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April 1997

Mr. Dewey Pendergrass, Director
Orderly Departure Program
Box 58, American Embassy
APO AP 96548

Dear Mr. Pendergrass:

My name is Quang Bui Thang. I was born on July 17, 1936 in Vietnam. I live at
St. Paul, MN 55104. Phone # (612) 11463-1941

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I left for Vietnam with my youngest daughter on November 29, 1995. My wife died during the interview time, so she could not come with me.

After April 15, 1995, the U.S. law didn't allow any unmarried children over 21 years old to come with their parents to the U.S. so I have seven children who are still living in Vietnam and they were verified by O.D.P. Thailand, and their names were in the list number 101 324783 on

November 8, 1996. They are:

1. Bui Thong Cape	1972 (s)	5. Bui Thi Anh Tuyet	1963 (s)
2. Bui Sy Hung	1973 (m)	6. Bui Thi Kim Phuong	1966 (m)
3. Bui Tan Tuoc	1969 (s)	7. Bui Thi Xuan Tham	1957 (s)
4. Bui Cong Trang	1980 (s)		

Of the seven of my children above, four Tuoc, Trang, Tuyet and Tham didn't show up on the interview day because their files were lost during the application step. If they want to reapply again, it will take very long with many difficulties.

The amendment passed by President Bill Clinton on September 30, 1996, allows those children left in Vietnam after April 15, 1995, to come to America.

On February 18, 1997, seven of my children were called for interview in Vietnam according to the new law. The U.S. interviewer denied all of my children when he saw that two of my children already got married, although five of the others are not. Today, I just received the result of my children's interview. They were denied because of a letter I submitted two times to the O.D.P. in Thailand:

1. on September 20, 1996
2. on October 15, 1996

In this letter, I wrote my children were all single. This was not true of two of them. Then on November 27, 1996, I wrote on the McCain Family Verification Form that two of the seven had married. All of the information I wrote in that letter is true. I accept my responsibility for my mistakes which are not correct. I'm really sorry for my mistakes.

Now, 1. According to the form of Senator McCain, my children who got married after April 15, 1995, also can come to America.

2. I, myself, don't want to tell a lie to you, and I would like you to reconsider my children case again, so we can reunite.

The result of the interview, feel is unfair to my children and too severe. As you can see the interviewer didn't approve those who were already married. I can understand that. But the others were also denied. I don't understand why. If it is my fault, is your disappointment for all my children fair? But all of my children told the truth.

As I have written above, I would like you to reconsider my children's case so they can get a second chance. I really appreciate what you have done and will be doing.

Sincerely yours,

Quang Bui Thang

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Bên xin Minh Gi
Bà Thue Minh-Tho
chủ tịch hội cựu chiến binh
chính trị VN
"Để em con thiệp và giúp đỡ"