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meeting on 25 March, decided to divide their remaining assets among Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Medical Mission, C.A.R.E., Paris Foreign Mission, Milwaukee Children's Hospital, Children's Orthopedic Hospital, and MCC; this check represents the agreed-upon share for MCC, and I'm sure it would be appreciated if you could return the enclosed receipt to Mr. Graham Fitch in Seattle at your early convenience. Not having been present at the final gathering of the K.H.F. board, I am not aware of any restrictions or conditions upon use of the funds; but I'm sure that there should be no problem in allocating them ^{creatively} in view of your various ongoing programs in SE Asia.

I guess it's best to avoid philosophizing about the march of events in S. Vietnam in general and the Highlands in particular — after all, we know so very little. A letter from an American former colleague

Mr. Robert Miller
Mennonite Central Committee
Akron, Pa.

Dear Bob,

I am pleased and yet sad to be conveying to you and the MCC the enclosed check for \$5319.93: pleased because we all know the integrity and merit of MCC overseas programs and am convinced that this is a most appropriate way to re-channel some of the funds remaining at the time of the official disbanding of Kenton Hospital Fund, Inc., which supported Dr. Pat Smith's hospital until the change of governments in South Vietnam last year — sad too because this symbolizes the demise (or should I say 'transformation'?) of an institution which was a way of life for a lot of us as well as being a health & welfare mechanism for thousands of Highlanders.

The K.H.F. board, in their final

I'd like to add for the record that I think the board has made an extremely judicious and appropriate selection of recipient agencies for the left-over funds — this takes a bit of the edge off one's sadness ~~at~~ the dissolution of the organization and the relinquishing of the hospital. But it was bound to come sooner or later. And who knows? — maybe someday in the future there will be another call for volunteer agencies and individuals from abroad to help the new Vietnamese society with their developmental problems. This thought too helps take the edge off one's nostalgia & sadness.

We are enjoying life here in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. The employment situation is not too promising but apart from that it's an ideal environment for raising a family (especially a part-Oriental family), and we're convinced at this point that we should remain

at Minh Quy Hospital who has voluntarily remained in Saigon Ho Chi Minh City says only. "Minh Quy is now Binh Viên Cách Mạng [Revolution Hospital] with no medicine ... a woman doctor from Hanoi seems to have taken over." A frustratingly laconic report, but after all this fellow pretty well stuck in Saigon and can only offer hearsay information. Wonder if ^{any} of the Mennonites remaining in Vietnam have been able to get up-country to Kontum or Pleiku or thereabouts???

I want to apologize for the delay getting off this check and letter: have been extremely delinquent in corresponding with all friends, relatives & former colleagues from S.E. Asia ever since our relocation Florida last November — only recently have we established a bona fide mailing address, & my actual whereabouts was unknown to K.L. and I'm a bit tardy in relaying this on to

return to Asia —

We'd love to get some more news about current MCC doings in S.E. Asia in general, and in particular items concerning old friends & colleagues from V.N.C.S. Have you any news bulletins or similar material in addition to those which have already been circulated by Church World Service in New York??

In signing off I want to repeat my sense of personal satisfaction at the judicious way in which the K.H.F. board members have decided to re-allocate the remnants from Minh Juy Hospital funds — it does help to take the edge off one's sadness to an extent —

Warm regards,

Bill Roca

Copy to: Mr. Tim Horn, Seattle