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To Province Chief

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Dear Sir:

As you probably know, Minh-Guy Hospital has functioned throughout the present offensive, despite intense fear, numerous frustrations, and overwhelming demands on the staff. In order to meet the long-term needs of the increased Montagnard population of Kontum, we find it necessary to resume operations at our original site, near Kon Monay Solam. Presently, this facility is occupied by Vietnamese military personnel, and has suffered considerable damage.

As we plan to reoccupy the site by 1 September, we request:

a. All ARVN and RF troops off the grounds by 15 August, to allow time for minimum necessary repairs and reconstruction. Before leaving, they should:

1. Clean the premises entirely, interior and exterior, fill all holes, dispose of all garbage, remove all mines and other ordnance, and repair all broken doors and windows.

2. Return all beds, cabinets, microscopes, and other hospital property that has been removed from the premises.

3. Provide adequate, responsible supervision of the operation to prevent further theft and needless destruction.

b. A small force of local Montagnard troops, assigned near, but not on the site

to guard against further vandalism and theft until our reoccupation is complete. Minh-Quy has served the bulk of the population of Kontum Province for nearly ten years, asked extremely little in the way of aid or reimbursement. We plan to continue such service in the future, and assume that Kontum Province will observe its responsibilities at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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