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Book Saigon-

*Ross  
Mystery  
Kids*

Ross Missed Daly Flight. He didn't have passport, strangely enough everyone on that flight lost their passport anyway. ✓

Mystery children on airlift. Ross said it was possible everyone was putting people on plane.

People were literally shoving people into cars and stuff like that going to the airport. What do you do. Hard to say, not involved with flight.

*Rules*

Such a hectic time, not everybody played the rules. FFAC and FCVN Got blamed for every damn thing. Individuals in the organization broke a few rules. Brought to light such a hectic time. People doing things that were later reflection on organization. There will be the exoneration within itself.

*Daly*

Daly is a pushy person and doesn't care what other people think of him and therefore a lot of people are offended by him, not understanding him

Callous, course and hard and a humanitarian side. Of-course he can afford it but how many people are rich and don't do things.

Boiled down that Rosemary didn't like him. Sorry about it all, the kids suffered and his got killed the next day. Sorry that the organization was not responsive to press an PR because it was a hectic time and everyone was not receptive to PR at that time.

*PR*

In the beginning everybody was up-tight about PR. Kids were going to meet each other down the track...better to get it out in the open.

Sue: Hand mothers a bill who reclaimed their children. You have a right to collect. Doubt would have collected...would have stopped them cold. Showed the public that they were opportunists.

*X*

I had talked to Vaun several times whether she should give up her son. I had been there until March 75. She had talked to me many times previously to that about while I was there the whole year and had considered giving her son up for adoption because she was uncertain how the country and what was happening. He is Korean-Vietnamese. She is Vietnamese-Chinese. Father not around. She was concerned about him and obviously very committed to him and loved him very much. I told her Vaun don't do it it is ridiculous, things could get better. Don't do it. She said she loved him very much and didn't want to lose him. It was basically left at that when I left. When I left in March she decided not to do it. After I left in March she started talking to Ross and Cheryl...Terry had already left. They ended up...when it was obvious that Vietnam was fall and we didn't know if we were going to get any of our employees out. Ross didn't know. Had I been at the presidio and would have said something to Cheryl and Carol who were traveling to place the kids as quickly as possible. I told them to bring him here to Denver. I knew that it was a mistake that she should not be giving up. I ended up get very hurt and angry at Vaun for the way she sent about

*Reclaim Child*

I told them to bring him here to Denver and wait. I didn't know if she was going to get out.

angry about the way she went about getting him back.

*[Handwritten signatures and scribbles]*

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Only child she had. She is a good person. Problem is she got to Wisconsin, started listening to other people. Got involved with ACLU who were very much in the lawsuit. They told her to go to California and testify in the lawsuit we'll get your son back. That didn't happen. That's what happened. Only that's not what happened. Judge in California would not let her testify.

Cheryl would know. I ended up not testifying against her. She knew what adoption....she has considered it before considered adoption. knew what it was. I saw her at Camp Pendleton when she got here and that time it was my assumption and basically stated that "look you gave your kid up for adoption you can't have him back. I felt like she accepted that. She never contacted FCVN to ask how he was except for how he was and it was over a year before she got her child back.

She never contacted FCVN for several months and just to ask how he was. Which was the problem. It ended up being over a year before she got her child back and the kid didn't even remember her. He was 4 years old and by that time 5½. 1½ years...before he saw her again. He did not remember her at all and they literally had to drag him out of the house. Cheryl and Carol who did the placement at the presidio did not know who he was. He was just another kid off the plane. They placed him as an orphan.

Hirl: In the states both parents are dead and child orphan, VN. 1 relative It was also true in Vietnam as far as the way they did it. alive...

It's a cover up for VM. Roever conducted child care classes...take care of them food so much as loved an stimulation, etc...tried to get them to take care of the. VN didn't want to give them away, saying we can take care of the....not so.

Vietnamese themselves selling their children...as long as one family member they are not orphans.

It all sounds good that they would take care of them but they didn't. The mother would relinquish the child. Lots of times it was another relative that brought the child to the care center.

A year was a long wait for children. Usually it was done fast. FCVN was there one year exactly. FCVN Child Care Center there March 17 1974, cherry in April and fell in April in 1975. First kiss in 1974.

1st building outside of Saigon. Thu Duc toddler center. All the kids went for adoption. FCVN sponsored lots of orphans all over Vietnam. Child care center...for adoption babies that came in were ready for adoption. 116 kids placed, plus 300 out on airlift...

Half way house, Cherry...FCVN child care center. Gia Dinh.///cherri near airport.

- 2 in Y Gia Dinh. 1 on Truong Min Gian
- 2 on Tru min khev
- 3. Bu Thi Xuan (complex)

*1st French House*  
*FCVN Center*  
*Apt Betty*

1. Beautiful French house with beautiful yard...totally inappropriate, we needed something more liberal. Big French house and we didn't have too many kids there.

We moved to the big center which is where we were most of the time. A 5 story complex

A big French house, weren't they very long.

5 story complex along with house. Big fountain for swimming pool for kids.

Terry Super was at Bu thi Xuan. Another house that Cheri lived in. 1 floor for stann. top floor for

dining area and play room. 3rd floor toder and kids.

Rented them.

Terry & John spent lot of time at But thi Xuan house. Monsoon, rain coming in.

Cheri's family and nursery , But this Xuan. Moved to thu duc.

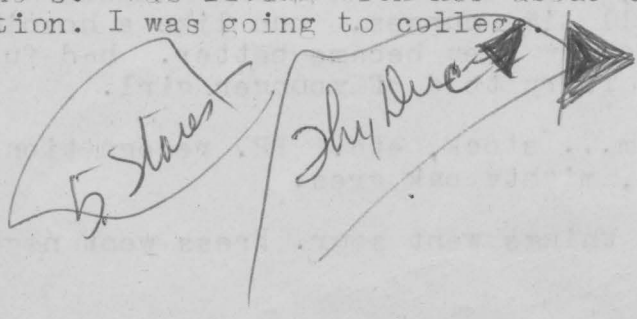
Everybody went to Delta to bring kids back. Sue was houseadministrators.

Babies was totally at orphanages. Knew sisters well. FCVN had been supporting them for 7 years. Knew us well and they g ve us babies. They build a huge box for babies.

Mortality rate. - huge epidemic at one point and los ng a lot of babies, a type of pneumonia. That lasted an eternity, seems like an eternity when you are losing babies.

Cheri decided she wanted to adopt and contacted Naomi Bronstein was her first contact. She from Canada ad now in Guatomola. We lived in Illino s. was living with her about the time she was considering adoption. I was going to collect

*Cheri's*  
*Cheri*



She got Jennie when I was still living with her. Then I graduated from college and went to Fla. She continued her interest in Illinois and started a chapter. Got 2 kids and went to Vietnam did a lot of fundraising. From visits helped out in a Long Binh nursery. About the time they were breaking up. Fell in love with Vitnam who wanted to go to speak to Don Scott from Mass. Ex Dir of My Friend House. run by the Palmonaries. She made arrangements to try to start a program. They needed someone to run their nutrition center and called me. I said o.k. On my way to Denver and Cheri came to Denver also. I met Cheryl Markson. and planned to move to Vietnam. I went on to Vietnam and a week later Cheryl said she was coming. Got to Palmonaries. my friends and Ross was there staying there. Been there a month.

Don Scott was there.. basically decided that if Cheri was coming over, it would be better if she went to work with Cheri. 2 weeks Cheri came over and Ross and she found houses. Cheap villa.

First French Villa. Jan Tru minh Giang. 1st one we moved to. there not very vlong 1 or 2 months.

Moved to big apartment building. Basically just started checking orphanages, Ross big on that. Cheri started making her contacts. Biggest hassel was working with governamet. They said they were not going to work with any other agencies, they had 7 and didn't want any more FCVN had the contract all along FFAC was the new one. Cheryl convinced them to place kids. It was something that everyone said was impossible so it was quite an accomplishment.

Bu Thi Xuan

Betty Bear- actress lives in California Julia- TV series, photographer came and spent 2 months and picked out 2 kids. Smarts from Denver. Older girl and 2 younger brothers.

Airline employees came over and spent about a month and picked out 2 kids.

Fcvn was involved when Lianann got her child from Rosemary Taylor.

About a year when they were not doing adoptions. Initially more support services than adoptions. After 1970 adoptions.

Bu Thi Xuan

Viet child workers helping. Wasn't required they speak english. We used interpreter. But Bu Thi Xuan 100 staff. Almost 1-1 for kids. Medical staff, child care, laundry, cook clean. At other houses a full time doctor. Dr. Cuong. full time nurses. run like a hospital did I's, very sick babies. Obviously they became better. had full scale hospital 2 american nurses. Terry told of younger girl.

Shirl's discussion - sensationalism... stock, etc. PR. recognition. be in Sal Salvador ..little acorn, mighty oak trees.

At the point of the airlift lot of things went sour. Press went negative. Press discussion.

2 in Gia Dinh

Name and describe all the houses.

- 1. Troung Minh Giang - 1st French house - beautiful yard -  
totally inappropriate - need something minimal. (not too long) 1-2 min.
- 2. Troung Minh Ky Road
- 3. But thi Xuan - complex Apartment Bldg - monsoon rain -  
Terry - Chen / Sue / Ross - started checking agencies for babies  
making contact. Big hassle - sort. Not good to work any more agency -

Thu Duc

Thu Duc nursery

What were the complications regarding getting the mission to start an adoption agency in Vietnam. FCVN had it originally, then gave it to FFAC?

Rosemary would not talk with reporters. Nothing personal,

Ebony 12-72 - Rosemary Taylor is an Australian nurse employed by a church group based in her country. She acts as the intermediary between adoptive parents and South Vietnamese orphanages.

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✓ life center. who's children? Se Rev. Blair .

Selling pictures to the post. Anne Penn Channel 9- get me a story.

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Buc Thuie family put on plane ..get relatives out. Panic situation there. Ross and Cherri can give you feeling for panic. Driving down street and people literally throwing children in the Van. Had to get a guard at gate, people tried to sneak inot compound and try to get out. Children and adults. people were scared to death.

We had a nurse supervisor she couldnt leave family so they were ll going to kill themselves. She didn't I still wrtie to he Letter s do not seemed to be cens ured.

Amerasian childr <sup>had</sup> bribe for orphans to go to school.

Scripts

She taped the 60 minutes on Amerasian children. Fascinating. Nightline on Amerasian children.

Spent first 2 nights in hotel by herself. Meet Steve Johnson, civilian, game back towork for ITT. Helped Cheri a lot. took pictures, etc. helped throughtout the time. Unofficially.

Heart

Red tinge  
PBabies had a protien defiency the ends of their hair had a red tinge to it. Bloated stomach and skinny arms and legs. Rypical sign of malnutrition, farty, dirty, no baths , food skinny....obvioulsy didnt get baths, food, wasn't balanced. Orphanage of Dien Phu nuns. no emotional care. Kids respond differently, and different personalities

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Children  
neglect

Terry son didn't speak ill e was 3 years. Child care workers were nil they interacted with eachoter and depends on indivicially how they inter acted with others. personalized attenti n was nil.

depended onthem personally how theyinteracted with strangers. Some were nonresponsive. lot were responsive and others withdraw. The withdrawn ones did Nt know how to hug. Put them in your lapa and they didn't know what to do..

Some of them, depends on orphanage, lots of americans around, will respond to you and know its positive. they can pull on you tug, hug, whathav they know they can do it. an orphanage where no foreigners around they are going to be mores hoy in their approach.

7th day  
Adventist  
Hosp.

Supplies. was a matter of paperwork, didn't know about pilfering or msssing. FCVN. picked up hospital bill over there. Specail part of 7th day Adv Adventist Hospital had special area for orphanage. outside the gate Dr. Ney belgium in doctor incharge, extremely well with that place until there were so many ki s there they started to loose kids too. About that thime we started taking our kids outand our center improved to tthat point. trained staff, etc. TB, how did it handle how did they identify it. screnning. They had to go throug ViSA Medical before they could leave or on medicationl Not a problem as far as holding kids up chest x-rays. very thorough exam before they left.

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Came home March 27 1974. Got sick. Right at beginning started to outling provices started to fall. LA camermaen all over the pl ce. Held up the plane for me. gave me special ride across the runway, most americans getting out. held plane, very important to news media to gett my story, just at the beginning, wanted my opinion. So everyone arranged to hold the plne us. Jodi Darrah and her husband, minister from Illinois we had 13 kids. Phillipines, Ha awaii.

All the FCVN children left. put everyone on the plane and took off Ross remained trying to get sta ff out for a few days.

Sick when she came back. Got sick in January 2 weeks...dirrahhea constipation, vomiting, 2 weeks and weak, lost weight. Continued to vomit occasionally when she eturned, ened up back here calciumphorsphorus deficiency crampoing up. Totally rcramped up whole body, sheryl rushed me to emergency room

Boiled water. bad, could nit use faucet tat all. did find out what or where ny particuar disease c e from. no return or

Angry when she came back. I came back and was going to go back over there and we wanted to get Cherri's kids out who were not american citizens, she had 3 vietnamee kis and Ibrought them back and at Cheryl house. I was going to go back and by the time I reseted up I realy never made it back I went out to the Persidio once. Basically watched kids. At home more with Cheryl and cheris kids.

Persidio run m ore efficiently? Continental much better, persidio was run ok but the numbers . mats. children t persidio. few adults came or snuck out, came to help escort kids. got a few out. brought some staff out.

Everyone thought Saigon...at that point no indication it was going tht fast .. Bad enough cheri wanted to get her kids out. We nevr dreamed the South Vet army wasn't going to fight at all. I dont think we will ever know what that means.

FCVN found what she wants to do, you your sister. They are divorced. Cheris married to an Indian. they have ben divorced for yoears. Cheri is very involved in doing this kind of work Tom is not. "ore personality , this is what I want to do with my oife. They are here now with they Dad hewas over there for Xmas, Tom over thre twice. 4 of own children 4 Vitna emes. Married in 1965 she went over in 1974. IBM years leave of absence. took the kids to vietnam. they adopted 3 here and took them over. too k all 7 back to Vietnam. came back in March of 75. the 3 viet. She came back in April Cherri n tom. they made several of the airlift flights. 2 or 3. Basically they worked together in vietnam. he wanted to go back to IBM and old life and she didn't want to go back to old life. 7 kids live in India. adopted 8th in Vietnam. She has 2 by this Indian husband. Well adjusted. individual probalem s but basically do well. Brian yonngest biological, Vietnames school, French/Viet school. They speak some Bengalli and hindi language.



Cherri is separate from FCVN. International Mission of Hope. Went over 5 1/2 years ago with Cherri and started it. Adoption agency which brings in the funds to care for the kids. 900 grams tiny tiny babies. Most of the kids she gets from nursing homes. Nursing home that are the pits and best. these kids come from the worst. Women who are not married and abandon them. because its a cheap place it they are not asked many question they dont expect to do great namees, a convenient place to drop the kids off. lot of the kids, induced labor they don't want the kid and they cant be pregnant, not necessarily an abortion, they just say I can't be pregnant anymore, not necessarily aborti n, intensive child care nursery, doctors and nurse ar ound the clock live in nurse, Calcutta. Indian children mostly dark. Bebest hosptial facility in Calcutta. He workds with agency.

Lot of trouble keeping visa. a ayeear ago they cae<sup>m</sup> out with negative publicity. London newspaper, never came to facility never seen it, worote the arteicl, went world wide, inve igtions, leared by government but becaude of publicity, its fine if your doing this but is embarrasing, "ewsleter....

She founded it and she is runing it. Usually not talk of babies bought and sold. Viet moth<sup>ers</sup> always been problems regarding selling babies, something you have to fight ths. FCVN has place some children tangles and legal stuff. placed a few kids and one judge not satisfied with court order and state/~~Dept~~ want s to claim clear this us. The Indian government are upset. Vietnamese government gave us a hassel. <sup>it</sup> is an embarrasment. OK if its quiet, even positive they dont want a lot of noise.

Health Ed. degree. wnted to work with native american.s going away from that for lot of reason. go for masters. more specifically with childabuse, emotional health, et. set up system working with kids. no future for her in FCVN. 30 years old.

secretary.

Korean escorts 15 kids. —

Board structure. —

Chapters closed. around the country. not fundraising or collecting of supplies. hard to get stuff into Korea. slump in motivation. no desire. great big let-down after babylift. spent all their emotions on vietnam...basically I've got to have my life back. died down no support in volunters, war on, emotional invol ement.

Cherly wound down. everything is centralized here. Korean governemtn has stipulated they have to do homes studies. FCVN has to do home studies. Charlotte Gotlieb. incredible., every 2 months orien ation meeting and about 35 couples, 25 are going through 4-5 social workers. Lot of adoptions. keep busy. Korea children.

B

Rosemary went back to vietnam. going or there. Allow rosemary to set up a program there. same people she use to know, same people in governemtn. get me in touch with Jodi.

Most of the u.s flights out of Saigon were out in cargo holds. they weren't anything. Lot of Vietnamese people in Australia. Year ago May...more Vietnamese in one place than in Australia. They are the undergod. Lady who speaks extr mely good english, Educated. Only could get esewing job. factory.

Turned radio on in Danang what I wa listening to Nixons regisation speech. In Danang at that time lot of bombing. As sat there listineng to the spech Nixon who was talking basically how he stopped the war with honor he had done his part endeing the war. Contrast so phenomental I cant enxplain to you. Sitt ing thre listening to bombs and this man sis telling how he ended thewar, brought bpeace to Vietnam. This is peace. incredible. 1974.

Steve Johnson ITT - other interest to adopt. He lived in townthat Cherri lived in. His moth sent him an article saving Cheri adopted.

She was in states March 27 back to states. starving with Chervl. notreatment. tropical spiru lower bowel infection. ~~Cherri~~ got hepatitisu and everything.

Cherri had hepatitis.

We ate fairly american some difference. lot ov vietnamese food.

Met people on crash. partially ecause of time. no time. Allambie oncel

To An

Cherri worked with them. Big square brick building. rpretty plain.

Christy Livernam

X Newspaper article, after the crash. Sue has it.

*2 years after crash →*

Ford- people didn't like Fords involvement.

X Everybody has negative feeling about Ford. Started out initally to be a very positive thing he go to gung-ho and the he was going to do his part and then the negative thought and the he hthought he was wondering why he was involved. I thought it was silly going up into the plane, a publicity ploy, kind of silly. Pres ford carrying child down. He met the plane one time, went up and helped them down. that was all there was to it, v v much a publicity time. Maybe he felt emotionally involved and wanted to help. He was forced in lot of way, he was Pres. and he had to do it. Everyone upset he was there. Mrs. Ford had surge y and didnt come. I thought that is strage, I didnt feel negative.

*FORD*

X All kis brought out FFAC. result of being thrown over fence. Lot of kids brought out. They wttched close so kids were thrown over fence, people attempted, but did not allow it. People would come in and say I want to relingwish child. they sav they did not have the paperwork but can

X

counsel them, and ask them if they really want to do th, they would leave the kid, and find out later it wasn't mother, but autn that left them it happened a lot. The other relatives...or I don't have any birth ciertificate on the. they would bring them and sherri would say no think about itacnd come back in couple week. They always had a story about them.

Children abused.

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Common prejudice among oriental. Prejudice amongst themselves against the Montagnard people who lived in the hills. They We had one worker who was from the hilss and nobody like her cause shewas dark.

A

Child abuse not a nationality trait...better or worse. They were bet er in Vietnam about children than America today. Neglect and abuse, spanking more acceptable but not problem that we hae. Lot of neglect, woamn had to work, levaing kid with older borhter, .. noen one case out ant out neglet. kid skin and bones, mother a protitue tdressed nicely, French black and duathter black,..neglect..mttther wasn't into havin a kid.

Orphanage X

Child day care center. Long Ti Ni Orphanage Tru Mung Yong street... budisht orphanage. Basically no kids available for adoption. FOP orphanage not until ailift ethey lef childgren go. We didn t do adoptions. Amerasina kids theywanted to get rid of.

Pure viet and Ameriansia got out. lets hept the kids who ne d to get out. There wasn't time to catd any of the goofs, it happened too fast. if itwent throughtnormal processing it would hae een caught, bring the aunt back in and foun she was the mother, or Bound the mother.

X

Rare to find older children in orpa ange. kids went out to the street. my first daywas reallytraumatic I didnt know if I could hand it .  
Beggars and families all over the place, especially at night.

Finding homes for older kis hard to place...six year olds, not ture anymore.

Delta. paved narrow strip hway. 1 1/2 strip several bridges, couple of ferries. Always wait in big long line. not lot of cars, but the ferry to time for each car. back up. soppo , hot rice paddies, jungles. orphanages. Worst orphanage there. Sister usla at Vin Long. one of the best in Delta. sposed it for years. 3 orphanages in

Diem Phuc the worst. Dark burilding dirty, now electricv, bricks, white bricks, kids no caref for malnourished, dirty,

We have files on orphanages. describ e them.

Memory

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Rosemary Taylor did not feel compelled in anyway to be a diplomat. She didn't miss a thing. she was a very private person and intended to stay that way even with all her publicity. She intended to stay that way, she often came off as a very rude person...felt and organization offended because she did not want to socialize at all. She just wasn't into it into. she didn't mean it to be malicioua, she wasn't interest, was busy and didnt have have to socialize to talke to anybody, she didt think she had to. she came off as being very pertintnt and rude at times. if a doctor does not have a bed side manner.... not put you at ease. she did not do PR. for herself. she could do somuch good by talking from her heart ,how much good...maybe done that with people she thought was important. nice pace living ang time element, how long it would last, you dont have time to chit chat. my biggest cultural shock when I came ackhow ,...was into how living and dying and when I came back how small talk. been there 7 o thas months took a bus to coloraeo and douldnt believe it, luckily on bus with guy who was to nam and couldnt believe the stupid convrnsation. did they have anythign to talke about. Astounded. then you knew after while it was you... ad didfferent timeframe...when you are there you know how important time and life is every minute important tnt aand always talking bout important life threatieng things and done r have haimo to talkabout unimportant things.

FCVN gearing up to aidig amaerAsian. Were so overwhelmed with what we are doing we ar not t t involved. I thought we would be because vn has a special place. other pñeple have gotten involved, if a lot of kids available wed get involve. sening out amerAsian children survey. some feeling of the needs of these childre. so when we get these kids we8d have more basis.

AmeAsian bill didnt helpbut brought pulicicity to them. the children have to come out throught th orderly departure program in Cambodoaia Donna Coleland in charge in thailand. they go into Vietnam every 3 weeks and allow certain number of people out. A quota...people coing into states thru this orgl. not massive amounts.

Orphanages continuing on. FFAC We write to a few places, very low key. The nuns no longer use their christian names, vietnamese names. they are there....sister marien in Quin non. cherry sent things.

Everyone tired discouraged, exhausted. Jar my memory. i remember feelings, not a great memtory

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Some orphanges popular with gI's some not so popular.

*Quasi*  
Anger, frustration, depression and everything people felt after it was over. Fear. Cherri went throguh a lot through Communist ~~war~~... fear for the world. Took the take-over personally, they are coming to get us. meelowed out it was real for her at that point.

Length of skirts of Cheryl markson...small journalism.

Wende Grant and Rosemary, better to go public and have poeple understand wha you are doing. you make you job harder.

*Epiphany*  
A big let down, everybody went into a trance. had to had to happen. Cherri incredible memory, phenomenal reheers, ask her about Vietnam and she doesnt remember. blacked out.

needed that space, country needed the space. to forget and now come bakck

not veal in ourhouse, because it came from young calf hasn t had a chance in life and slaughte ed. asme with viet orphans.

Whole philosophy of adoption, child deserves a family a good family. sorry it cannot be among the cuture they re born with, they arent getting any culture in instittions.

Lost rack of viet chikldren, no more involventn, picnic, etc.

They are american till they look in the mirror and not american. Ellen Miyasaki.

Viet has ad ed burden of who an I Fantasixe about real mothe , princess, etc.

Birth mothers say, I cant give my kids what they need so I will see tha they get the best in life. "

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When I came back and started to do baby lift 16-17 hours day. I was paying babysitters, gas, etc. Burning out. I had a hard time 2nd time I came home. I wouldn't go outside at night anxiety attacks the feeling the 2nd time fear from 2nd time far out-weighted the 1st time. Even though the war was far more excalated the 1st time, I got fired at a couple of times 21 and maybe naive. I had 50,000 americans around me all the time. But John and I were the only americans there afor miles around and you could hear out in the suburt. hear every night incoming. what do you do if they make a direct hit...50 kids. the staff would be gone what do you do. John came from army training he how do I attempt to samve them. John would get Luke and me out. not worry about the rest. I had a hard time night, fear and all and going bakck to bab lift reiterated the responsibility in my head. I couldn't do it. She went to the board and we can't just use her. I knew they were getting a lot of adoptions and I used it for my resume. Unfortunately when do it volunteering they don't put any credibility to it so many women do so much good.

Sign in sheets. Little old lady could change a diaper, screaming, room after room, sick, kids runing ev erywhhere, stuck her in this office. 3500 6 weeks.....she would sit there and can't come tonight I have a PTA meeting, it was quite a feat. Esther Hahn. she's a nursing home administrator. Terry surprised.

Volunteers arm body...washing the babies, sterilizing sock it to em, volunteers. babies for the first time and frak out.

Esther did CPR 3 times. Army pick kids up at airport, red cross... plane load coming in with buses and poeple, salvation army bring more supplies. Picture standing on the 2nd floor and see all these poeple coming in carrying babies and kids and we'd try to keep it so organized trooping Wacs and girls, stuff, stop at top of stairs and get a name and # kids would say no and point the other kids it was him. Girl took panty hose off to fix fan belt.

Kids swaping rist wrist bands. Neat thing to have. Nelsons in Minnestoa...

Boy sitting at table coloring and did not recog ize mother.

It will always bother me that the child did not recognize.

Toys and gum and all the kids still would not go to them.

Babies stolen from the persidio Confusion, it could happen.

Ford car rying the baby down the stepl He was so superficial. on token.

I can remember the 1st time congressmen fact finding thing.

General invited us over...why are you here , we are going to decide if we shoudl be here or not...how long are you going to be here...2 days. things about the war,...

Everyone that's been there honestly thought tha we should be there.

Terry Super: I feel maybe the orphanages are better off with the war over. That the children are getting better food and better care. More money now. As far as the Amerasian kids, I am surprised they are still alive.

*After*

Sue Walters says only now they are able to write to people over there think in 2-3 years they may be able to re-establish the orphanages.

*aftermath*

Big problem wondering what orphanages what they were going to do after the war over.

*X* Hard as people went through supplies and shipments. Everyone down the line everything goes. Terry was shocked Hierarchy to Unicef Care, their offices were air conditioned and plush. Where does the money come from. People who think they are paying for some kids milk should see how plush those officials lived over there, no suffering.

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*X* The only one that impressed me was Catholic Charities. They were operating on shoe string, cramped. People would write to me and say I've got \$50 who should I give it to. I can remember one priest in particular and I would we were good friends and the next week he brought me 2 kids who had polio braces on and said here is where your money went.

*cycle pigs*

Problem is culture. Unicef or care gave milk automatically to the orphanage and would go out periodically to investigate if they were giving it to the kids and then they were feeding it to the pigs.

They felt that if the pigs were fatter they could sell them for a better price, or slaughter them. Meanwhile the kids are starving.

Do gooders teaching mothers how to use the formula and the babies are dying because they did not follow sterilization etc. We thought it wasn't cool to nurse. They didn't know how to fix it.

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stick a bolt mis-communication.

Our supplies, always got them. When you have all those different personalities, the big split and stuff...when you work with volunteer organizations they waste your time. Frustrated people who have a little bit of knowledge and want to use it and you have strong personalities intimidating other personalities.

When I got over there I sometimes felt that Cheryl wasn't using the money well. If somebody gave me \$100 and like the ocn and eyedropper Cheryl said use it here, nurses said use it here, and mis-use it was personal. It should be used for this or that.

They were never paid. Board members never got and wanted to, expected to be got a lot of money.

*B.P. fine*

John and Terry never got any salary. no one over there got paid, just living expenses, even the nurses.

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People asked Terry why she went there. She said she went there to decide about the war for herself. People asked her what she decided and she said it was much more complex than any one could ever realize, especially being there twice American hands than Vietnamese.

My own conclusion...a waste. take our young s ment, money, besides all those kids, orphans because of the war. When we moved out children separated from children couldn't handle it any more. Luke brainwashed to be mediator. Much more than the rest. interested in Vietnam. Tried to give him Africa as a base...no he goes to Vietnam. Talks much more of Vietnam.

Lisan Buchana son wan't s nothing to do with Vietnam.  
discuss her problem.

Friends in Denver had to give child up. Parents divorced and gave her up and friends in Denver, had to court to testify that they did everything. Best interest of child, best interest of family. They couldn't do it, gave it all they got.

Jake from Guatamala, attention discussion.  
Baby dies from lack of strokes....

Gleichman, orshagn es were sort of birth control for Vietnam.

Delta has lot of orp anages. <sup>Mexico</sup> ~~Rego~~ going to Delta. In the VW Van drive back up and we'd all run out, it would be staked in boxes, babies, wrapped in in whatever the nuns had to wrap them in. They would be starving and crying, still in afterbirth, dirty, forsaken little human bbeings. Take a couple of handful of them baby 4-5 lbs...so small. Keep a chart trying to keep some food in them and once they started to gain we knew they would make it unless they caught pneumonia. They wouldn't gain, they would die. It was not unusual. Never 6-7 a day..but a couple a week. Until this nurse came she was so skilled. She was ruf  
Once we saw a baby I'Vs

If they didn't gain it was was just no hope. I don't know what our actual death rate was but it was not unusual for one to die. There was no bit rash of several a day but it was a couple a week. When this girl came it was hard on her. it was hard she was so skilled we were all volunteers and felt like we did the best we could and when we saw a baby in danger we tried to get him to the hospital and lots of time it wasn't in time but she could do much more she was skilled. I can remember one time she was running downstairs one with one and they tried to get i8vs in the baby and they had to put them in their head because it was the biggest vein and I can remember coming down the stairs once and one nurse was with her had the I'v bottles an she was doing mouth to mouth with this tiny little thing and all of a sudden she just stopped baby died right in front of us it happened. I some times wonder if I had given birth before I left if I would have been able to keep my sanity. If I was a woman with mother's instincts, because until you give birth you don't know what it is to give life. This girl had neither, except Sherry, none of us had given birth. We were all young enough and weathered it a little better when one would die, I don't know why.. I think of it now going back. I can remember going down to the storeroom. We were one of the only places that bury the babies. It was not unusual to see them throw it out in the trash. We had a man who picked up the body in a box and bury it. Well he didn't come one time and the nurses



put the body in the storeroom and I went in and was straightening up and saw these little bundle of blankets and put my hand on these blankets and put my hand down thinking it was a blanket and put my hand on the babys face and just cringed. I guess I did what every poor G.I over there black your mind because you are near to it. I was upset. But I think it now and put my hand on a babys face I would be immobilized for a month. I guess that's why I had trouble when I came home. I think I probably stored all of it and it was hitting me of what was going on. So much was going on with so many people that we didn't open up. We didn't talk about the fears and anxiety and tension and stress, terrible stress, we all held it in, not the hero thing but because we were strong we would suppose to be so strong. kind of held it in. got a lot more out, finally what the Vietnam vets are doing not it was the pits and getting it out. Army nurses green bags and all. We would go to the hospital and at least when we got to see them they were bandaged and we were the first people to see them and we were the ones they would bounce it off of. I amputee ward.. one guy walked up to me and I asked how he was. He said fine, I just lost a leg and he stared at me how you doing, and he just stared at me he wanted to see oh just great I don't have a leg. see if I'd Oh, my God... what is your plan no, just flow with it. I can remember sitting there especially in Chu lai, were close to a hospital and I saw the medivac hospital and all night long medivac, I'd think to myself here comes 5 more 4 more, Then we'd get a phone call they needed blood and we'd go down to the hospital and they would be taking it out of us and barely bagging it and they would run with it into another room. And we all sat there and talked and those nurses did one hell of a job, and the doctors, very similar to Mash. Develop your sense of humor back here it wouldn't be funny. Our psychiatrist went crazy on Okinawa. It is amazing. The things we accomplished there. We were a little organization there and considering the little organization and things we were working under so many personalities different professionals and agencies dealing with... surprise. You get that burn out. You can understand Wendie she was so much more involved than I was.

*Shen*

I was definitely burn out. I use to get calls all the time from members of our Parish to come and talk to them I finally had to say no. We have a new Vietnamese family in our parish .... Maybe that happened to a lot of the groups and that's why the social groups petered out. They just kept getting asked. Lot of them got tired. You felt like you were all there for the same purpose. We are suppose to be good people volunteering and all that amaze me..hear the backbiting and nit-picking and you don't understand. hard to understand and you thought you had a common ground and you could get over personalities but it kept up. People volunteer for different reasons...not that they want to do it but that they need it for their therapy.. Self-serving.

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*Check Tape - my stay -*



1. One rainy night in Denver. →
2. Search & Rescue
3. A beginning -
4. Fly on Ed Daly Fly O<sub>n</sub> -
5. Tragedy -
6. Continental -
7. Litigation ~~A~~ INVESTIGATIONS -
8. Aftermath

reaping the benefits of FCVN's sweat and labor.

Finally an impasse. FCVN made an effort <sup>to get</sup> ~~to get~~ FFAC <sup>in getting</sup> an adoption license. FCVN was already established as an adoption agency in Vietnam and had no problem. When FFAC achieved the licensing, there was a complete break of the organizations. In Vietnam, however, many people continue to assume that Rosemary Taylor headed up FCVN the well-known and popular agency. There was little clarification on her part and when a new field director <sup>was made</sup> entered the scene, there was a good deal of confusion with Vietnamese agencies. Rosemary had been there many years and had established long relationships with officials... *it presented reputation problem for FCVN.*

The original <sup>5 families</sup> people tried to hang into the organization to weather the split and the dissention that resulted with the division. Their long involvement left them tired and vulnerable. Eventually Lisan stepped down as President and Al Westlake, husband of Carol Westlake who was to become deeply involved in adoptions and later die of cancer, became the second president. There was a feeling that Al Westlake was ill equipped to be president of the organization. That he did <sup>not</sup> have the capabilities of doing the job and Lisan continued to work through him. There was a feeling that Al Westlake got caught up in the importance of the position and his judgment wavered. There were accusations of inefficiency and that he was promising children to friends, "sure I'll get you a child."

The end result was that the original 5 families who were involved and kept the ball rolling from Dr. Gleichman eventually withdrew from the organization rather than face the hassle and power struggle. The step down from the organization was a let down.

*Carol & Al Westlake promised children to people - not embarking home study.*

① ~~There~~ Sue Waller went to UNH to receive  
Muhlenberg Center - just graduated college.

Cheri Clark followed

Ross already in UN.

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Ben zhi Xuan - 5 flavors - 100 staff  
Used interpreter - almost 1-1 for kids.  
Medical staff club

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Terry Super was in Vietnam and John recognized her as looking like her brother and came up to her. He had gone to high school with her brother in Chicago.

When Terry came home, John was there 2 years and some....she met him at a college picnic at a college where his father worked. She felt sorry for him and related with him on Vietnam and what he must be going through and readjustment. She thought she would counsel him they dated a year and then got married.

John had a drinking problem all along that wasn't recognized as well as the drug scene in Vietnam.

When they got to go over he was happy to.....Terry feels that she is too strong for John...she gets deeply into anything she is doing and he was jealous.

Her involvement with the children may have been too much for him to handle. They got Luke,...a year later her own baby arrived, after that Luke from Guatemala. She feels it was too much for him....like she wanted to save the world of children. It had an effect on the marriage. John is into Macho behavior....he read everything on law enforcement when they were over there 2nd time and wanted all effort directed towards his career when they got back...she was into children

*Handwritten signature: T. J. ...*

Larry Spoor was in Vietnam and ...  
proper and care to her. ...  
in Chicago.

When Larry came back, John was there ...  
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Roger Kado went to the army to work in child abuse.

Pat Schroeder, Dick & Dottie Lamm went to Cambodia. later. They did not show up at the center while the children were there...too much controversy if the children were orphans. Played it safe. Later went to SE. Asia at taxpayers expense to explore refugee camps. It was a couple of blocks down from the capitol.

Volunteer came to CCC seeking financial damages for salmonella she got as baby volunteer. Sent to Cheryl

CCC  
Terry discusses color of children she is raising and attitude. Wants Luke to go to college to be mediator. Dr. King is having problems with his daughter who is going through stage and wants to be like any other child and does not want to have Vietnaes culture poured down her. Lisann Buchanan has same problem with her first boy. Many children do not want to be reminded where they came from.

FVCN had lots of get-togethers after airlift but it has dwindled down. Life goes on, everyone busy and going their own way. Some kids go through different things.

Al Westlake remarried after Carol died. New wife had problem coping with all the 7 children they adopted.

Sue Walters says only now they are able to write to people in Vietnam. Think in 2-3 years they may be able to re-establish the orphanages.

Big problem wondering what orphanages are going to do after the war is over.

Terry feels that the orphanages are better off with the war over. That the children are getting better food and better care. More money instead of for arms... Surprised that the Amerasian kids still alive.



When she came back, terry started to do baby lift 16-17 hours a day. + was paying babysitters, gas, et. In Vietnam John and terry nevery got any salary, just living expenses and even the nurses. no one over there got paid.

Board members never got paid. Some wanted and expected to because money was flowing in in contributions.

*ccs*  
I was burning out over there. i had a hard time the 2nd time I came home. I wouldn't go out at night and had anxiety attacks. The feeling the 2nd time was fear and it out-weighed what I felt the 1st time. Even tho the was was far from escalla ed the 1st time. I got fired at a couple of times. I had 50,000 americans around me all the time. But John and I were the only Americans there for ~~xxix~~ miles areound and you could hear out in the suburb, hear every night incoming. What do you do if they make a direct hit 50 kids. the staff would be gone, what do you do? John came from army training how could we attempt to save them. John would get Luke nd me out and nto worry about the rest. I had a hard time at night, fear and all and going back to baby lift reiterated the responsibility in my mind. I couldn't do it. She went to the board and said we can't just use Terry, (cheryl). I knew they were getting a lot of adoptions and I used it for my resume. Unfortunately when you do it volunte ering they don't put any recibility to it. so many women do somuch good in voluntary work.

Sign in sheets. Little old lady would change diaper, screaming rom room after room of sick kids. running everywhere, stuck her in this office. 3500 volunteers for 6 weeks. She would sit there and call for replacements some would call in I have PTA Meeting tonight, et. It was quite a feat to re-staff. Esther Hahn. She's a ursing home administrator. Terry sruprised.

Volunteer washing babies, sterilzing, volunteers sock it to em. Some handled b,bies for the first time and freaked out.

Esther did CPR 3 times.

Thu Duc  
Orphanage

The French Villa was owned by a Frenchman who had left Vietnam. Terry & John Super rented it for \$200 a month, a lot of money to an average Vietnamese but not absorbant to the American Agency.

It had 8 huge bedrroms, 4 bathrooms. Large playroom, sunny and bright. John and Vietnamese buit a playground for childr n from money sent by people in Golden.

L,ce curtains on the window.

The aprtment was in a crowded section of Thu Duc. The building was concrete and offered little protection during the monsoon season. There were balconies on the outside but no place for children to play or move about. Looking out of balcony the dirty busy street below. Like living in tenement house. Babies kept in Saigon because the hospital was near. Monsoons terrible no protection and rain ame in everwher had to put towels under doors and rain came in made of concrete unsanitary. Nice larg palyroom. Chil ren went to school 5 days week. Paying off government officialsto let the orphans go to school because they had no papers. So prejudice, wouldn't let mixed children or orphans to school

1st day she and John arrived the wash lady did not show up and they washed 250 diapers by themselves by hand.

Children in new home got cots to sleep on bath every night, garden.

Vietnamese baby children toomuch. They shoud have been eating on their own. They were using spoons in orphanage not cho t ticks. The older ones used chopsticks. Passed on sickness by using same spoon.

Would receive clothing from states, sort out put in closets. Sometimes people sent snow suits. Useless.

Buc Thui didn't like going anywhere with John cause he wore cut-offs.

Sometimes kids ditched school and lectured then it wasn't fair to American familes and all that.

Teeth bad, rotten, no mild, Malnutrition pre-natal care poor.

Taught them English..spoke to them in Vietnamese and English.

Fist day they arrived at the Villa they were so excited. Colors, pool, room to run. Never seen a butterfly before. Kitds been in city all their life. swing.

Ntive kids had some toys not to the extent American do.

Kids went to school white shirts, girls in resses.

Kids do anything to get attention, show scratchches 4 weeks old

Humid. diapers dried in hot sun. some disposables for trip home.

Barb wire fence. Neighbors stealing from eachother. Viet doctor came occasionally to work with babies and kids French and Canadian docots at hospital in Saigon for seriously ill kids. Nurses came to give shots, kids screamed. gave them head start.

No matter when you sat down you had a kid on your lap. When you looked

down to see which one. Automatically you put a kid there.

American embassy people were nice to other americans there. Nice diversion to get invited to parties.

Breakfast scrambled eggs with bread, Lunch veg and rice. Dinner meat and rice.

Mixed race kids are good looking. Got the best from both races.

Was there when the country most of it fell to com unist hands. Remember how long a battle took and how many lives. Every time we picked up the paper we would read it was closer. Vietnamese were sick of the war.

When I heard of the plane crash I remember the families waiting for a child. It was if if their own natural child had died. They had pictures and I was touched by their grief. Some of the children were not orphans.

Terry + John

Terry Super had been to Vietnam before. As a matter of fact it was the deciding factor on her return under FCVN.

During her college days Vietnam was the event of their generation. A friend of her brother, John Super was a marine in Vietnam. Another friend of her brother who was a marine in Vietnam got talking to her and she was saying that she would like to over over there but not in the service. He told her about the Red Cross sending people over. Her unit was similar to USO or special services. They had base camps and clubs. The difference with the Red Cross recreation team is that they flew a lot in helicopters everyday, out to surrounding areas and it was much more mobile. Red Cross reps came to the college to interview and she said she wanted to hear about the program. She felt it was the greatest job she had in her life. Her job was totally recreation. Lived in a compound surrounded by Red Cross office people. Always surrounded by military and felt safe. Recreation included games, movies, in hospitals and camps. When the war slowed down she had to work harder. There were high school drop outs and officers with decorations and she had to be creative. Had debates on women's issues, etc. Pitted artillery against infantry officers and enlisted men, competition was fun and had to work against boredom of soldiers. The 18 years old matured in war.

Chu Lai was way up north, her first post. Arrived VN 19 Oct 1970, came home summer of 71.

Big thing to go to Europe after her return. Went with VN girlfriend and saw many guys in Germany that she knew in Vietnam. John was friend of her brother met him 1st time in Vietnam. He too was from Chicago. She did social work in Chicago.

John went to college in Wyoming. We came out and visited a friend Glen Jones. We drove past Golden and loved it. First heard about FCVN they were doing things with half-american kids.

During first tour in VN went to work in orphanage and did volunteer work.

Remember how the nuns always wanted to show us all the kids who were half-american. We were embarrassed and they were not and not even angry. Their purpose in showing us is because they thought we'd be interested. It wasn't "look what your men are doing" attitude. It was an accepted thing and that we were interested in seeing those children. We had an 18 year old girl working with us who was half-black from some group of the French soldiers. She was never allowed to marry, go to school. They are terribly racial pure in the orient and prejudice. It is one strike against you to be mixed blood. People think our country is prejudice but you need only to travel to find out.

Heard about FCVN and Lisann Buchanan was in charge. The organization had just split. never got into the politics. There was a lot of hard feelings and some of the groups were not talking to each other. Lisann and Kitty Lamm both lived in Golden. I went to the airport, did committee work and helped with publicity. Went to fund raiser picnic and met Cheri Clark. I told her I'd like to go back, would do anything to go back.

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Summer 1974. She was more interested in John because he was a carpenter and talked about this building in Saigon and how they needed work on it. She said if we could raise the money for our air fare to get over there they would support us once we got there. We had been married about a year and John was ready to make a career change...he had been a carpenter and wanted to go back to school to be a policeman. We talked to our church in Golden and they raised enough money to send one of us. My mother talked to her friends in Chicago and raised enough money for another ticket. We had just bought a house in Golden and rented it out as we left in October 74.

We went to Saigon first. Cheri met us.

I went by choice. I was involved more with child care, nothing to do with placement. I knew that they did home studies but never knew how they decided who got what child and who went where. I knew there was a lot of ill feelings and politicking and hard feelings but I just wanted to do my peace thing and not get involved in the other stuff. Cheri and the others wanted to do a lifetime commitment to do this type of work. I couldn't and didn't want to...just a year...a year is a big thing out of your life. We spent 6 months there. Babylift started. March 1st we got back from Saigon.

The first day we were in Saigon Cheri Clark gave us a tour. I'll never forget it. It was nap time and we saw Luke laying on a little cot. Cheri had a half-way house and we got the kids from an orphanage and kept them there until they went to the states. Luke was already there he had been there while, 5 months. I remember that when we had the FCVN meetings back in Denver sometimes they would talk about difficult children to place. They were kids that they had in their files and they had problems because adoptive parents wanted certain kids of light color. They had talked about Luke because they said he was mixed and they are usually impossible or hard to place, everyone wanted a cute little girl and he was getting older and they said on all the reports back to the states that he was getting older and was really active. My sister had been thinking about adopting and I had not thought about it really. But we hadn't been married more than a year. When I asked her about Luke, she said he was the little guy discussed back in Denver. I said I thought I might know someone who might take him. Then I watched him because I was kind of interested in what I had just found out and talked to John. Someday we are going to adopt and look at the chance we've got. We can meet the child and get to know him and get exactly what we wanted. I want an active one high spirited and then what really convinced us to take Luke happened. There was an Australian orphanage placement worker working every now and then and they would come over to look. It was almost like swapping kids. Somebody in Australia wanted a little boy and when they looked at Luke they said "oh no, he is too dark." I just had this awful feeling and in me and I'm sure this man meant well but I felt that Luke was being treated like cattle or something. I didn't like it at all. I said we'll take him. He didn't know what was going on and it just hit me that he was right for us. We thought we could bring him back with us but there was always something more, more paper, another corner to turn. We got back early in February and Luke came Feb 27, toward the end they cut out all the red tape.

Terry remembers the congressman on a fact finding visit. General invited her over and she asked congressman why they were here. He answered to decide if we should be here or not. How long are you going to be here...2 days. tilt.

Everyone that was there honestly felt that they should be there.

Terry got Jake from Guatomola and had marital probms for 6 months. He and John faked it until the final papers came through and John moved out of the house the next day. I knew that they the social workders knew all that. Now a custody battle between Fra ks first wife and children. Faith in the social workders.

Terry: ~ixm months in Vietnam drained me. I just wanted to get home. I was tired of coping with Volunteers. You had to be numb to all that. States is heaven. Difficult to change voluntters in Vietnam...you didn't have time to fill out applications and interview. Some vietnamese wousam who could speak some English would come up to you and tell you she had a sister who was real good and would work ral hard and you needed somebody to be there and you hired her. Some were 16 years old and never held a baby in her life. TB runs rampid. Kids I had been through a lot and that is why they are so healthy now they got terribly immune to diseases and everything. Luke had nothing. It wan't life and death like the babies. The kids I had were 18-20 lbs and up, walking and well on their way. The little baby we lost went to the hosptial back and forth, and not during the night. I had hardy and active kids. I didn't have any mecifal training + didn't have any business with babies. We'd take Luke to town and the kids would ridicule h'm right in front of us. Hookers too would come right up to John when + was with him. The street kids were survivors. I knew I had to get the kids out. Around the Saigon area we were pretty saturated. I didn't see too many ame asian children around.

Now when I see the amerasian children I cry...I though we had gotten most of them out around the Saigon area. I don't remember seeing them as much. When I was there there was about 5 adoption agencies functioning for a few years. As much as we were going around to the ophanages and I don't remembr seeing them. They were usually the first ones to get out. The kids that really go to me were the half american kids. No matter what we did we had to get them out. The half ameracan kids were usually the first ones the orphanages put up for adoption. When I see them of TV I don't know where they are coming from There were outlying villages and places in hte highlands the GI's were and maybe they are just pouring into Saigon because they are babandoned and no place to go and go the the big city little by little. The mother had them and little by littley they were getting them out and otw they are saying they don't want to go without the mother. They expected the father to come bakc fortthem. Should always be with the mother. Maybe that is why the US hestattes that they would bet be better for just the kids to migrate but the mohers too.

Kids do not stand a chance over thee. They can't get married, have an education, they don't have anyrights .

Handgrenade in baby blankets. Grenades in basket with pop. French, Dutch and English sent them to school can't even be citisen of U.S.

Seminar sponsored by Viet agency. Invited different agencies, CARE colation, FCVN and they were very against adoptions. Women were saying they will take care of their own.

Big promise was all well and good. FCVN and other adoption agencies set up clinics well baby clinics and tried to get them to where they would take care of their own. Rosemary Taylor tried very hard. She really tried for them to be self sufficient, Almost like the US tried to do with the army but there was such a huge process that we were meeting with so many culturaleal gaps that economic gaps. We began asking why are you doing this, why let this generation of child rot...if we can't give him a better life let us take them so that you can keep growing and can absorb so an

many orphanages we can, let us do that...keep trying to help you absorb but at this point you can't. You can't empty the ocean with an eyedroppe RYou do a little good but it is never enough.

WV  
Cheri called Terry about Daly flight. My concern was all the other kids. Of course I care for all the kids but I remember the faces. I got a call from Carol Westlake or someone and they said we put them on the Daly flight. Faces you could picture we knew it was going band and wanted them all out. I got a call saying your kids got out. Cheri went bak and forth twice and she didn't want to out out but the overnment told her she had to leave and couldn't take any more kids. She had  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr notice they came to her and said if you want to get out go now. If you want to get all your kids out you have to be at the airport anty threw all the papers together and just anything. Sue didn't come on it. "oss Meader was there.

Ross Meader- newas one of those who fought from the top of the embassy. 1st A-1 hippie type. Parents were shrinks. Airlifted from the top of the embassy. Really into all this blast. He and John would get into bigg est arguments about war and violence and all. He cam to see us he said he had VW bus and would be trying to get the kids to the airport and people would be hanging all over the bus. A marine came up to him and said what are you doing. Ross s explaineed that he was with the orphange. Last person to get out. "arine gave him a gun and he took it without reservations. He can tell stories of getting children over the wall.

He was eating breakfast at the embassy and looked raround and was the only American. The Vienamese said what are you doing here and they took him up tho the roof and evacuated him just like in the newsreels. He knows all abotu the last flaight and all.



Mekong

The Delta is hot. The kind of hot that takes your breath away when you open a hot oven.

Delta had a lot of orphanages. Ross Meader going to Delta in the VW Van. We would drive back up and we'd all run out, it would be stacked full of boxes, babies, wrapped in whatever the nuns had to wrap them in. They would be starving and crying, still in afterbirth, dirty, offoresaken little human beings. Take a couple of handful of them babys weighed 4-5 lbs, ...so small. Kept a chart trying to keep some food in them once they started to gain we knew they would make it unless they caught pneumonia. They wouldn't gain, they would die. It was not unusual never 6-7 a day, but a couple a week, until this nurse came that was so skilled she was..

If they didn't gain it was not just no hope. I don't know what our actula death rate was but it was not unual for one to die. There was no rash of severa a day, but a copule a week. when this girl came it was hard on her it was hard as she was so skilled we were all volunteers an felt like we did the best we culd and when we saw a baby in danger we tried to get him to the hospital and lots of time it wasn't in time but she could do much more shewas skilled I can remember one time when shewas running downstairs one with one and they tried to get IV's in the baby and they had to put then in their head because it was the big st vein and I can remember coming down the stair once and one nurse was with her had the IV bottles and she was doing mouth to mouth with this tiny little thing and all of a sudden she just stopped

Kathy Frisby nurse practetioner. Worked with tiny ones on death bed and would pull them back. Young and did not have much experience but would do wonders. Still get Xmas card from her. Compared orphanage conditions, it was phenomental how the children survived.

Potty time after lunch. Children wore little shirts, no diape s. Used water bucket to wash off botts. .

No stimulation for babies. so lethargic from not being held. Children loved getting picture taken. Vietnamese women did not know how to put diapers on children. Culture gap. Made them put diapers on babies and Viet women would not rinse out throw full diaper in buckdt, the worst thing to clean.

Some 3-4 years old could not talk yet. They were so regimented in orphanages nobody took time to talke to him.

The children remember the American G.I's. To them and to  
to hundreds of orphaned

Highway 1, between Saigon & Bein Hoa

2 sisters lived in Morrison that were adopted. One day mother brought children to the door, 2 girls and 18 month old boy. Mother was Viet who married a Korean, the children were half Viet/Korean. He left his wife and never came back. She took up with new man, Viet, but he didn't want the children. So she brought them to orphanage. The girls were 4-6 years old and cried for days and months remembering her. The boy died sheerly out of lack of will to live. He too remembered his mother and got pneumonia and detachment was hard on him that he just gave up living. Baby has to be loved handled and fondled and affection to survive.

Little girl had shrapnel in her head and it paralyzed part of her. Single mother in Washington DC adopted her and removed shrapnel to remove the pressure.

Another child we called Evil Woman. She would go up to bugs laugh and splash them with her feet. She got into much trouble.

There were many half-something kids when Terry was there. Although she did not notice too many around Saigon until the last days when the war was being lost.

Babies were all vietnamese because the american soldiers were gone by then.

Mother brought child to the door one day and said she could be right back and never came back.

Two older boys, their mother was prostitute and had high connections in France and was trying to get all three of them out. The boys ran away right before baby lift and didn't get out.

Family in Oregon adopted 3 children, brother and sisters.

*Asleep*  
~~Had about 50 children in orphanage. Just took care of them until paperwork came through. Most all of them were placed somewhere. We had a wall of pictures and letters. Encouraged families to write to children and we would tell them all about their new home in America. One boy got a letter that his new family had a swimming pool he could not believe it because he loved the water. Children were proud of it and could nem them off. got use to idea of new home and adoption.~~

Miami

~~Children could name all the americans off of the board. Luckily they always found homes. Hard to place older children.~~

Bakery available. French pastery. Cook went to store each day to shop.

Terry and John only adults there that lived in villa. Others came during the day to work.

3 floor house. Walking kids on one floor. Babies and Terry and John lived on 3rd floor. Built wading pool, that they constantly had to drain because the kids would poop in it.

Vietnamese woman Vaun. Had 4 year old son always asking us at the orphanage to take him. Tried to get her to keep him. she was employee there. Finally, she begged at airlift to take him and we did. He got out and she later got out. Sued FCVN through Am Civil Liberties Union and got him back. Terry was actually in the labor room and Sue Walters came running and for her to sign paper saying that he had counseled her against giving up the child. Terry thought, "God, I can't even give birth peacefully without interruption." They wouldn't let John in but let Sue in because she was catching a plane to the hearing.

Nelsons of Minnesotat.

Boy sitting at table coloring and did not recognize mother. It will always bother me that the child did not recognize her. Toys and gum and all the kids would not go to them. Babies stolen from the persidio. Confusion it could happen. Ford carrying the baby down the steps. It was so superficial as a token. I can remember the 1st time congress man fact finding visit in Vietnam. General invited us over. why are you here I asked. To decide if we should be here or not. How long are you going to be here 2 days...things about the war.

He was in Vietnam and got transportation for kids.

Dwayne Grant (Wende's husband on Board they have 9 children.

Al Westlake first director- Talked about providing millions for FCVN  
Promised people they could get children adopted.

Lisan Buchanan was first Director of FCVN

Wende and Rosemary put 5000 children all over the world.

Rosemary really ran the show in Vietnam... disagreement over  
money and policy brought break.

Oriental are difficult to deal with, *prostitute take time, etc.*

Wende got upset when after baby lift then 18 women were involved  
and everyone deserted. and she and 1 other left to hassle legal.

Doctors started it then backed off.

Rosemary is in India.

Wende got licence for adoption agency in Saigon for FCVN later got  
for FFAC.

Wende traumatized by it all... didn't have success in Cambodia and  
as a result feeling defeated. Doesn't realize what she has done for  
humanity. ... written a book about her experiences but manuscript in  
poor form.

*Conflict between Wende + Cheryl.  
Wende + Rosemary write a manuscript together —  
needs much editing →*

*John + Lu Porne  
Buchanan —  
716 Stue  
321-6263*

Marrried June 12 -  
2 week honeymoon -  
N.Y. - 9 May -  
Arthur Late May -  
July

April 5, 1983

Mr. Ross Meader  
P.O. Box 457  
Ramona, Calif. 92065

Dear Mr. Meader:

During the past several months I have been researching and writing a documentary account of the events preceeding and involving Operation Babylift. Your name continuously keeps coming up and I have been interested in making contact with you.

Sue Walters of FCVN has given me your address and mentioned that you were recently in Denver, I am sorry I missed meeting you.

My involvement was minimal. I was the administrator at Continental Care Center and offered the use of my facility to FCVN during the Denver operation. Some twenty-two years earlier I had been a secretary to the Staff Surgeon of 20th Air Force on Okinawa during the Korean War. I was involved (with my unit) in the evacuation of the French from Dien Bien Phu. There was also some contact with orphanages on the island during my tour; the memories of these events remain vivid in my mind.

Operation Babylift, when properly documented, will go down in the annals of America's contributions to the unfortunate, as one of the most noteworthy and humanitarian of any efforts achieved in our lifetime. Too, more books will surface on the subject and the event will be properly understood.

I am interested in your involvement and especially the events of the last days in Vietnam. I understand you have an unlimited resource of photos also and have unlimited knowlege of the subjects which I am researching. My book would be better by your involvement and I am hoping that it will be possible to meet with you and discuss it further.

Please call me collect at your convenience so that I may plan on meeting with you at some future date if this meets with your approval. This effort has met with a great deal of cooperation from the FCVN people as well as Ed Daly of World Airways. I recently met with Terry Super who requested that I mention her to you in the hopes that you will contact her the next time you are in Denver.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Terry Super  
1915 East St.,  
Golden, Colo  
279-4110 (home)  
277-5580 (work)

Sincerely,  
*Shirley L. Barnes*  
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Littleton, Colo 80127  
Phone: 973-0450

29th Nov.

Dr. Theodore  
Gleichman

744-2701  
1919 So. University Bldg  
Denver

Started FCVN in 1967 with group of doctors.

Purpose to provide food, medicine & supplies to Vietnam war orphans.

(Date)  
Estelle Rader - 756-3893 -

Sally Begner

Chuck Campbell -

Sophie - ~~377~~

Perry Super - 279-4110 -

Shelia

Esther Hahn -

Cheryl Mackon - 377-9010

John Kalif - Furniture Service -

Dr. Roger Codd -

Allo A Ross Benson 624-1716 Betty Fessler

Mr. Shoukri - Baker School - truck / chain

Milt Liebman - Standard Textile -

Minnie Smuk - 364-1930 - <sup>granddaughter</sup>

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Anna 80010-4016  
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Minnie Smuk daughter

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With the sun going

Am Joe  
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Michigan - Superior

Minnie  
Smith

Minnie Smith heard on Television about the airlift. She thought it over and called the Red Cross. Went down to the Blue Cross Bldg to get a card.

Ling and another boy came down to the laundry and saw Minnie doing Laundry.

Brother had been over seas during second WW and told her how devastating it was Germany, Austria ..France people were massacred and told stories that stayed with her. Came back from trip to Hawaii... and thought she would do it. Sent pictures and laid like cords of wood. All at once it dawned on her to do something, she was retired. Came with a card no one ever asked for it. Poor security in beginning bedlam... She felt she was doing it for her country

They did need volunteers. Daughter, talked to her and she drove her. Don't get into something you can't get back out of. Neighbor was upset because she was going...she thought they should leave those babies where they belong as we had all the problems we could handle

When she presented the care, it was more important that I showed up... than a care.

Came in early.. Barbara young girl from Aurora...both worked together first day and she got sick. "This is not for me."

"Go home tomorrow start again..." No language...barrier... people coming and going...unreal...

Couldn't speak the language.

Barbara came back.

Sandy what training ....isolation. was offered to her.

4 children. little children. diarrhea..2 had lice. 1 had blisters all over body. 1 boy 3 girls. very pathetic. looked emaciated. 1 week in isolation. Wash hair with Kwell..white soaps bathed blister child. Washed in baby tub. plastic. 4 my hcharges. Egg. rice, diarrhea...rice egg, meat. hamburger,...cookies...most flat tasting cookies. very low sugar flat bread.

Take care of Maria...most popular baby...cheerful, smiling. Asked for clean linen...there was none and realized that there was no one down in the laundry room. Everyone wanted to take care of the babies...hold them, love them. like they were getting more than they were giving.

The laundry room was unreal. I'll go down and take a look. It was unreal, dirty clothes, diapers...even disposables put in laundry cart.

That's where little Ling came in..the wto of them. Each time a shift came on they would change clothes, you told Barnes for f gods sakes tell them to stop giving all those baths. Everyone wanted to play mommie. Everyone Communication from one shift to another was unreal. No one told what they did..no matter how long you stayed.

Some people asked what they should do. Young girl was aid. Gave instructions...if it seeps or oozes... Never read records.

Formula room..down the hall. Tables. go get formula.

Tories about children...Two girls standing outside said something about the captains children.some captain sent his children out. That the children were

General's children...Ann Penny Channel 9...

Hoping to stay off the floor each mtning but got stuck with the laundry. Minne that place would not be survive without you. never functioned.. Minnie was not angry...just knew she would do it. Sometimes they would fold... never get it into the machines..stouch dirty linen.

Told Daughter and daughter worried she would get sick.

Samonella...TB I had chest z-ray and spot test beofore I took job...

I cam positive TB skin test. Some place I hab been a carrier.and didn't know it...could hae been with children.

somenella...bolunteer came back to CCC ...pay all the bills...go to FCVN. Nothing ever happened. wonder if people got sich an ne er tied it all in.

Minne worked with all the soil line, diraha, and whey volu nteers were considered.

I typed a procedure list... Cheryl hand it to every volunte er.... dont' be bathing baby, where to put linen...ASandy was all upset.. nobody would sweep r clean..volunteers didnt want to do it. Sow ewe had to di it.

No organization in linen closet. Never had one p werson who was the boss. Should have 2 sgts who knew provedure. Never expected as many children. Just trying to get thier own childrn out.had more kids then they expect e. People thre

Vietnam culture cannot absorb those children. Critics saying if we would have left them..

How did you feel when it was over...big let down. Now that it is over let's hope and pray that these children are taken care of. Every mother's day lot of kids helped... Trouble with adoption agency..that should never happen. These children were given up they should have more kids for help. Solomon 2 mothers fighting over kids.

Mimmie met driver on trip to Europe which was result of war...father was G.I. He and mother made the best of it.

After baby lift..critics..was used...? I didn't feel I was used. I went there knowing it was a bad time. I knew what it was all about I went thru depression but I knew what I wanted.

More children better you survived you didn't have to hire help.

Children being separated. One incident I went to Iowa, one to NY. Sandy made an issue..brother and sister...knowingly...

No regrets,, I'd do it again.

Volunteers would come out and do it again. Got thin toward the end. Housewives and overworking people who had obligations....take care of their own. Really an experience.

Stayed with CCC in the kitchen..how quiet..a let down. wondered if I should go up depends on bus..needlework went upstairs. a black man patient go up and sit in sun. warm.

Minnie Marie Mary Meyer. Rudytown So. Da. Daughter married here in aurora. first second child ill and Minnie came out to help. second boy born came and stayed. Widowed. 4 children 3 girls 1 boy killed in farm accident at 17. lived on farm. husband with bills and left...he developed a heart condition and came back & passed away. 21 years in denver. Worked at Presby Hosp. retired and travel..help private aide duty. Taking care of grandmothers as children go on vacation. taking care of young girl who had brain surgery. Enjoy what I do and don't want to sit still. Plan a trip overseas. Sister to Germany, old king up home of parents. uncles, family, etc.

Terry & John Super

Oregon -

Terry Super

277-5580

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Terre Super, Supervisor of the  
Toddler and Older Child Care facility  
in Thu Duc. Mrs. Super and her  
husband, John, were volunteers who  
worked for FCVN in Viet Nam in 1974  
and 1975. Their area of responsi-  
bility was the housing and care of  
the toddlers and older children under  
our care. Many of these children  
still remember the warmth and love  
that they received from Mrs. Super  
at this halfway house facility.  
During the Airlift, Mrs. Super once  
again stepped forth to aid the  
children and supervised the daily  
operations of the Continental Care  
facility where the children stayed  
until departure to their families.

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1915 E. Street -

19<sup>th</sup>

Washing Ave

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7:00

Terry & John Street

Terry Street

277-2280

Judy & Larry Silverberg  
750-7053

Judy was secretary of FCVN group that started in 1967

She also volunteered At CCC



Brigit Blank

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Children's Hospital  
Pat Jensen P.R.  
6th Floor #621  
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Building at 2221 Downing was erected in 1910. Ground breaking  
for new hospital at present site was 1916 - left in 1917

Ross Meader  
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Served on FCVN staff in VietNam for 14 months.

Fall 1976- Returned to assist establishing overseas programs.

Went to Korea with Janet Tonnemacher

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## PERSONALITY IN THE NEWS

By ANNETTE SASSER

Dr. James W. Ralph had what he termed an "unperforming childhood" while growing up in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

But the 40-year-old physician's adult life has been filled with events and performances which have brought him honors and recognition.

Dr. Ralph is an otorhinolaryngologist, better known as an ear, nose and throat specialist.

A newcomer to Goldsboro, his medical background is varied and his war record is distinctive.

Dr. Ralph served in Vietnam as an Army Flight Surgeon in 1963-64 and again in 1966. He volunteered both times and returned home the most decorated medical officer in the war.

His decorations include: Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with combat "V", 11 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, three Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, various service medals and three unit Citations.

In addition, Dr. Ralph was a recipient of the Purple Heart which he received for wounds sustained when his medical rescue helicopter was shot down in the Mekong Delta.

Serving as a flight surgeon and paratrooper, the young doctor completed 400 helicopter evacuation missions while serving in Vietnam. This too, was a record.

Dr. Ralph studied pre-med at Stanford University in California and received an A.B. Degree in 1958. He completed his medical studies at Duke University Medical School, receiving his M.D. degree in 1962.

He completed an Internship at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco and then graduated from both the Naval Flight Surgeon course and the Army Jump School.

After leaving military service in 1966, he spent one year studying general surgery at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey and three years as a Resident in otolaryngology (ear, nose, throat) at Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital in New York City.

Dr. Ralph was engaged in private practice in Englewood from July 1970 to August 1974. He served as a member of the Borough Council on Drug Abuse and as a Police Surgeon in Demarest.

He was active in the Boy Scout program, having received the Eagle Scout award himself in 1951.

Dr. Ralph's activities outside the medical field included a venture into politics. Before his military discharge, he had been assigned to the Surgeon General's Office and had spent some time briefing Congressmen.

It was this exposure to Congress that had sharpened his appetite for politics.

In 1971 he was a candidate for the New Jersey State Senate and he was a candidate for the United States Senate in 1972.

A candidate for the New Jersey State Assembly in 1973, he was also recommended by the GOP National Committee to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The doctor's bid for political office was unsuccessful, but he learned much about the workings of political machinery.



DR. JAMES W. RALPH  
(Staff Photo by Sabrina Strickland)

He has served as a consultant to the White House medical staff dispensing advice especially on "presidential hoarseness."

Last week's mail brought him an invitation to the Inauguration of President-Elect Jimmy Carter, not as a consultant, but as a guest.

Before moving to Goldsboro, Dr. Ralph was in private practice in Clinton. He has been very impressed with the reception he has received in Wayne County.

"Goldsboro is very receptive to newcomers. It is easy to become a part of the town. The former residents I had talked to had only good things to say about it. There is a great community spirit and a good relationship between the town and Seymour Johnson AFB," he stated.

Dr. Ralph is a commander in the Naval Reserve and serves his duty as a consultant to Seymour Johnson AFB in ear, nose and throat and facial plastic surgery.

He and his wife enjoy writing and have collaborated on several children's stories. They are both members of the GoldWayne Writers Guild.

Mrs. Ralph (Barbara) was the New Jersey State Diving Champion at the age of 16. Before going into nursing, she was the top AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) diver.

As an operating room nurse, she often assists her doctor husband in difficult cosmetic surgery cases.

Dr. Ralph stated that the majority of the patients he saw requiring facial plastic surgery came about as the result of automobile accidents.

"This is tragic," he stated, "since about 90 percent of these could have been prevented by the use of shoulder harnesses or seat belts."

In addition to requests to correct disfigurements caused by traffic accidents, Dr. Ralph

is also called upon for "perfection."

"A plastic surgeon cannot offer perfection to a patient. He can offer improvement, but not perfection. He cannot make a person Raequel Welch just by changing her nose," he explained.

Dr. Ralph and his wife have a son, Scott, who will be one-year-old on Jan. 31. They are looking forward to his growing up in Goldsboro and becoming a part of the community they have become a part of.

"Goldsboro had a lot of things we were looking for when we decided to move. There were the arts, a well-run hospital with a good nursing staff and people who were easy to like. It was also easy to get involved and feel like we belonged," he said.

Dr. Ralph is a participant in the ENT residency instruction programs of Duke University and the University of North Carolina. He is a lecturer at the annual scientific programs of the American College of Otorhinolaryngologists.

He is licensed to practice medicine in the states of North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, New York and New South Wales, Australia. He is on the staff of Wayne County Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Ralph was recently appointed to the American Association of Cosmetic Surgeons, an organization comprised of only 250 members from throughout the United States.

Although his childhood might have been unproductive, when Dr. James Ralph decided to do the things he read other people were doing, he wasted no time. He does not believe in dwelling on the past, but looking and building toward the future instead.

Persons who know the Otorhinolaryngologist are quick to state that he had quite an impressive foundation on which to build that future.



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## House of Representatives

DR. JAMES WALKER RALPH

HON. BILL NICHOLS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, November 6, 1969

Mr. NICHOLS. Mr. Speaker, in this day and age when people are demonstrating in the streets and attributing all sorts of evil to the military, it is especially refreshing to find people speaking out who have been in Vietnam and observed the situation firsthand and return supporting America's efforts to preserve the South Vietnam people from a Communist dictatorship.

Dr. James Walker Ralph served with distinction in Vietnam back in 1963 and 1964 and served on a second tour in 1966 as a flight surgeon attached to Special Forces. His decorations include the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, and three Vietnam Crosses awarded for gallantry. \*

Dr. Ralph is an expert on matters related to Vietnam, and I find his views so nearly like the views of the country that I believe them to be worthy of reprint for the readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

[From the North Jersey Suburbanite, Oct. 22, 1969]

DR. JAMES WALKER RALPH

The American flag was at full mast in front of Dr. James Ralph's home at 110 Sunset Lane on Moratorium Day.

When he was released from active duty in Vietnam, he was the most highly decorated medical officer of the Vietnam war.

"Although I have many misgivings about certain aspects of the war, I think we should support those fighting the war, those who are captive, and should not turn our backs on the families of those still fighting," Dr. Ralph stated.

On the other hand, he said, "We are fighting a war with our hands tied behind our back, and we might as well get out if we are not going to fight to win."

A Tenafly resident for the past three years, Dr. Ralph came here after spending a total of 13 months in Vietnam as a captain in the Army Medical Corps, paratrooper, and flight surgeon.

\* In a recent ceremony in New York City, the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross were presented to DR. JAMES W. RALPH for heroism in Vietnam while he was an Army doctor and flight surgeon with the 145th Aviation Battalion in 1963-64. A civilian since June, 1966, Dr. Ralph has completed his specialized training in ear, nose and throat surgery and is a practicing physician in Englewood, N.J. He holds a Naval Reserve commission and serves as Battalion Surgeon for the 6th Communications Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in New York City./

He did a year of general surgery at Englewood Hospital where he is on the courtesy staff and occasionally covers the emergency room. Presently he is a resident in ear, nose and throat surgery in New York City and is one of Tenafly's police surgeons. Dr. Ralph is married and has three children.

His hobbies are writing and politics. They are closely related.

He is writing a book about Vietnam. "I have a few chapters outlined," he said. "It's a semi-humorous book about my own experiences in Vietnam."

During the Presidential campaign, he worked with the Nixon speakers bureau in New York, both writing position papers and speaking. He sent letters to Nixon in 1968 about his Vietnam views. A reply was received that it was considered of great interest, and Nixon referred the letter to his brother, Edward, for continued study.

Four times a year, Dr. Ralph meets individually and collectively with the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives to discuss the Vietnam war.

His library on Vietnam and counter-insurgency warfare at his home is probably the largest private collection of its type in New Jersey. Together with his own experiences for background, he has made it available to fellow Republican campaigners.

"I support our being in Vietnam but don't think we should be sending large numbers of draftees over there" is one of his theses. "I believe," he says, "that this is a job for professional soldiers to support our foreign policy."

Speaking about the recent dismissal of General Hershey as head of the Selective Service, Dr. Ralph said, "This should have been one of Nixon's first proposals. Doing it just before the moratorium is like throwing a bone to pacify the natives. Whether General Hershey is a 'good guy' or 'bad guy' is not as important as the element of doubt which enters in."

Dr. Ralph did not approve of the moratorium because he thinks what Nixon said is true—that it helps the other side. "I am not interested in giving comfort to the other side when they have over 1,000 American prisoners and have violated all principles of treatment of prisoners—they don't even recognize pilots as prisoners," said Dr. Ralph.

"I do not disagree with the right to protest but I think anyone who is intellectually honest in protesting the war should devote equal time to protesting in front of Soviet embassies," he stated.

According to his impression of Vietnamese people, they have little awareness of a centralized form of government. "Some 80 per cent of them are rice farmers and grew up under the mandarin system where the local chief exercises authority. They still neither know nor care where Saigon is.

"The biggest failure of our State Department is the failure to recognize the lack of interest they have in any centralized government from Saigon. Most American officials believe that everything should come from the capital because they believe 'all good comes from Washington.'

"I don't think the Vietnamese really understand what elections are all about. The rice farmers' main interest is having everyone go away and leave them alone. They don't really like the Vietcong anymore than they like us. They just want to be left alone. It's just that simple."

Dr. Ralph has applied and been accepted by the American Medical Association to go back to Vietnam next year for two months to take care of refugees as a civilian volunteer.

He was in Vietnam in 1963 and 1964 and had a second tour in 1966. Primarily he was a flight surgeon for aviation units, did battalion surgery, and his combat assignment involved medical evacuation by helicopter. He was also attached to Special Forces. Most of his work was in the Mekong Delta although he was in Saigon the day of the coup that overthrew President Diem.

Dr. Ralph was for nine months the personal physician of Brigadier General Joseph W. Stilwell Jr. who dubbed him "The Crazy Doc," a name that Jim finally had embroidered on the back of his hat. The title came from his going on so many medical missions of mercy without regard for his personal safety or welfare. Many only knew him by this name and it was used in radio transmissions and usually always when General Stilwell introduced him.

His decorations include two Bronze Stars with combat "V," 11 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, three Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, various service medals, and recommendation for the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross.

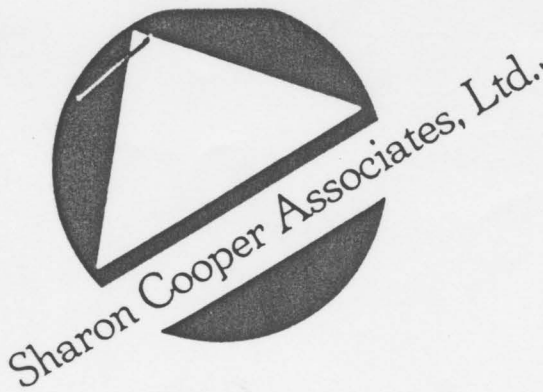
During his first tour, he advised Dr. Van Van Cua, senior medical officer of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade, who later became the mayor of Saigon. Cua and Dr. Ralph have remained close friends and have had many discussions on the pros and cons of the war.

Dr. Ralph is interested in the youth movement and is active in Bergen County Young Republicans. In a position paper on the Vietnam war which he wrote at the request of Congressman Durward Hall of the House Armed Services Committee, Dr. Ralph stated:

"There is much opposition to the war in Vietnam, especially by the youth of this nation. If we were merely interfering with someone else's internal affairs, I would agree. However, we are faced with the very real threats of global expansion by Red China and the Soviet Union.

"The price of liberty is paid in blood. But there are those who claim that nothing is worse than war. Winston Churchill pointed out that slavery is worse than war and dishonor is worse than war. Thomas Jefferson said, 'we have counted the cost of this conflict and find nothing so dreadful as voluntary slavery . . . honor, justice and humanity forbid us tamely to surrender the freedoms which we received from our gallant ancestors.'

"War is unfortunate and unpleasant, but the defense of freedom in the world will have to be made with military means as long as those who oppose freedom use force to obtain their selfish goals."



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#### WAR HERO PRACTICING MEDICINE IN DENVER

Dr. Ralph, Otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist) has combined extensive military training with distinctive recognition and honors for his dedicated service. Dr. Ralph served in Vietnam as an Army Flight Surgeon in 1963-64 and again in 1966. He volunteered for both tours of duty, and returned home as the most decorated medical officer in that war. His decorations included the Purple Heart, awarded for his having been wounded when his medical rescue helicopter was shot down in the Mekong Delta. His other decorations include the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V", 11 Air Medals, the Combat Readiness Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (Cuban Refugees), various unit citations, service medals and marksmanship awards. Dr. Ralph was also awarded 3 Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, VN Honor Medal, VN



civic Action Medal and VN Parachutist Badge, in addition to the West German Silver Military Award.

Additional recognition was earned when Dr. Ralph completed over four hundred (400) helicopter rescue missions in Vietnam.

Dr. Ralph completed his medical education at Duke University and received his combined military and professional training rotations in specialized programs at New York Hospitals.

Dr. James Ralph's contributions to his country and to his community have also included the political arena. From his bid for candidacy for the New Jersey State Senate, in 1971; his candidacy for the United States Senate, in 1972; his service as a consultant to the White House Medical Staff and his service as Military Medical Consultant to the House Armed Services Committee, Dr. Ralph has served his country with honor and dignity.

Outside the medical profession, Dr. Ralph is an active community participant. In 1979, he received the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Eagle Medal awarded by their National Court of Honor. In addition, he has been recognized for his participation in drug abuse committees in the New Jersey area. Recently, Dr. Ralph was featured as "Doc the Clown" at our own Shriner's Circus in Denver and is a member of the El Jebel Shrine.

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Dr. Ralph now resides in Denver with his wife Barbara and their two (2) children.

According to James Ralph, M.D., war hero, dedicated physician and community leader; "There is not enough emphasis today on the prevention of illness - the medical field is on the brink of helping to teach patients ways to prevent serious illness and injury. An essential responsibility of medical care today, is education. The public still tends to put too much faith in the healing ability of modern crisis medicine - so much so, that they ignore the first signs of illness and don't develop consistent good health habits. We, in the medical field, are now learning to develop a partnership of medical care in order to educate as we treat."

*Dr. Bludman Dr. Col Eichmann* (1)

He sent tapes. reproduced them as newsletters.  
Last one of the orphanage & children.

Old orphanage "Me toe "

Articles of incorporation- assumed them.

Organization went into limbo and Lisann picked up on them.

Returned after Xmas in 1966. AMA Physicians for Vietnam.

Dr. Stark stayed as a public health officer, daughter killed.  
He had her someplace in far east..most people on longer tours  
civilian s kept thir wives in twain or thialand, hong kong,  
other parts of southeast asia.

Did slide presentation.

FCVN was called something else.

Sent them to people they k new APO system.

Most unique group of people started this.

letterhead-

Bill Kass young lawyer in Englewood.

Dorris Brown- lot about early stages. housewife.

John Brown - Adminst ator of clinic

Bill Bier- Public Serice Co Ex.

Chris Chacos- PT went to Vt.

Mr. Branney- wife of lawyer

John Graham- p stor of church

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Gormeyerprintingcompany

couple of years worked at it. donations, slide presentations,

Empire publicit, lot of increased interest.

Not sure how adoption agency. People early on inquired about

option. He was n ot prepared to go that de eply into it.

Frankly seemed to be adopting children over there taking water out

of a buket with eydropper regading having any sig nificant impact.

Our work over there was a drop in the buket.

Diseased doctos in states would nev r see.

Low key- sending stuff to increasing # orphanages and hospitals.

A gradual evolution.. people interested in adoption came into the

group and he dicided that he had done all he had the time and

energy to do and lot of younger and energetic people to take over.

Dorris brown can tell about that period.

Faded from the scene and let others carry the ball. Convalescing from minor heart attack, wasn't going back to work...got back to work, went back to work. Year or so did not have that much time or energy.

Lisann interested in adopting child.

Donations and out of pocket money they mailed stuff.

A shoot out about executives being paid.

Biggest contribution 100 shares Pacific Gas & Electric stock from Lawrence Phipps. Don't know what happened to it? John Brown treasurer might know.

Lisan was interested in adopting an oriental child.  
Got in touch with FCVN and bought things and sent them out.  
the organization reimbursed.

Dr. Gleichman started to fade out.

Lisan wanted an oriental child she was from that 60 generation.  
Thought it would be a neat thing to bring oriental childr. She did  
not want an American child...probe this area...american children  
were available. She wanted oriental and amerasian child.  
They were not bringing them in '66. She got in touch with Wende  
Grant. She wrote directly to Rosemary Taylor, the Australian nurs.  
Dr. Gleichman met her. Her life was dedicated to saving children.  
After Vietnam she went to India.. Lisan has letters to Rosemary.  
Rosemary wrote to her. Denver social services did home study  
for the adoption and got clearance. Rosemary brought the first  
child to be adopted in U.S. to Lisan. She also brought the boy and  
other childr. Got free passport pass to fly over and Rosemary went  
back and started bringing other children over for adoption.

Lisan picked up on charter when FCVN people dropped out.  
Got adoption agency approval in Denver. Snowballed more people around  
the country writing to them, got donations, food supplies to VN  
....what happened this thing getting very big inexperienced non-  
professional people caught up in the thing enormous, overwhelming  
situation. Actually got phone calls from would-be entrepreneurs  
and people here in Denver calling "you really need me..this is getting  
to big for you people....they had ambitious efforts....to get in  
to that organization to take it over.....to make money? They wanted  
to be paid...Dr. G. group was not paid...donations not out of pocket  
money.

Her husband was schoolteacher she could not do it out of pocket.  
Organization got to be overwhelming, more joined and got to be a  
shootout about Board getting paid, etc. Rosemary controversy..  
Dir of Ops in VN.. she did not like money accountability. This Board  
wanted everything accounted for. She didn't like it. Rosemary  
just wanted so much in a bank and let me work it out. Many times you  
will find people caught up in a purpose not wanting to be bothered  
with money...not right and not wrong...just so....so they split.

Wende, Rosemary, Al Wescott, Dr. Gottlieb formed FFAC. The had  
issued position paper ...not too willing to talk about it. Fellow  
who became president after Lisan was promising friends a child from  
VN...sure I'll get you one...net ship load I'll get you one to  
friend type of thing. Allegations. Some people wanted to be paid..  
for being director and particular office because there was 20  
3000 thous. Did it get that big.

Don't make a long spiel about split...get chapter about organ how it split, how this was started. there are other people who want to things on another level same thing maybe on a different level and lesson learned , hw it got org...what happened they dont'w ant to talke about it today these wonderfull people do not even talk to eachoth r.

Afte split FCBVN had adoption privileges....gave therason fro split one should be busy with adoption, onw tith supplies. then found out that they needed acan't separate one from antoher. Asked bwhy dthtye didn't get back together. FCVM helped FFAC get adoption licens as well...so had 2 arnecies doing same thing...hold in Oregon, Lutheran services particiaped same way...competing with e chothor....separate orhap ages.

After baby lift was over, probably herar litigation matters. mtotthers calaimgin childre. Something funny there...children 4 5 years old...in one case mother walked up to child who w s coloring...see re ction of child...who knew nothing about the legal proceedings...child looked up and wnet back to drawing... did not recognize mother...child was awared to mo tber by judge. Organization had 2000000 in litigation to defend adoption. traumatic for all of them...some board memb ers did not want to see money designated and donatedf for children and supplies spent for legal feel. Don't know how they expected to avoiad it....

Think there was a way they explored if they could support orphan-ages after communist take over...open to speculation as to whetehr anyone would want to do it aft r...and what assurance suppleies would reach destination.FFAC fiszzzled out. FCVN still strong an function ng....in India...orphanages in Korea...and still bringing children here.

Oct 66 arrived in Nam. Carey, Henerson first doctors from Denver to go all worked up in Danang...Gleichman #4. 234 childrn to a bed..not unusual.

Report he wrote to AMA program. flimsy sheet.

discussed to some extent...referes to orphanages...sort of genesis of the idea of forming some support organization over here. Regarding abandomnt of children.

Last days april 1 6-8 mothers literally bringing children and deserting them..throwing them over fence. Grab child and run ack and give child back.

Read last couple pages of blue type...discussed problem of child-abnado ment and what might possibly be done about it. We had thought about it even over ther...gleichmansaws.

Lisann

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Discussed plans that he asked about with some of the civilians and vietnamese over there...80% mortality rate.

Trying to solve the problem with an eyedropper.

Book about what happened when Americans left....60 minutes of Vietnam today...hospitals...today didn't get supplies, operating under very intimidating circumstance.

French established a hospital system for many years. Hospital he was at built by French...f what it was like in the hospitals...we make improvements...new wings....surgeries, american contractors...

Doing construction all around. Attempts to get supplies from military....

USAI did not have any obligation to supply civilian hospitals. How did you get your supplies...meagerly. often out of IV fluids... oxygen...never tried to get it. Patients sent out to buy stuff on open market and drug stores with prescriptions. Repackaged drug samples sent by doctors...much came through Catholic charities. First thing I had to do when I got there. sat down with pharmacy to find out what they had...what I could prescribe, what I couldn't. We had pts with heart disease and ran out of digitalis. Wrote to pharmacist here to get digitalis.

His salt intake...soy sauce. In china chief cause of death

Said that there is not incidence in orient due to low salt intake, not overweight. shots whole argument. rice...not overweight.

They have very high salt intake...mostly from soy sauce. Mainland China chief cause of death is hypertension and stroke and chinese cardiologist subscribe this to high salt intake in diet.

Controversial articles...in mainland year or two ago. Medical meetings in states...no question about it. Taiwan lots of strokes and high blood pressure. May have been true 30 40 years ago not much high blood pressure...more on a starvation basis...everyone is well fed now.

Airlift...did you have any impressions... all is what I read in papers. one way or another... I knew that shocked surprised that Dr. Starks daughter was killed. what was she doing...working as a volunteer. no idea what her father being there breached the way for her.

He would know what went on later days...write to A&AID go to library and get directory..find his name and where he is. and write to him. Extremely popular and very well thought of pediatrician here in Denver. We got together...he wanted to go over and I gave him information before he left.

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Dr. Startk....article whet his appetitel....administrative capacity.

Read all your material and use your name.

Children

John Brown treasurer...Dorris Brown

Daughterinlaw has sister who adopted children.Vietnamese mother out recently and talking about Joes kids in Vermont. Living in Minnat time...planned on taking one...some of babies in the airlift.... called later would they be willing tae 2 year old child who is very ill and cannot communicate with. 2 year old boy weighted 12 lbs...wonder if one of the kis in my place. Cme down from Minn and got him..required a lot of immediate medical treatment. No responding to any stimuli very ill....or anybody initially and didn't know if he was mentally defective, deaf...taken on a drastic load. Possible burden.. kid might require instalttion rest of life...apparently thrived under good care and love..now 12 years old...little small in statutare...very bright..some problems at school, not trmemendous, very loveable child.

Lisannhas a child..1st baby was 7 mos old little girl 5 years old. Last 2 years of age hell on wheel. Lisann has given her up to social services and has been in 5 foster hosmes last 7 years hell on wheels...and for all practical purposes Lisann is still legal parents, bu social services leaving it alone...child will be in the svstem for the rest of her life. forever.

Lisan said she had known o' other parents who had similar experiences. Interesting if someone ever did a study. Hard to find out where kids are. Organization keeps current file, newsletter, keep in touch. When I was at CCC kids and parents returned to facility simply because it ewas a starting point. One of thethings that the organi zation keeps one of t.e points of adoption is to still keep in touch with these children. culture. The in-salaw kids... intereting point. Pnurse at porters has 3 adopted children she and husband went over and got 3 kids and brought them back. They both say that their kids don't show any interest and very negative about being remind of Vietnmanes origin and wan to be American. Think it may chance when they get older..20's ..when they can handle and better ble to cope with themselves and other kids. But they don't at this ime are very rejecting any vietmanes contcts and will be surprised if any of the kids would be umuch different.



Lisans 15 year old boy completely rejects and often make a remark that I don't know why they brought all those kids here. She said we'll were brought you. What if we felt that way about. Small children are the cruelest children in the world.

Living with a Nesi...thick eyelids..not even beautiful Japanese... gravitated to tall bold men...never married...often I thought I wish I could give you my face...not much...but you need it so badly because you are fighting your own culture. Speak Japanese fluently but wouldn't let anyone know it...Japanese prominent Japanese business men wanted to go with her but she had nothing to do with the culture.

Orental problem because of faces, culture, we or you look different than the guy next to you...and we are a melting pot.

I think the vietnamese who immigrated here will be a real asset to this country I think its true to all groups who immigrate I think they are self-selected to be the stronger, braver, more intelligent or whatever, whether they got out of Ireland to avoid the potato famine or out of Russia to avoid the programs or whatever.

The viets said no, I'm going to take my chances in a flimsy boat to lead a better life than they had to have more guts, brains drives or ambition those willing to stay behind and be pushed around. They had the exposure with Americans there. The statistics are so minute about the failures...not enthused about criminal Cubans...Cubans I know are super people, neat, hard working and ambitious and have all done extremely well. People who are willing to stay under tyranny and don't have guts enough to fight it or intelligence get away or rebel...even the ones who are leaders of the govt. who had to get out or be killed are still a selected group. Even if they don't necessarily agree with our ideas and various govt and busn, military people who had to evacuate Vt or be slaughtered are still a select group. Milk it...good people...corruption in all societies...more in all wars...if your hungry your not necessarily going to follow the rules your going to swipe things if you can. I didn't see anything that surprised me. I was familiar 1 1/2 years in Burma and China primarily with Chinese troops and liked the orient. Didn't see anything that surprised me in crime and Saigon and that sort of thing in Saigon, ...that I didn't expect to see. There was no front there...they took a hill and position one day. Guerrilla warfare...could take over a country.

We thought we owned the town and villages in the day time roads and the Viet Cong at night. We are sure we tried VC in hospital and knew it and impossible to estimate how much control had here and there.

I have mixed feelings about the war, wish we never gotten into it. While I was there I thought it was a worthwhile thing we were doing there. It was very badly handled the whole time, but there were a very lot of good people that I met. and we were down who were doing a good job and trying to build a country. and this was interesting these were the people who were the first target of the VC... preferred

most able and honest of vietmen men...they did not like anyone who was a good example...leave a crook in his job and massacre good person. One of the good public health programs they had in the country was malaria control in the Delta you'd expect a lot but I saw very little because they had a very effective malaria program under the american government...several years before I got there the program was making the government look too good so the VC put the malaria control teams as a priority on their list for assassination. Brought the program to screeching halt because everytime they sent a group out to spray for mosquitoes or whatever they would be killed off so malaria was gradually coming back. Lot of corruption, lot of people in charge were nice people...people on the other side were not nice either... Village people played both side.

Helicopters in sick call on weekends various areas we got real nervous when chopper didnt come back time to pick up when suppose to go down ground bunkers if chopper didnt come in, fortunately last night got us out. tie everything down for night. Didn't go out at night even in the city. We weren't under fire there.

Track down what happened after Americans left....

French left lots of atrocities...lot interest in Amerasian children. not many americans in delta...not significant americans there not american combat zone... stickly vietnamese zone... american adviser..5600....hundred advisers

military and civilian advisers...not a lot.

Three doctors in his group were all going back for 2nd time.  
Bee there before. Dr. Hines neat guy GP from Mexican Border, Texas.  
Mostly spanish clinetel. 30-40 years he would spend his vacation  
by goiing out to a hospital in the sticks. Motivated by alturism to  
serve and change...Dr. Gleichman motived by change...geriatrics.  
tired of eri trics dealig with housewives and busnessmen.  
American officers club a at top ob building. Gernman hospital  
ship in background. Lot of Germans volunteers, nurses, etc.

Technicians there since WW II just a technician, but could do hirlips,  
Mr. Day.. he did everyt ing, surgery, extensive private practice, tap  
a chest for fluitd...forked ther under Jap, French, American

American GI technician went off base and did lot of things  
that they couldn't ordinarily dol for the orphanages. sur erv, et.  
French say if they if they had helicopeters they would have and  
won the war.

Floods in October.. largest in 6 years.

Beautiful count try.

Dr. Gleichman was actually reminscing while showing me pictures...  
I was not ready of them...he was drawn to looking at them.

Native picking...pinch the flesh.

Child attempted suicide, chines medicine tweeching or pinching  
to cure try to bring her tol cusicine quite com on in VN.

Chinese medicine.

horrendous staff infection of legs. patient.

Dike and highway for people to live on when town flooded.

Patient had recovered from tetnasu sloiated dermititeis, lost of  
all her skin hepatitis and 2 huge abscess on each hip took out a  
pint of puss.

Going out on sick call, staniding in water up to knees.  
Mildew

Most interpreters educated in france.

Captured VC medical supplies.

Nuns have clasif faces, chigh cheekbones.

Merazz merassmus sever malnutrition and dehydratation accompaniend  
by diarrhea McDavev.. kid do to die very shortly.

I later decided actually that the orphanages were in a sense a  
the blocal system of birth control. Way of abandoning them  
and they usually died at orphanages.

Orhapange at edge of tow.. Me toe orphanage.

Sarcoma numerous on right bullet wound on left.

Training vet nurses.

Snakes for sale in market.

Wards no light.

Guy raching in fish pond for fish for supper and booby trapped  
blew both hands off.

Put hand grenades in babies and hand them to GI. I blow up!

Childr n sent into bar in Saigon with bag w th grenade.

High school girl volunteers at Swedish sorting out drugs.

Samples from docotrs and drug companies.

Enjoyable to reminisce a bit.