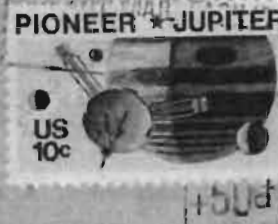


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Sorry ... I didn't get that right. I don't remember where I left off.
Hope you can wait for all the details in my travel diary, probably
won't be too long till you read it!
Not wanting to direct your children, our brother, has been
extremely kind to us, & if you'd feel inclined to write a note to her,
her address is 40 Dinh Tien Huang. I hope she'll stop in
Seattle when she returns to the states, I'd love to have you
meet her.
So good to hear from you, both mail & phone. Same like much
longer than 2 m.m. ago we were going thru the trauma of parting
at Sea. Inc. Right now I don't know if I hope we get into refugee
work or hope we don't! Home sounds awfully good, but whatever
works out is acceptable to me.
Lots of love, Les

Even for setting a time, hearing your voice this AM was a surprise.
and with a coincidence! This is only the 2nd time since we returned to S.
I've stopped in @ C.R.S., so to be there when you called was pure luck.
I'm working full time (+ overtime) - no 1/2 time here! @ an orphanage, but
we were told we must register @ the Am. Embassy, so also stopped @ C.R.S.
on our visas & I hurried on to my babies. Our visas still haven't
been renewed, but C.R.S. assures us all the appropriate papers are in, not
worry, so I'm not. Re: Oct & W's papers? They still hold dual citizenship
& the VN citizenship must be renounced & they can get exit visas. Pat has
all the appropriate paperwork done & was just waiting for approval (must be from
Pres. Thieu himself) but all the papers were being held by the cousin Pleik
so once more she is gathering papers together. She thinks it will only be a matter
of a few days or weeks & it's approved, & should she need to get out quickly, the
U.S. Embassy says they can arrange it on their American passports alone, so then
should work out for them.

Received your letters of the 14th + 20th - was so glad for mail again.
Sounds like news there was much worse than events here warranted - so
sorry to have caused so much concern, but it feels good to know so many
people care. Aunt friends wonderful?!

Our situation here is still uncertain. Thieu says they've given up
all they're going to - that the ARVN team will defend the rest of S. VN.
I don't know, rumors are flourishing re: what will come about here.
Certainly if the war starts clearing in I will leave immediately. Right
now almost no refugees are making it down to S., & those that are are
being placed in insecure areas where we will not go. Should some
arrive & resettle in a safe district, & we can get a program going,
I will stay as long as necessary, up to my scheduled departure.
If nothing develops in refugee work (which seems most likely) I plan
to leave country approx. May 1. The orphanage work I'm enjoying, &
we are extremely busy, but I don't want to impose on our hostess indefinitely.
& I don't think I want to live in Saigon for a year. The other M.Q. staff
are equally undecided. I think Mary will leave wherever I'm ready.
Pat (not for publication - general knowledge) I expect to leave as soon as
my paper work is complete unless something very concrete happens to the
refugee work soon. Marion is uncommitted. The R.Z. team is being evicted
from Kontum today, removing that as a possible job for her. I expect she'll
go home when Pat leaves. Phyllis is a VC Christian Service, & they want
to cooperate with the VC if possible. She'd like to return to Kontum under the
VC, but this looks highly unlikely. After 5 yrs in country she has no desire
to return to the U.S. Will be a hard adjustment. Barb has had lots
of requests for her services in vol. work, but she's talking more of leaving
soon also. Genia is working on his kids' papers. Her husband insisted
to stay in Kontum. Me on that later. D. L. Luss is returning to the U.S.
last week. Many of the missionary groups are leaving or greatly
reducing their staff here. There's some hope the Christian Missionary
alliance people captured at Ban Me Thut will be released soon. We've
had no definite word of Kontum. Reconnaissance planes report
they see no evidence of people in town or surrounding villages, but
they may just be hiding out from the planes. There was no heavy
fighting there, a blessing. The S. VN Air Force reportedly bombed
Pleikun to rubble to destroy it for the V.C. I'm glad Kontum escaped
that fate.

Now, I did get you Easter greetings, also the letter & the pictures, thanks.
Also the mailer arrived. If you have the thermometer, please send to
C.R.S. we can hopefully use them to refugees. If you don't have them, and
it's too late, I'll be sad.