

Ho chi Minh City(VN), January 9th, 1988

To the Honourable Bruce A. Beardsley, Director  
for the United States Orderly Departure Program  
Panjabhum Building  
127, Sathorn Tai Road, Bangkok-10120 - Thailand.

Re : - Interview No S-512 dated 28-II-1984  
- File IV No 502.759/202.883

Subject : Appeal for Early Approval of our Petition for Political Asylum  
in the United States of America under Orderly Departure Program

Dear Sir,

Over three years of expectation and anxiety have passed since we were granted the referenced interview conducted by Mr. Bob Miller from the UNHCR Working Group in duty in Ho chi Minh City. After carefully hearing me expressing my well-founded fear of political protracted and relentless persecution which was duly supported by appropriate pieces of exhibit, Mr. Bob Miller ultimately accepted our case on account of the obviousness of its legitimacy and eligibility for the United States Orderly Departure Program.

Nevertheless, so far our case is neither resolved nor answered.

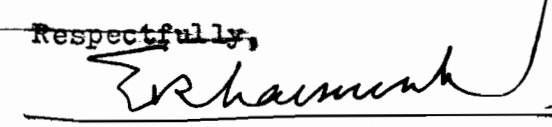
On the other hand, our case is further evidenced by the following clause stipulated in the Geneva Convention under the 1951 United Nations Convention :

" A refugee is a person who is outside the country of which he is a citizen because he entertains a well-founded fear of persecution on account of his race, nationality, membership of a certain social group or religious or political conviction, and who is unable or, on account of his fears, unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country." From the Convention and under the United States current immigration policy we have known, it is apparent that our case falls into one of the category for entry under the United States Orderly Departure Program.

By virtue of the above exposition and with a firm belief in the sense of justice, chivalry, humaneness, and commiseration which basically characterize those personages in notable positions, I earnestly and respectfully appeal to you, Please Dear Director, to further consider our case and approve our Application for entry visa to the United States of America for resettlement under the Special humanitarian case category.

With a high hope that our enquiry soon be fulfilled, we humbly beg you, Dear Director, to accept our everlasting and profound gratitude.

Respectfully,

  
From : LY KHAI MINH, Petitioner  
333/I An Dương Vương Street  
P-II, Q-5, Ho chi Minh City  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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To Mrs. KHUÊ MINH THỎ, Chairman  
for the Vietnam Family Political Prisoners Association (VFPPA)  
PO Box 5435 Arlington - Virginia VA-2205 for support and action.

Ho chi Minh city(VN), May 9, 1987

To Mrs. KHUC MINH THU, Chairman  
for The Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association  
PO Box 5.435 Arlington  
Virginia VA-2205

Subject : Request for intervening in question about asking for Political  
asylum in the United States of America.

Re : Interview No S-512 of 28-II-84  
File IV No 502.759/202.883

Dear Mrs. THU,

I, the undersigned, LY KHAI MINH, male, born 1932 at Saigon-3(VN), my family consists of 5 persons, now residing at 333/I An Dương Vương St, P-II, Quận 5, Ho chi Minh city, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Regarding to the abovementioned reference, we have received a replied letter from the U.S. Orderly Departure Program Office in Bangkok dated June 11, 1985 by reference No APP:RM/nt(0570x) ODP-36 9/84 in which informed that we are not eligible for entry to the United States of America owing to the sponsorship by a cousin. This decision gave us much-surprise and full-disappointment as regards the urgent determination made by the said office. We are in doubt that, in our opinion, the ODP officer/<sup>is</sup> not fully realized our unfortunate situation which we had once meeting and proven all the relevant certificates before a UNHCR's interview officer, working group in HCM City when we had an interview on 28-II-1984 under No S-512, meanwhile he has taken note of the fact and accepted our application for political asylum in the United States of America. We emphasize that our case has agreed to interview by the UNHCR's interview officer, under political reasons category.

For facilitating in your intervention about my case, let us present to you our political reasons as below :

- 1.- I am a native of China, migrated from Canton, China in 1940 and became a naturalized Vietnamese in 1958. (A compulsory decree given by Ngô-Đình-Diệm's Government in the old day.)
- 2.- My previous occupation was Import and Export. I was all confiscated my fortune and deprived of everything by the termination of capitalist class taken in 1976/1978. I was also closely connected with the U.S. Aid and the reactionary foreigners in Saigon under former Government Vietnam. Naturally, I then must be spent a reeducation in the New Economic Zone about one year and until now, I have not been allowed to reintegrate into Vietnamese society.
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Consequently, for the sake of humanitarian act and due to our difficult situation, we insistently appeal to you, please Dear Lady, knowing that, sympathetic and generous as your high personal, you would not uncare about our request and extend us your helping hand to intercede in our favour with the United States Orderly Departure Program Office in Bangkok for soon approving our request for political asylum in the United States of America. We think that you were the anchorage of our hopes, please do not disappoint us. Owing thanks.

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We are looking forward to receiving your prompt reply and should sincerely appreciate any help you can offer.

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PO Box 3435 Arlington  
Virginia VA-2205

**Subject: Request for intervening in question about asking for Political asylum in the United States of America.**

Re: Interview No S-512 of 28-II-84

File IV No 302.859/202.885

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From: DANG DINH HUNG  
P.O. Box 342  
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AUSTRALIA.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1988.

Dear Madam!

I enclosed a copy of the letter of appeal from Mr LY KHAI MINH in VIETNAM to the O.D.P. Office in THAILAND asking for consideration under the Orderly Departure Program.

The appeal was sent to the same office some months ago but no reply was receiving so far, so your support to this case will be helpful.

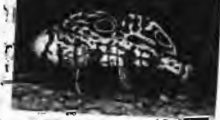
Any contact to my address above will be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you very much Madam.

Yours faithfully

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