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~~Dear friend: your letter was just a tiny drop in the ocean of suffering.~~
~~Every letter is a communication for your future action.~~
~~Love~~



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Dear Friend

Thank you for your recent communication with this office. We must apologize for using a mimeographed response, but at the same time must thank you all for keeping up your activity and making this type of response a necessity.

All of our collective efforts are having an effect. We thought you would be interested in hearing how the Embassy of Vietnam responds to the thorns you have put in their side—from a press release dated July 17: "During the recent months, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Viet-Nam has received many private letters and petitions from various communist or leftist organizations which purposely distorted the truth about the treatment of prisoners in the Republic of Viet-Nam. Other letters were intervening for the release of some detainees. After carefully studying the contents the Ministry realizes that nearly all of these letters and petitions are written or cyclostyled under the same formula and signed by members of related organizations. This fact proves that this is a campaign of intoxication directed and orchestrated by International Communism. Under the label of peace and solidarity movements, International Communism has exploited the name of justice and humanity to foment a campaign of denigration and pressure aiming at forcing the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam to release their comrades." Despite what they call us—we are being recognized. Your efforts help keep Thieu from doing even worse things and give adequate notice that his policies of terror and torture do not go unnoticed by world public opinion.

Father Nguyen Dinh Thi of the Communaute Vietnamienne in Paris has instructed us to continue to emphasize that letters to prisoners should be sent to this office for delivery by delegations. Individual letters sent to prisoners do not reach their destination and may place the prisoner in further danger. It is friends rather than the RVN postal service that can put the letters into the hands of the prisoners who "themselves attach the greatest attention to this international support, from which they draw means for their defence and from which they take the necessary strength to continue their struggle for survival and for liberty".

Please continue pleading for the release of all SVN political prisoners in letters to: Nguyen Van Thieu, Dinh Doc Lap, Saigon; General Tran Thien Khiem, Ministry of the Interior, 164 Tu Do, Saigon; Col. Huynh Ngoc Diep, Political Security Department, Saigon;