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U.S. Aides Injured in Viet Blast

Among 45 Americans injured in the explosion at the Saigon Embassy were nine whose homes are—or recently were—in the Washington area.

The State Department said only one of the nine was injured seriously. He is Donald W. Farley, whose wife, Catherine lives at 1703 Gerry pl., McLean, Va.

The others are:

George W. Allen, 38, of 7741 Boyd ct., Springfield, Va., father of four, working for the State Department. His wife said she had been told he suffered only minor cuts.

Carlton Faler, 40, father of two, of 6307 Maiden lane, Bethesda, a labor adviser.

Withrow C. MacPherson, 40, of 6433 Washington blvd., Arlington, father of four, a civilian Army employe. His wife was informed he suffered only superficial cuts.

John B. Riordan, 57, of Oakton, Va., economic attache.

Jane Thompson, 33, an employe in the records section of the Embassy.

A Grima Johnson, 48, a civilian employe in the Army Department whose home is in Bryans Road, Md.

Harold E. Padgett and Robert N. Weaver, civilian employes in the Army Department.

Jane Thompson had been in Viet-Nam only since Jan-

uary and wrote her mother, Mrs. Maurice Thompson, only last Friday.

She told of plans to see a Vietnamese opera last Saturday at the Vietnamese-American Cultural Center and also intended to visit a Vietnamese astrologer in the near future.

Her sister, Ruth Thompson, said that Saigon was Jane's fourth Foreign Service post. Earlier she had served in Paris, Damascus and Mexico City.

"She used to write—don't worry, it probably sounds worse from America than it really is," Ruth Thompson said.

MacPherson had been in Saigon eight months. His wife said yesterday it seemed like an eternity. She said she hoped to see him again next March.

The State Department listed as seriously injured: Rosemary A. Dunn, State Department, of Madison, Wis.

Lt. Cmdr. Donald G. Scully of Imperial Beach, Calif., was listed as seriously injured by the Pentagon.

Others not seriously injured, as listed by the State Department, are:

James D. Rosenthal, State; William E. Beachner, State; Edith Smith, State; Elizabeth Brook, State; Melvin L. Manfull, State; Melvin H. Levine, State; Brenda Lee, State; Evelyn M. Flagg, State; Dorothy A. Peters, State. Also, Evelyn Carnes, State; Janet E. Lendall, Department of the Army, civilian; Thomas F. Wilson, State; John P. Condon, State; Helen Zumer, State; Mary K. MacDonald, State; Harriet E. Keller, State. Also, Sue Meiras, State; Gaynell Siefker, State; Peter Tarnoff, State; Samuel B. Thomsen, State; Robert A. Melsenger, Department of the Army, civilian; Theodore Groll Jr., Agency for International Development; Herbert Weissbart, State; Thomas L. Cole Jr., State.

Also, Robert L. Charlton, State; Harry G. Peterson, State; Robert H. Miller, State; Merlin Brooks, Department of the Army, civilian; Frank Equival, Department of the Army, civilian; Yvonne LaJeunesse, State; Charles F. Hudson, State; Florence Armstrong, State.

David Henry, State, and Peter de Silva, State, were also injured, but not seriously, according to the State Department.

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