

4th July 1972

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Dear John:

We were pleased to receive your letter of 22 June although the amount of damage attributable to ARVN is a bitter pill to swallow. I suppose this is one of the malignant effects of war on man's character.

We prepared a copy of your letter for Dr. Smith. She is now planning to leave within one week, but no definite date has been set as yet. Your films are being processed, and I will discuss with Dr. Smith their best use in seeking help with clean-up and repairs. We will send prints/slides as quickly as possible.

A few days ago by way of Barbara Silva we had a report that you have been ill and possibly have hepatitis. We have, of course, been concerned about your health and hope you will be as good a patient as you have been a physician. Your personal plans of rest and recuperation, emergency room work and eventual employment with Group Health sound good to me. I would presume to observe that from my observation of our profession vis a vis the present state of our society that eventually you will get specialty training.

No one, including her family, has heard from Susan Little since she left on 16 June. Your letter did not mention her arrival. Remembering the comical nature of Tom's disappearance I am reassuring everyone here, but unless we hear soon someone is sure to push the panic button. Please pass the word along to Susan when you receive this. (I should note that Barbara Heinl saw Susan in CRS office Saigon when Barbara was leaving VN).

We made an attempt to climb the Brothers in the Olympics this weekend but failed due to route finding problems.

Take care and let us know if there is any personal help we might render you.

Sincerely,



Louis E. Braile, M. D.

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