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**CHASE BANK CLOSES
ITS SAIGON BRANCH**

Chase Manhattan Bank announced yesterday that it had suspended operations of its Saigon branch at the end of the business day.

A spokesman for the First National City Bank said that its branch in Saigon was scheduled to be open for business tomorrow but that the situation was not clear.

American banks in Saigon are making efforts to get their Vietnamese employees out of the country. Neither Chase Manhattan nor First National City has any American employees remaining in Saigon.

A spokesman for the Bank of America said this afternoon that the bank had determined that 11 of the 37 South Vietnamese who work at its Saigon branch were potential victims of the Communists. The bank chartered a jet in Bangkok and flew the 11, along with 90 relatives out of South Vietnam. The destination was Guam.

A spokesman for the Bank of America said its Saigon branch was now closed.