhaps we could take this as a rough framework within which to operate. Counting five months' salary this would leave \$250.00 for other expenses. According to my records, outlays for the project so far have been:

May -	5,000	for equipment
June -	5,000	food & equipment
	5,600	"
	5,000	"
	15,000	"
	10,000	"
July-23,800	food supplies	
	8,000	Brech's salary for June
	76,400	

This does not include cost of repairing the house, of which I have no accurate record; nor does it include 20,000 advanced to Randy before departure to Saigon at the beginning of July, which sum should normally be deductible from salary. At the going piaster-per-dollar rate, 250 dollars would come to 160,000 piasters; so at this point (almost half-way through the project) it would seem that spending could continue at the same rate as before and everybody would come out even. Subject to Pat's approval I would suggest a thousand piasters a day as a reasonable overhead.

I repeat though that there is no provision for airfare home, and all we can do for the time being is keep our fingers crossed and see whether or not Bob can work out a trip escorting orphans.

Randy, the secretaries at C.A.R.E. are typing out stencils for your questionnaire on a hurry-up basis but it doesn't seem likely that they'll finish in time to send them up with George Christian on tomorrow's courier flight. I'll get them to you soon as I can, probably by courier mail during the coming week.

I hope that this letter together with Bob's forthcoming statement will shed more light on the situation, and that a successful survey will be the end result.

Regards,

Bill Rose

cc.: Bob Trott, C.A.R.E.