

Ho chi Minh City(VN), November 11, 1987  
 To His Excellency EDWARD KENNEDY, Senator  
 of the SENATE of the United States of America  
 Washington D.C. U.S.A.

- Under cover of Mrs. KHUOC MINH THO, Chairman  
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Reference : - Interview No S-512 dated 28-11-1984

- File IV No 502.759/202.883

Subject : Appeal for intercession concerning our Petition for Political Asylum in the United States of America under O.D.P.

His Excellency the Senator,

Based on the above-mentioned reference, over two years ago, an application for Review to my Petition was forwarded to the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok for their consideration of our case, but so far no reply from the Embassy has been reached me

On the other hand, a few months ago, we heard from a BBC broadcasting program that a Jew-born Russian had his quite desperate wish to immigrate from the USSR fulfilled thanks to Her Excellency the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's tremendously effective statesman-to-statesman intercession with Mr. Mikhail X. Gorbachev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. This savoury act made out of a noble sentiment of commiseration, humanity, and philanthropy motivates me to reiterate our appeal to you for intercession relating to our unfortunate situation which is succinctly summed up as follows :

1.- IDENTIFICATION and NATIONALITY.

I am LY KHAI MINH, male, born 1932 in Canton Province, China. In 1940, I migrated to Camau Province, South Vietnam. In 1958, I was forced to take the Vietnamese Nationality in conformity to a Decree on the Compulsory naturalization disseminated by the then Ngô-Dinh-Diem Government. My family composes of five members now residing at No 333/1 An Dương Vương Street, Quarter II, District 5, Ho chi Minh City, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

2.- POLITICAL ASSAILING-PROPERTIES CONFISCATION-INTERNAL EXILE-RE-EDUCATION and SOCIAL ISOLATION.

My Pre-30 April 1975 occupations were Import and Export activities. Under the Policy of Termination of the Capitalistic Class launched consecutively in 1976 and 1978, I was charged with having closely collaborated with the U.S. Imperialists (sic) and the reactionary under former Government Vietnam in the Economic field. Therefore, (1) all my properties had to be confiscated. (2) I and my family had to be internally exiled to Gia-Lanh Economic Zone, Lâm-Đồng Province(S. Vietnam) and undergone an on-the-spot reeducation over there.

Although the so-called re-education lasted about one year, but up-to-date, we have still been socially isolated, for no decision have been made from the responsible authority to reintegrate us into the Vietnamese society.

3.- RACIAL and EDUCATIONAL DISCRIMINATION.

My second son named LÝ CHÁNH NGHĨA, has been treated with obvious discrimination in his academic education. As an outstanding High School Senior student in Physics, he was selected by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education to participate in the 15th International Olympic Physics Contest held in Sweden on June 26th, 1984. However, a decision from the Vietnamese higher authority rescinded this selection, merely because his father was a Chinese origin capitalist.

On the other way, five more years ago, in their search for freedom, my two under aged sons were caught red handed when they made a <sup>h</sup>val crossing over the Cambodian/Thailand borders. After having been detained in the local jail, they were transferred to Chí-Hòa Central Prison in Ho chi Minh City to be released six months later.

4.- UNHCR INTERVIEW.

During the above-referenced interview, I produced all the pieces of evidence in support of my statements, Mr. Bob Miller, the UNHCR interviewer gave us a Political asylum Petition to fill out and appose my signature thereon. I did as I was instructed to. He then took the signed Petition together with all my pieces of evidence and bade me farewell in the form of a common wish : " So, good luck to you ! "

5.- FAMILIAL CLOSE RELATIONSHIP and SPONSORSHIP.

My US Sponsor, Mr. Tam Minh Ly, now residing in U.S.A., P.O.Box 1003, Milpitas, CA-95.035, is the son of Mr. Lý-Dức who is my paternal uncle concurrently my lawful foster father as it is evidenced through a legal certificate which will be readily provided on request. Furthermore, prior to the 30 April 1975 Event, Mr. Lý-Dức was a RVNAF Lieutenant Colonel in charge of Vĩnh-Long Province Trading Port in the 4th Tactical Area. Thus by law as well as by genealogical bond, Mr. Tam Minh Ly and I, we are siblings.

6.- REASONS and ASPIRATION FOR ASYLUM SEEKING IN THE U.S.A. UNDER O.D.P.

I and my family, we are the victims of a systematic, protracted and relentless treatment stemmed from a drastic discriminative measure. The fact that we were stripped all of our honestly gained properties, that we have been being denied a decent life, and that we have been being lived in a constant fear gives us solid grounds to think that our case carries in itself the eligibility required to be classified in, and approved under the Special humanitarian case category.

The above are our present deplorable plight as well as our urgent straits which warrants us to appeal to your humanitarian, chivalrous, benevolent and compassionate spirit to save us from our desperate circumstance.

In some way, we are recently aware of the current policy of the United States Government which allows those persons who have justified their reasons for being persecuted politically, and are living in a constant fear of being assailed unexpectedly, can be admitted into the United States of America under special humanitarian case. From the above-said new Policy we have known, it is apparent that our case falls into the category for entry under the United States Orderly Departure Programme.

By the mentioned above reasons, we once again earnestly appeal to you, please His Excellency the Senator, knowing that, sympathetic and generous as your high personal, you would not uncare about our urgent request and extend us your helping hand to intercede in our favour with the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to soon grant us the admission into the United States of America for resettlement.

Finally, I solemnly declare that all my statements herein are true and are supported by appropriate pieces of evidence.

While awaiting a positive response to our Petition, please His Excellency the Senator, accept our eternal gratitude as well as our humble wish that you would enjoy a very good health in order to better promote Mankind's freedom, compassion, welfare, and justice.

Most respectfully yours,

*Ly Khai Minh*

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for consideration and action.

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Remark : Please cable me if this Appeal Letter  
has reached you. Thank you so much for your kind assistance.

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