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Melba,

Here is confirmation of the addresses I gave you by phone previously, plus a little bit of fresh news received from New Zealand sources:

- Mr. Nguyen Van Tien
Special Representative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam

Hanoi
Democratic Republic of Vietnam

Cable Address: DAZIMINA - HANOI - NORTH VIETNAM

(using regular international mail isn't recommended — better to have someone hand-deliver messages if you happen to learn of any individual or delegation traveling to North or South Vietnam, or else use cable)

- Madame Pham thi Minh - or - Mr. Nguyen Ba Thi
Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam
- Mrs. Cora Weiss (who was supposedly involved in liaison work with POW's)
Tel. () (a New York number - I don't have her address).

These names & addresses were gotten from an old Vietnam Christian Service colleague now doing United Nations liaison work with a Methodist organization in New York — Doug Kofstedter is his name and I'm sure he'd be glad to help in any further way he could. Home phone ()

Myder - Asia Program of the American Friends Service Committee (you should have their address or the press release from Dr. Hoshins I sent you the other day); and Bob Miller (formerly Director of Vietnam Christian Service in Saigon), Mennonite Central Committee, Akron Pa. - Tel. ()

I phoned the New Zealand Consul in New York — he'd heard of Edric's situation already and promised to look into it further; he called back to say there had been a report in an Auckland newspaper dated May first stating that Dr. Miller was in Quang Tri — no further information. I've just gotten a letter from Marion Brown who's returned to New Zealand and has been in touch with Edric's parents. His mother is optimistic, has been writing him regularly twice a week (to what address I don't know) and has also written the PRG, but no reply from either — Marion says she wants to go over herself when things have 'settled down' (i.e. Ed's mother — Marion too writes of wanting to return to Minh Quy to work, but has the idea that the PRG may prefer foreign volunteers who haven't served in Vietnam previously). Marion reports having heard from a former member of the NZ Surgical Team now in New Zealand that one of the UN agencies had promised to try to transmit communications to Edric — he even she'd only heard this second-hand, and the specific title or address of the UN agency was not given. So she is now in the process of trying to track down this fellow (Warick Howe is his name, ex-administrator of the NZ team in Huinhon) to get further details. Marion says the NZ gov't has recognized the new Saigon regime, but are still waiting for the PRG to recognize them in turn. If/when this occurs and regular diplomatic relations are established, I'm sure one of the first things on their agenda will be to contact Edric.

For the time being, I'm wondering if the British Embassy — which is reportedly functioning again in Saigon — might use their good offices to find out about Edric & George? They have a consulate here in Philadelphia and I shall check. Also, I think the Mission de Paris (Bishop Seitz's organization) has an office in San Francisco — maybe you could contact them to get the Paris address to see if they've had any news there....