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Dear Mr. Nichols:

How does a Vietnamese mother guide her children through the ordeals of her country? What budgeting methods does a Malayan housewife use to stretch her husband's income of \$130 a month? How does Mrs. Sirimauro Bandaranaike of Ceylon perform her duties as the world's only female prime minister?

These are themes for a 1,500-word monthly feature, entitled "Homemakers Around The World," I would like to write for Good Housekeeping. The features, covering a different country each month, could be of three distinct types. One is to visit "the average", unknown homemaker. The second is to interview the "big names"—such as Queen Sirikit of Thailand, considered to be one of the world's most beautiful royalty. The third would be articles of special interest to women, such as visiting a Thai silk factory or reporting on a Hindu wedding ceremony.

Thus far on my round-the-world trip, I have interviewed Mrs. Pak Chung-Hi and Mrs. Chang Do-Young several days after their husbands engineered the South Korean military coup d'etat. I have talked with young Japanese housewives who combined in their new homes traditional Japanese and Western designs. Associated Press Newsfeatures and the Christian Science Monitor have bought articles from me on this trip.

I will soon be traveling across Southeast Asia from Saigon to India, stopping in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. I would then choose between going westward through the Middle East and Africa or northward to Outer Mongolia and the Soviet Union.

References are: Dean Edward W. Barrett, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, from which I was graduated in 1958, and Mrs Samuel Lubell, 180 East End Ave., the political analyst and journalist for whom I was assistant for two years.

Thank you for your consideration of this query.

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