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Dear Bill:

Your letter came yesterday and Ron and Pat are both supposed to leave today, so I'll try to get something written for them to mail in the States. You'll probably be talking with them, so I'll skip most of the general stuff.

Yes, I don't think anyone expected it to happen like this. Even day to day predictions are being constantly upset. By the time you receive this, who knows what may have happened here in Saigon. I would certainly prefer to be upcountry, but when the first crunch came I was here in Saigon, having brought Yek and Thin down to take the entrance test for Hô Nai Hospital 1 yr. nursing course. On the day they took the test, the draft exemptions of Montagnards were rescinded, and by that time we couldn't get them back to Kontum. The new CARE nurses, Senia, and Dr. Lussier, Barbara and Det and Wis, were taken out earlier in the week, then the others left on Sat. We were trying to get medicines in because we knew planes wouldn't be going in much longer. Towle & Jake went in by chopper on Sun. & Jake went out to see if Dr. Baker & Christine would come out, but they wouldn't, & that was the last flight. As far as we know, the only Montagnards that left were the USAID employees & one other family. Most of the Hô. nuns left & the hosp sisters were advised to go into civilian clothes. We haven't had any word out abt. what happened @ the hosp. The drs. stayed just to hopefully carry on. The PRG broadcast "Points to Guiding Life in the Areas acquired by the PRG" & stated that private institutions would be allowed to carry on & foreign personnel, including Americans, could stay if they weren't spies. Of course, they can

accuse anyone of being that if they don't want them in. I have requested permission to go in but don't tell that around 5:4

I didn't get this finished in time & now am trying to get it done for people going on the Holt baby flight. A C-5 baby flight crashed last night - you will have heard about it.

Yeh & Thia are going to work & train @ Hô Nai but they aren't having their course now because not enough students (some went home after taking test & then couldn't get back). ~~Thelbom~~ would have liked to get back to Kanton but couldn't. Thien still refusing to step down. It seems incredible that pressure couldn't be put on him to force him out.

Will try to write more later.

Must get this off.

Phyllis