

Xa Van Thang
Huyen Van Ninh
Tinh Khanh Hoa
Vietnam

January 15, 1999

Mrs Khuc Minh Tho
FVPPA

Dear Mrs. Tho,

My name is Mai Tan Van, born on March 4, 1942 in Khanh Hoa, Vietnam. After my graduation from college, I was drafted to serve as a lieutenant in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) from 1969 to 1975.

I spent my time in different communist concentration camps until my release on November 24, 1982. During this period of time, I sent many letter home to my former wife Vo Thi Nhung, born June 26, 1942 in An Giang, Vietnam but I received no single reply. Nor did I received any visit from her.

Upon my return home I found my wife has divorced me in absentia. I understood that I had to accept the new and bitter condition of my fate: no job, no place to live, no family.

I came back to my home town in Khanh Hoa following a series of mistreatments and disappointments.

I tried to rebuild my life, making an honest living by teaching. I was remarried on December 30, 1985 to Phung Thi Kim Huong, born April 2, 1959 who bore me a child named Mai Tan Thuc, born November 11, 1989.

I applied to go to the U.S.A. under the ODP/HO Program. I have been assigned case H26-186. Later, after a series of interview by INS officials between January 31 and June 15, 1994, my family and I were given vaccinations from February 1 to February 10, 1994 to get ready to depart to the U.S.A.

For a certain reason my case has been pending since.

I would like to point to the fact that Vo Thi Nhung does not want to sponsor my case, due to her divorce; and my children, being in school, have no financial means to sponsor me either. I believe that the refugee status is the avenue of choice for my case at this time .

Now, my case is clear. We would like to respectfully ask your kindness to assist in this case so that my family and I can go to live in freedom.

My regards,



Mai Tan Van

From Mr. Tan nguyen

January 24, 1999

To District Director, US-INS
93/1 Wireless Road
Deithlem Tower B. Room 114/1
Bangkok 10330
Thailand

To Mrs Khuc Minh Tho
Hoi Gia Dinh Tu Nhan Chinh Tri Viet Nam

Subject Mai Tan Van
Case Number H26-186

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am addressing this letter to ask your favor to help review the case of my friend that I have known for many years, Mr Mai Tan Van, case H26-186, who deserves you attention.

Please find enclosed a copy of the divorce document between Vo thi Nhung and Mai Tan Van. submitted to you for a favorable consideration.

Due to the fact that they have been divorced, his former wife is in no position to sponsor him nor any of his children who, now living under her auspice, have any financial resources to sponsor Mr Mai Tan Van to come to the United States.

We appreciate your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Mr Tan Nguyen

Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Independence-Liberty- Happiness
Ho Chi Minh City People Court of Precinct 1
Case no. 252/LH
Year 1984

Extract Document from the People Court

Based upon the preliminary case number 49/LH/ST dated October 19, 1984, the People Court of Precinct 1 Ho Chi Minh City has examined the divorce case between:

One party: Vo Thi Nhung, born 1942
profession: nurse
residence: TK 49/22 Ben Chnong Duong, district 24, Precinct 1,
Ho Chi Minh city.
(present at the court in session)
Other party: Mai Tan Van, born 1942
Disappeared since 1982
(absent at the court in session)

HAS MADE THE JUDGMENT:

+ About matrimonial relationship: Allowed divorce between Vo Thi Nhung and Mai Tan Van.
+ About custody of the children: Vo Thi Nhung has custody of 3 children: Mai Tan Quang, born July 5, 1972, Mai Tan Huy, born September 15, 1973 and Mai Tan Thong, born July 10, 1975.
+ About common property: Vo Thi Nhung has possession of the residence located at TK 49/22 Ben Chnong Duong, District 24, Precinct 1, Ho Chi Minh City.
Court fee 30\$00 to be paid by Vo Thi Nhung.
The preliminary judgment was made public with Vo Thi Nhung present and Mai Tan Van, absent.
Vo Thi Nhung has the right to appeal this judgment within 15 days from this date. Mai Tan Van has the right to repeal in absentia within 15 days to request a new preliminary trial from the People Court of Precinct 1. If not exercising this right he is allowed to request a final trial within 15 days. The time periods are based from the day that this judgment is delivered to the parties concerned or is posted at the Tribunal/.

People Jury Body

(signatures)
Duong Van Dinh- Nguyen Quynh Anh

Presiding Judge

(signature)

Lai Hanh Thong

This is an exact copy of the original

At Precinct 1 on this 8th day of November 1984

For People Court of Precinct 1

Assistant Judge

(Signature)

Nguyen Thi Thuy

I, Tan Nguyen, do hereby declare that I am conversant in both Vietnamese and English languages and that this is a true and accurate translation of the Vietnamese document.

Tan Nguyen Tan Nguyen Date 1-25-99

I have seen the original document. This is a copy of that document

Arlene B. Philbin Arlene B. Philbin Date 1-25-99
Notary Public



Subj: **Status & Comments of Cases**
Date: 27/12/98 8:07:00 PM EST
From: Fvppa
To:

Dear Vinh,

Please give me the status and ODP's comments of the following cases:

- 1/. VUONG VAN TRO - IV#: 115649
- 2/. PHAN NGOC HO - IV#: 115231
- 3/. DO VAN DAY - H33-604
- 4/. LE THANH CANG - IV#: 270619
- 5/. VAN MINH SU - IV#: 366941
- 6/. LAM QUANG MINH - IV#: 384875
- 7/. TRINH THI LY, DO CAO MINH, DO DINH TAM - IV#: 343478
- 8/. NGUYEN THI LY HUONG - IV#: 377686
- 9/. VUONG HUU THOM - IV#: 3632594, H44-979
- 10/. TRAN DINH DIEN - IV#: 346259
- 11/. TRAN THI MINH TAM - IV#: 385190
- 12/. PHAN HUU HIEU - IV#: 382051
- 13/. LIEU VAN DUOC - IV#: 287548
- 14/. NGUYEN QUANG SANG - IV#: 226339
- 15/. NGUYEN DUC THANH - IV#: 123538
- 16/. NGUYEN SON THANH - IV#: 309570
- 17/. HO NGOC KY - H.35
- 18/. TRAN HUU MOC - IV#: 383227
- 19/. NGO VAN HAI - IV#: 326855
- 20/. DO DUC CHIEN - 027492
- 21/. NGUYEN XUAN LUONG - IV#: 360911
- 22/. NGUYEN VAN SAU - IV#: 280246
- 23/. VO THI BE - IV#: 233687
- 24/. BUI THI LIEN - IV#: 347511
- 25/. NGUYEN THI KIM LANG
(Father: NGUYEN VAN QUY, DOB: Nov. 23,1923, died in camp)
(Mother, widow: LE THI TU)
- 26/. MAI VAN TAN - H.26-186
- 27/. LE TRAN, LE VAN TRINH, LE THI THU TRANG - IV#: 201525

And one ROVR case:

- 1/. NGUYEN VAN PHUOC - ROVR#: 640751
- He currently resides in the US but his 2 sons are in Vietnam.

Thank you so much for your help and Good luck to you.

Best regards,

Tho