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Dear Bill:

It is always good to hear from you and know how things are progressing, also to share in any way possible the responsibilities which you so keenly feel and that we hold in our thoughts and prayers.

Often, it is so difficult to understand circumstances at hand but "All things work together for good" even the unpleasant. It took me along time to be willing to accept this theory when my husband was killed in the Pan-Am airplane crash on his way to Alaska at a young age of 32 and giving his life constantly in public service. The sooner we do the more we accomplish.

I personally, as I know all here hope everything will work out so you can return to Kontum. We sorely need you there. John has done

very well considering the task load
but your articles as well as
reports and "know-how" made it so
much easier at this end.

Don't know what I am accomplish-
ing on the foundations. It takes so
much time and they need so much
information. Have you heard of the
Rockefeller Foundation? They finally
responded and quite favorably
but now say the application has to
be made thru a Catholic Organization
that has supported Minh-Quy. Have
done all the paper work to this
point and yesterday decided I would
send the application to John and
see if CRS would consider filing it
for us. This could be a very good
one if handled properly but whatever
is done must be done soon. I
don't know how quickly they will
act on it at Minh-Quy is my only
problem now.

Have one other foundation

in the works and that is Kerge.
Just finished all 14 pages I detail
and got it in the mail yesterday.

This is the reason for another
hand scribbled note to you! Got to the
office at 7:00 A.M. yesterday and left
after 7:00 P.M. and still did not get
any correspondence done. Try to do
some of this from my apartment.

Mrs Brail (Mr. Brail's wife) took
notice of the stack of work ahead of me
so she is coming in one day a
week for 5 hrs. This helps greatly as
she understands most of the procedure
and is a good typist. Other than that
have had no response to our appeal
for volunteers.

I think the news recently has
a lot to do with both finances and
how much time people feel they
want to give to anything in Vietnam.
Sure how would be the time we
should do the most but everyone
has their reasons for what they do.

It was so unselfish of you to give the \$100.00 to the hospital fund for the wedding present of your friends and especially at this time when I can imagine every dollar counts more than usual. Have that perhaps you'd like to have us send them a card to this effect or the next newsletter where their names will appear. If so, please send their address or you may have taken care of it another way.

I'll bet your little Teddy is a darling. Sure wish your work had brought you closer to Seattle so we could have shared your joys but know it was much better for you to be near your folks under the circumstances and no doubt your job opportunities were better there. The Northwest area is not too good in pay or work in the social field from what I hear.

Must close but do keep in touch & if we can help in any way it will be our joy. michele

Red Cross (Syria Team)
we hear are in Vietnam &
should be able to get us
some info but nothing forth-
coming as yet.

The board feels they want
to continue as a board to
solicit and accept funds
until they know the hospital
is closed or the two doctors
are no longer there.

Dr. Pat seems to be settled
in quite well with her new
job. Haven't really seen her but
a couple times as she wasn't
at our last board meeting.

Would appreciate names &
addresses & corrections of those
I have listed by return mail if
possible as I wanted to get them
to each board member by week
end.

Thank you once again for your
help. Melba