

Saigon, Vietnam
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Mr. Gerald Walker
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Dear Mr. Walker:

My apologies for sending this piece to you later than I promised; it became a much more vast and complex undertaking than I had at first envisioned. The piece is longer than you mentioned; I intentionally allowed some of the interview quotes to dwindle on so that you could get a better flavor of the situation, but they can be easily cut. If you want me to edit down the piece more, you might send me a cable and I'll airmail you a revised version within two or three days. My cable address: Deepn Saigon.

The piece is weak on statistical documentation--but this is the plight of Vietnam. The Ministry of Labor has yet to complete its 1965 statistical work, which includes breakdowns by sex; the Ministry of Health doesn't know how many nurses--male or female--it has. However, the sweeping generalizations I have made are so obvious to the Vietnamese I talked with that the accuracy of the statements is not questioned here. I interviewed three sociologists, all women--one American, one French and one Vietnamese--who provided guidance of judgment as well as some quotes; in addition, I have talked with many Vietnamese through the years which provided some of the more common details of their family life.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a selection of photos, which are not exceptionally good, but might be useful for you.

Thank you for the initial request for this piece; I hope it proves satisfactory to meet your needs.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Beverly Deepe

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