

Falls Church Ngày 10 tháng 06 năm 1995

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TRANG và HỨA ĐÌNH TRUNG được phá. Đoàn Hoa Kỳ
thông vận tại Saigon ngày 5 tháng 6 năm 1995 đến
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nhận mẹ tôi và 1 đứa em dưới 21 tuổi. -- còn
những đứa em trên 21 tuổi không được nhận.

Mẹ tôi và mấy đứa em trên 21 tuổi hiện vẫn cần gia đình
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tôi xin bà can thiệp để mẹ tôi được nhận.

quy chế' như bà đã bỏ công trình đầu,

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bà, tôi đã đến gia đình để chúc bà ngày trên
trên, thắp đèn thờ cho bà và các cụ ở nhà
chúng tôi và đã bà và giúp đỡ của bà.

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Mark

Hà Thu Châu,

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Hà Thủ Khoa,

Có ở chung hộ khẩu?

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Embassy of the United States of America

August 15, 1995

Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Khuc Minh Tho
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Dear Ms. Khuc:

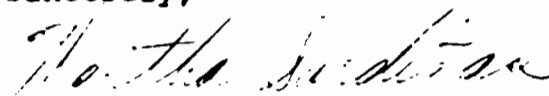
Thank you for your letter of June 30, 1995 received by this office on August 4, 1995. You wrote concerning the refugee applications of Do Thi Thai and her children (ODP file IV-339699/H33-447).

The referenced applicants were interviewed by a U.S. immigration officer in Ho Chi Minh City on June 6, 1995. They were scheduled for their interview due to our error. In fact, the policy that precludes the over twenty-one year old children of refugee applicants from being scheduled for interview had already been announced when we scheduled these applicants for an interview. The last interview trip to include over twenty-one year old derivative refugee applicants ended on April 17, 1995. After that date, no over twenty-one year old derivative refugee applicants have been scheduled, with the exception of cases involving a "last remaining family member". Since Hua Thi Mong Hoa and Hua Thi Thao Trang are both over twenty-one years old, neither of them can be given special consideration as the last remaining family member. For this reason, their refugee applications were denied when they appeared at the interview with their mother.

Under U.S. immigration law, refugee applicants who are also eligible for immediate relative immigrant status must enter the U.S. as immigrants, rather than as refugees. This does not preclude the principal applicant's children who are under twenty-one years old from being considered for refugee status. Since Do Thi Thai's daughter, Hua Thi Thu Thanh has been in the U.S. for a number of years and may now be a U.S. citizen, we have requested verification of her immigration status from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). In the meantime, if she is now a U.S. citizen, she should file an immediate relative immigrant visa petition with INS on behalf of her mother. Once we receive an approved immigrant visa petition on behalf of Do Thi Thai, or confirmation from INS that Hua Thi Thu Thanh is not yet a U.S. citizen, we will continue processing Do Thi Thai's and her minor son's applications.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Martha Sardinas
Director
Orderly Departure Program

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Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
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Dear Mrs. Tho:

Thank you for your February 24 letter reporting on your meeting in California with resettled former political prisoners and their family members. I appreciate the ideas you expressed in your letter and during our earlier meeting.

As promised when we met, I am forwarding to you a copy of the guidance we sent to Daniel Solis, our district director in Bangkok regarding humanitarian exceptions for certain adult sons and daughters of former re-education camp detainees. Mr. Solis has assured me that all of the immigration officers involved in the Orderly Departure Program fully understand that there may be some compelling cases and that the guidance will be implemented with a generous spirit.

I understand that Kathleen Thompson of my staff has had several conversations with you on this issue and would be pleased to discuss any thoughts you may have on the guidance. Thank you again for sharing your views.

Sincerely,

Phyllis A. Coven
Director
International Affairs

Enclosure

Memorandum



Subject	Humanitarian Exceptions for Sons and Daughters of Former Re-Education Camp Detainees	Date
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To Daniel Solis
District Director
Bangkok, Thailand

From International
Affairs

I recently met with Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho and other representatives of the Vietnamese-American community to hear their concerns about the recent interagency decision regarding eligibility for interview in the Orderly Departure Program (ODP).

As you are well aware, effective February 1, adult sons and daughters of former re-education camp detainees (re-eds) are no longer proposed for interview. The policy change recognized that there may be individual cases in which significant humanitarian reasons warrant including an adult son or daughter in a re-ed case. I wish to encourage generosity in considering such requests.

I appreciate the interests that are served by the policy change--deterring fraud and achieving consistency in refugee processing programs. At the same time, I am sympathetic to Mrs. Tho's arguments that the resettlement of aging former prisoners might be more successful and self-sufficiency might be more quickly achieved if their children were to accompany them to the United States. To balance these two perspectives, I want to ensure that all officers interviewing re-ed cases give careful and sympathetic consideration to requests for humanitarian exception.

Mrs. Tho has been advised that any such requests may be raised by the principal refugee applicant at the time of the INS eligibility interview. The merits of the requests, of course, must be decided on a case-by-case basis. We would anticipate that deserving cases may include, for example, those in which an unmarried adult son or daughter, if not included, would be the only remaining family member in Vietnam, cases in which a family member has a physical or mental disability that could not receive appropriate care if the family were to be divided, and other cases in which unusual hardship would result were an adult son or daughter left behind.

I understand that when the interviewing officer finds an individual case has merit, the adult son or daughter can be "added-on" to the case with the issuance of a Letter of Introduction (LOI) to the Vietnamese authorities and that the son or daughter can be expeditiously invited for interview.

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Daniel Solis

Please keep me informed of your progress under the new interview eligibility criteria and advise me if additional guidance is needed on considering requests for humanitarian exception.

Phyllis Coven
Director

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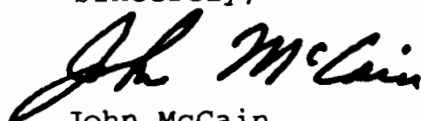
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Mrs. Tho raises some very important questions with regard to your bureau's decision to make the children of re-education camp survivors over age twenty-one ineligible for interview. I would appreciate your responses to her questions. In addition, I would like to know how the filing of fraudulent claims in these cases justifies a change in requirements. Surely, our consulates throughout the world encounter fraud everyday and are tasked with separating fraudulent claims from honest ones. How is the situation with regard to former re-education detainees so significantly different that it requires excluding a group of immigrants as a whole? How does fraud in these cases differ from fraud in the Amerasian program, which I understand maintained its eligibility guidelines through completion?

The United States has a special obligation to those Vietnamese who have been persecuted for their association with the United States and the cause of freedom for which we fought. Your bureau has substantially changed the manner in which we fulfill our obligations to these families. I have reviewed the reasons for the change in ODP regulations and I am not yet convinced. I would appreciate any further light you may be able to shed on the issue.

Thank you for your consideration. I would appreciate a response before the new regulations take effect on February 1, 1995. If you have any questions, please contact Walter Lohman of my Washington, DC staff at (202) 224-2235.

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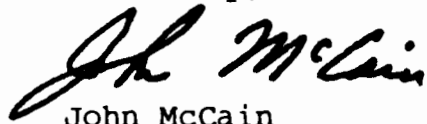
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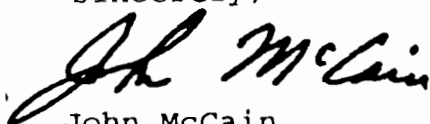
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PA		13		7				71	116			145	13		365
RI								8				4			12
SC									8			39	81		128
SD									8						8
TN												231	36		267
TX		161	55	43			239	784	505			1298	157		3242
UT												221			221
VA		22		2			14	78	7			558	6		687
VT				3				70							73
WA		198		255			261		35			928	259		1936
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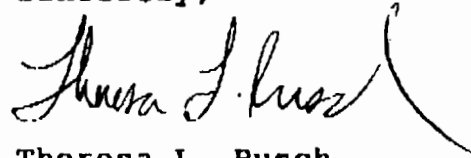
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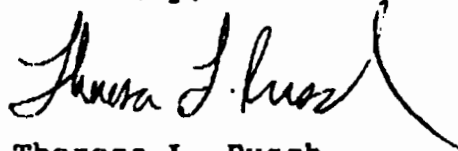
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