VIETNAMESE RED CROSS FUND DRIVE

10 May 1969

SAIGON (MACV) — The Vietnamese Red Cross is conducting a Fund Raising Campaign from 20 May through 2 June 1969 in the hopes of helping hundreds of war victims and amputees.

This fund drive will give all US military personnel, DOD civilians and Vietnamese employees a chance to make voluntary contributions to the Vietnamese Red Cross, an agency which has an outstanding record of public service to the Vietnamese people and members of the Vietnamese Armed Forces.

Most of the money raised from the campaign will be used to operate a new National Rehabilitation Center for orphans, widows and people who have become amputees and crippled victims of the war. The new Saigon center will accommodate 100 amputees and provide facilities for rehabilitating many others.

A part of the fund collected will also be used for Vietnamese Red Cross relief programs. Such programs include establishing refugee camps, operating orphanages and milk stations for children, conducting vaccination campaigns, and operating medical dispensaries throughout Vietnam.

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No individual or group solicitation will be made during the fund drive. There are no quotas or "fair share" guidelines. Instead, the Vietnamese Red Cross is relying on the voluntary contributions of American and Vietnamese who want to help the increasing number of war victims in South Vietnam.

Contributions may be in the form of piasters, MPC, personal checks, or money orders payable to the American Red Cross. All funds collected during this drive, 20 May to 2 June, will be turned over to the Vietnamese Red Cross.

Personnel who wish to make contributions should contact the Fund Drive Project Officer of their unit.

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