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Dear John,

I talked with the urologist at 3rd Field today in regard to this patient. He thinks the cysto-urethograms are largely uninterpretable, but do suggest extravasation of dye -- thinks they should be repeated when you can.

He believes that the most important thing is to get a catheter back in the urethra, using sounds or filiforms and followers (which 67th should have) if necessary. If this can be accomplished, leave the catheter in a couple of weeks, then try again to remove it & see if he can void. If not, replace again.

If you are not able to get anything through his urethra still, he says he will try anytime in the next 2 weeks (he goes home in 2 weeks) -- he says that the patient can be "admitted" as a boarder down here, if Dave Gatti can swing his admission to 3rd Fld from his end,,, idea being he will just board at 3rd Field for a couple of days while the urologist attempts to get something through his urethra.

Hope you're not being too overwhelmed up there. If security gets bad, please do not hesitate to ship patients to Nha Trang and get out -- or even get yourselves out first if things go bad fast. Kontum does not sound even slightly hopeful from news broadcasts here this morning. Please don't wait too long to close up shop in Pleiku if it begins to look risky there.

I hope to take the kids out of here next week, if everything goes well. Will probably not get back to Pleiku before I take them, but will be back afterwards as soon as possible -- if it's still possible to work there. I can't leave them here in Saigon for even a day or two without me again, since Mary Kodarczyk simply refuses to consider having them without me again.

I am supposed to have their VN passports & exit visas this afternoon -- then the ~~USA~~ only hold up will be US entry visas, which the vice-consul has promised to wire for & says could be done in 2 or 3 days -- he's less cooperative than the VN side though & I ~~may~~ have to threaten him with Sen. Jackson again to get them fast. (He's not fond at all of the idea of congressional intervention I've found.)

See you in a couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

Pat