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Dear Friend of IRC:

Imagine, if you can, a war that turns our country into a massive battlefield, forcing one-third of the American people from their homes into refugee camps. A nation of 70 million refugees. Millions dead, sick and wounded, millions of war widows and orphans. Surely a disaster of such immensity can't happen here!

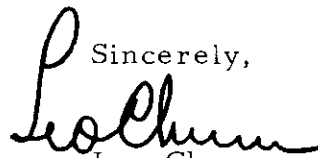
For the people of South Vietnam, a disaster of this magnitude is not a fantasy. It is real. It has happened there. The war has created $4\frac{1}{2}$ million refugees, one-third of their nation. One million of these Vietnamese civilians have joined the refugee ranks since March. Thousands of women and children are among the war casualties.

To the shattered victims of this cruel war, what matters now is not who caused their suffering -- but their desperate need for humanitarian aid. Can we in America ignore their tragic plight? Can we deny them a life of hope to replace their hopeless despair? Today, the Vietnamese people are being helped by the International Rescue Committee. Our medical teams are working day and night. Our child care program includes a convalescent center for war-injured children. Our food and medical supplies are feeding the hungry and healing the sick. Our self-help projects are enabling refugees to support themselves and their children.

I am enclosing a brochure describing the work of IRC in Vietnam, and for refugees in other parts of the world who are fleeing from political, racial and religious terror. Thousands are coming to the free world from East Europe, Mainland China, Haiti, Cuba and Greece. In Bangladesh, IRC is doing everything possible for the victims of last year's invasion -- especially the children, students, war widows, sick and wounded refugees, and the girls who had been brutally raped by Pakistani troops.

Please help IRC as generously as you can, and as soon as you can. The future of our work for the cause of refugees and human freedom depends on the support of concerned Americans. I am enclosing a return envelope for your tax-deductible donation. Every dollar you contribute will give help and hope to innocent victims of war and oppression. Many thanks.

Sincerely,


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