

DAO DANG NHAN

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After April, 1975, I, as a reserved officer, was not sent to detention camps for re-education and I was only politically corrected by the local government.

Because most of my family members had been closely related to the former Saigon Government, I secretly participated in organizations against the Hanoi Communist Government. In 1979, the National Front for Vietnam Reunification led by Pham Quang Canh recruited me to fight for Human Rights, Democracy, and Freedom for Vietnam which had been rejected by the Hanoi Government.

Unfortunately, the National Front for Vietnam Reunification was unsuccessful and I was arrested in Nhatrang and was sentenced to a 18 year imprisonment in Da Nang in December, 1985.

After I was imprisoned, my wife, Nguyen Thi Ruong, managed to send my first two sons, Dao Nguyen Huan and Dao Nguyen Hoan, to America who are now American citizens. They are now working as engineers and I am now living with them at the above residence.

In 1994, Dao Nguyen Huan, my eldest son, filed the Petition for Alien Relatives for his parents and two younger brothers under ODP.

Because I was still in prison and my two sons were denied by US Immigration Law, my wife decided to leave by herself and became a US permanent alien in September, 1996.

I was released from prison in May 1997 and I was sure that I could not any longer live in Vietnam and I applied for immigration to the US but I could not qualify for HO program. Therefore I applied for ODP where my son and my wife could file the petition for me.

I was accepted for immigration but my two sons were once again denied and I had to leave them behind. I came to the US January, 1999 and my social security is

What my family would like to request assistance and interference from your office is how we can manage to bring my two sons here for our family reunion and they would have a brighter future in the States. However, my two sons' application has not been approved, for they are not qualified under US immigration laws and McCain Amendment.

As far as we are concerned, Dewey Pendergrass recently announced on January 13, 1999, that the US Government had amended McCain Amendment under which political prisoners' children would be qualified for immigration.

My family strongly wish that your office, with all your willingness and sympathy, could be able to help us out so that we could have a better chance to take good care of my children who have been living without their parents' love and care.

My family and I personally appreciate your office's assistance and interference so that our children will be scheduled for an interview soon.

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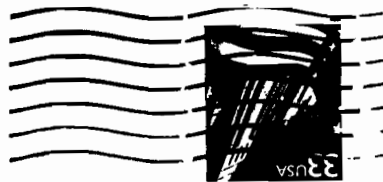
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