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Dear Harold:

A couple of days ago I sent you, third class, a copy of the latest issue of Mother Jones, a leftish mag published here, a sort of latter day Ramparts. The cover story is on Lane, by a member of the AIB, and I felt you'd want to see it. Also sent a copy to Dave, so don't bother to forward it to him.

Also in the same issue of Mother Jones is a review of a new book on Billy Graham. Don't miss this review, one of the best I've read in years. It'll make you feel good.

I visited that office near Hospice of Marin the other day to look for Richard Call in other Bay Area phone books besides SF and Oakland. Somehow those for the peninsula were missing, but in a couple of books for Contra Costa County (both fairly recent) I found a couple of Richard Calls.

From the book for east Contra Costa:

Call, J. Richard & Patricia (415) 689 0645  
20 Mount Emory Ct., Clayton CA 94517

From the book for West Contra Costa (Richmond etc):

Call Richard  
4250 San Pablo Dam Rd. (415) 223 2815  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

El Sobrante is just east of Richmond, next to Albany.

Clayton is east of Martinez and Antioch, on the northeast slope of Mt. Diablo, almost to the San Joaquin County line.

Probably true, what Mike Miao told you about easy Viet Nam exit visas costing 5 ounces of gold (that'd be around \$1,500). The figure often quoted is \$2,000. As usual, this is a complex question. One of the basic facts is that around 90 per cent of the current boat people are ethnic Chinese, meaning they may have been in Vietnam for generations and never have been fully assimilated but still consider themselves Chinese. This means they are unreconstructed capitalists, and it is as easy to understand the Hanoi government's willingness to get rid of them (and collect a little hard currency in the process) as it is to visualize the reluctance of the refugees themselves to go to the People's Republic or a corresponding reluctance on Peking's part to accept them in such droves. Nowhere in Southeast Asia or the Pacific Islands have such Chinese colonies been assimilated except in Hawaii, where they become Americanized by the second Generation just as they do here on the mainland.

Also, I picked up an item from Seven Days recently which said much of that \$2,000 for an exit visa goes to ethnic Chinese middlemen in Vietnam who make the arrangements. A lot of these ethnic Chinese were in the Saigon government, and some even are supposed to be in influential positions in Hanoi. One thing that seems clear is that Hanoi is paying a price in skilled manpower by either driving the people out or letting them go. But given the current relations with the People's Republic, one can understand Hanoi's policy to a certain extent.

All fine here, and the best to you both,

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