

Saigon, Vietnam  
22 February 1967  
Wednesday evening

My Dear Family -

Wednesday evening - and an opportunity to again visit with you. I have done my exercises - taken a shower and am good and cool (the air conditioner is going) and now over visit.

The early part of the morning was spent in working at my desk and keeping up with the paper work that needs to be done. I am preparing for the meeting on Friday that we will have with our Vietnamese counterparts at the University of Saigon. At 10 AM I met with Dr. Kiem, who is the Secretary General of the University of Saigon, and went over the agenda for the Friday session. Dr. Kiem is going to the United States in April and will be there for 13 weeks. I hope he is able to come to Stevens Point and spend a few days with us. He is 30 years old, a PhD from France in Geography and one of the "bright lights" here at the University of Saigon. If he does come Steve and Chuck and Cindy will have to brush up on their French for his English is about as good as my French - and you know how good that is!

Dr. Kiem is very anxious for change to occur at the University of Saigon and in our conference this morning (with an interpreter) begged me to stay and help them with improvements. I told him that it was impossible for me to stay personally but we could write as strong a report as possible and attempt to build into it ways to measure and,



Hopefully, insure progress.

At 1100 I had an appointment with the head of the Asia Foundation here in Vietnam. He was very interested in our work and in what ever conclusions we will draft regarding our findings. I was interested to learn that the Asia Foundation is spending \$ 350,000 in Vietnam this year and supports programs in a number of fields including higher education. He has been here 18 months, has his family with him and seems to be a fine man. He said that it was hard not to be discouraged - living as close as he does to the problems of Vietnam and especially those facing higher education at the University of Saigon. We are scheduled to get together again soon.

This afternoon was again spent in the office - going over a draft of our preliminary report outline. Howard has developed some ideas and they are basically very good - I talked with him regarding my reaction to the outline he presented. If all goes well we will have agreed to an outline by this weekend - and can start on it the first of the week. By this Saturday our survey of present conditions will be complete and we then start on the future - hence the preliminary report outline.

I think of each one of you - miss being with you and hearing just how of your daily activities and interests. I know you are busy and I want you to know of my love and prayers for you.

Love  
Dad.