

*Refugee Letter*

December 3, 1954

Mr. Nguyễn van Nhung  
c/o Director of Camp Phu-Tho  
Saigon

Dear sir:

Your recent letter to the U.S. Ambassador is acknowledged. The Ambassador congratulates you and all others from North Vietnam who have chosen to live in Free Vietnam. He hopes that you will immediately begin living a happy and satisfying life here. Of course, it is understood that one must make a new life practically since leaving North Vietnam meant leaving many ties and possessions.

Those persons who are not farmers will naturally want to and should rebuild their lives here in their former professions. Some will probably find opportunities in the existing towns and cities of the South. On the other hand, one should not overlook the opportunities for commercial enterprise and the service occupations in the many new towns and villages being developed and largely populated by refugees. In fact, these new towns may offer better opportunities than the cities of Saigon and Cholon which are already densely populated.

The authorization for building in Saigon - Cholon is granted on an individual basis by the Prefecture and any applications made here must be addressed there.

My best wishes for your future happiness and success in  
Free Vietnam.

Yours truly

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cc: The Ambassador