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NOTES FOR THE PREMIER - VIETNAM APPEAL. 4.4.75

You are supporting the Prime Minister's national appeal for Cambodia and Vietnam to which the Australian Government has immediately donated \$50,000.

The national appeal is through the Australian Council for Overseas Aid-Disaster Emergencies Committee and the target is \$5 million.

Chairman of the Disaster Emergencies Committee in South Australia is Mr. Douglas A. Dunstan and the operating agencies in South Australia are the Austcare-Freedom From Hunger Campaign. Donations can be sent to :

Disaster Emergencies Committee
Box 9900, G.P.O., Adelaide,

and the appeal will be conducted for a period of four weeks.

It is expected that a large part of the money will be channelled through United Nations agencies. A cable was received by Austcare from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva dated 28th March that they had been formally approached by several governments of Indo China for emergency assistance and that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees could usefully dispose of any money for emergency relief.

The Disaster Emergency Committee is representative of 99% of any aid which goes to the war-torn countries from voluntary agencies, and Austcare itself is the special representative of the UNHCR in Australia in the areas of public information and fund-raising.

It is obvious that in present conditions in Vietnam and Cambodia hundreds of thousands of people especially children, are going to need immediate assistance in terms of food and shelter, either in their own land or in adoptive circumstances. Until the situation becomes clearer it is the United

Nations bodies which have the main contacts with both sides for the delivery of aid.

● Voluntary agencies are struggling under great stress in existing situations to help those peoples of this area.

This Disaster Emergencies Committee appeal is not concerned with politics or with governments in power in that area or what has gone before or what will go after, but only the hundreds and thousands of innocent people suffering in Cambodia or Vietnam.

● The Australian Bankers Association has advised that all banks will accept donations for this

particular appeal, and that the main account is at the Commonwealth Bank in Adelaide (King William Street) - account no. 800-131.

Member organisations of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA) are :

Asian Bureau

Association of Apex Clubs

Australian Care for Refugees (Austcare)

Australian Catholic Relief

Australian Council of Churches - Division of

● World Christian Action

Aust Council Save the Children Fund

Aust Freedom From Hunger Campaign

Australian Jaycees

● Aust Red Cross Society

Aust Student Christian Movement

Community Aid Abroad

Federation of Jewish Welfare Societies

For Those Who Have Less

Foster Parents Plan of Aust

Foundation for the Peoples of the South
Pacific, Inc.

International Development Action

● Joint Secretariat on Action for World
Development

Lutheran World Federation

National Youth Council of Aust

Overseas Service Bureau

Project Concern Aust

Returned Services League of Aust

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Trade Action Pty Ltd

United Nations Association of Aust

UNICEF Committee of Australia

World University Service in Aust

World Vision

Young Men's Christian Association of Aust

Young Women's Christian Association of Aust.