

My dear old friend,

We are always grateful to you for your help. We often get my brother's letter in CA. Please have the best regards from my whole family. Everything is fine and I'm working hard for my work as I've told you. Hopefully soon.

My petition sent to Bangkok has already been processed and an IV number was given (IV # 038444). My son has completed the requirements asked by Bangkok and now we are waiting. During the last three weeks, there were some hundreds people having their cases similar to mine who were called to the Foreign Service in Saigon to complete their dossiers for Exit Permit. There was a rumor that "we" may be going before long. I hope so.

Two months ago, I sent a letter to Bangkok, explaining my situation, my background and claimed my priority as for one of the best friends to the Americans in Vietnam and in the States. In my document and letter, I have listed your name as one of the high-grade Americans in VN who knows me best.

I would ask you to try a way some of my friends have successfully done, to help me. That is to send a letter of recommendation or a memorandum to Mr. Donald L. Colin, Director, ODP Bangkok, under your name and title as a former US official in VN who had directly related to my works, in which you request a highest priority for my letter of introduction along with my name in the Joint list and any other necessary paperwork to help me get out of Vietnam with my family as soon as possible. If such things were granted now, I guess we would be able to emigrate after one year.

Please see to it if you can do and if that could help. Although I know your men in Bangkok should be the best law-abiding people, but I think a good explanation often speeds up lawful procedures. Especially if you or some of our friends should know Colin personally, it might also help, within his competence.

I need to have my dossier registered in Vietnam the sooner the better, because my youngest son will get his "greeting card" in 1985. (By the end of next year, if nothing will be expected, I would let him go. In that case, I'll have to ask for your help to him - My brother is a good guy, but my son in CA has already ~~asked~~ <sup>added</sup> his burden especially since he goes to College this year. That's why I've hesitated to let the youngest try a couple of good trips lately). But that's the next year problem. Right now, in any situation, I'm always an optimist and have a strong belief. I'm certain everything will be fine and we'll see each other soon, in the USA. I'm praying every night.

If you have anything to tell me, please write my brother, he'll let me know. Any detail in my dossier you need for your memorandum if necessary, ask my brother, too. Don't write me. Nothing of great importance, just a snooping campaign that bothered people, and such things should be avoided. Have my best wishes and thanks,

With love,

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