



Embassy of the United States of America

Bangkok, Thailand

NGUYEN DANG TRUNG (4)

Reference: IV 954034

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have received your application and have opened a file for you. Your file (IV) number is listed above. Please mark this number on all documents and correspondence you send to us.

The following is a list of documents which are needed to complete our file. Before your case can be considered further, we must have these documents.

Family Documents

- A copy of your birth certificate and the birth certificates of each member of your family.
- A copy of your marriage certificate (if there was a previous marriage we will also need, as appropriate, a death certificate or divorce decree to show the marriage was legally terminated).
- A copy of each person's Vietnamese ID card.
- A photo of each person.

Employment Documents

- Photocopies of papers that show you worked for the U.S. Government or a U.S. organization. Papers that show you worked closely with U.S. officials or U.S. programs while working for the Vietnamese Government or serving in the Vietnamese Military before April 30, 1975. Papers that show you went to school or had training in the U.S. or in another country under U.S. sponsorship.

These papers could be personnel actions, payroll slips, certificates, diplomas, ID cards, travel orders, and the like. Also send the names of American supervisors or advisors, as well as copies of any letters you may have received from them.

- If you or a member of your family had been in re-education, send a copy of the release certificate.
- If you have a close relative in the United States or in another country send us the name and address of that relative, and tell us how the person is related to you.

NOTE: Your legal spouse and unmarried children are the only relatives eligible to accompany you to the United States.

You should collect these documents and send them to us. If you have already submitted some of these documents, you may wish to forward copies of them again to ensure that the copies will be included in our file.

In addition to submitting the required documentation, you should apply for Exit Permits. We must stress the fact that even when our file is complete, it is still the decision of the Vietnamese authorities whether or not you will be permitted to depart. This office has no influence over decisions by the Vietnamese authorities regarding the issuance of Exit Permits. Therefore, all efforts to obtain Exit Permits must be made by you.

Please inform us of any change of address or telephone number for either you or your relatives in the U.S., and always write the IV number (five or six digits) on your letter.

This letter is not being sent to you because we have already reviewed our file for you, but rather to inform you that we have established a case file and to tell you the IV file number. After you have submitted all the required documentation, we will then be able to complete our file. If any other information or documents are needed, we will contact you when we review the file. Please do not write to us unless it is to report a change of address, or to tell us you have obtained Exit Permits; in that case, send us the Exit Permit numbers.

Sincerely,

NA.

Orderly Departure Program  
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Thailand



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### U.S. ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM (ODP) PROCESSING

The U.S. Orderly Departure Program (ODP) has brought over 85,000 people to the U.S. from Vietnam since the program began in 1979. In general, eligibility for the U.S. CDP is based on having sponsoring relatives in the U.S. or proven close association with U.S. policies and programs in Vietnam prior to 1975.

ODP files can be opened on the basis of Affidavits of Relationship (AOR), Immigrant Visa Petitions (Form I-13), Visas 93 cables or ODP Questionnaires indicating close association. Spouses, children, parents and siblings of people residing in the U.S. are eligible for the family reunification aspect of the ODP. Grandparents, grandchildren or other relations may be included in the files, but their eligibility for the ODP will be determined at the time of their interview when a decision will be made as to their dependency on the family unit.

In most cases, once a file is opened the next step in the U.S. processing is review for issuance of a Letter of Introduction (LOI). The LOI is a document which states that the U.S. is willing to interview the person or persons named on the LOI for possible acceptance for movement through the U.S. ODP. It is not a guarantee of approval. The LOI is normally presented to the Vietnamese authorities by the applicants as a preliminary step in obtaining exit permission and pre-departure interviews. Please note that it is the Vietnamese authorities who determine who will be allowed to be interviewed by the ODP.

The success of the ODP has attracted a large number of applicants. Because of this, priorities have been established for LOI review and issuance. Family reunification cases will be reviewed for LOI issuance when the applicants are the beneficiaries of current or near-current Immigrant Visa Petitions and would therefore be able to travel to the U.S. as immigrants. Parents of minor children (under 18 years of age, and thus ineligible to file petitions) living in the U.S. with neither parent are also eligible for LOI issuance upon receipt of an AOR and proper documentation verifying the relationship. This priority system allows the ODP to reserve limited refugee numbers for those who are not eligible for immigrant status. The number of immigrants who can be accepted into the U.S. each year is far greater than the number of refugees allowed.

Visas 93 beneficiaries are also eligible for LOI review. However, if they would enter the U.S. as refugees, review of cases of Immigrant Visa Petition beneficiaries has priority over review of cases based solely on Visas 93. It is strongly recommended that second preference petitions be filed as soon as the U.S. relative is eligible to do so.

The immigration channel will continue to be emphasized in the foreseeable future. If sponsors are eligible to file Immigrant Visa Petitions for their relatives the ODP urges them to do so. Relatives in the U.S. may continue to send AOR's and other documents to the ODP office in Bangkok to serve as the foundation for a future Immigrant Visa file. The file will not be reviewed for an LOI, however, until the petition has been received and is close to being current.

LOI's will continue to be issued to applicants for refugee status who are of special humanitarian concern. These will primarily be Amerasians and their accompanying family members, and applicants who spent long periods of time in reeducation camp due to their close association with U.S. policy and programs in Vietnam.

The ODP receives on a periodic basis lists of names of people the Vietnamese authorities will allow to be interviewed by ODP staff in Ho Chi Minh City. Upon receipt of the list, ODP staff in Bangkok review the cases to determine what further documents or information are necessary. Once the files are complete, the ODP requests that the applicants be made available during one of the interview sessions. If the applicants are approved documentarily they must also undergo a medical examination. If there are no medical ineligibilities the ODP office in Bangkok transmits final approval to the Vietnamese authorities, through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Working Group. The case is then manifested by the Vietnamese for a flight to Bangkok or, in the case of some Amerasian or refugee applicants who will be attending the English as a Second Language/Cultural Orientation program in the Philippines, a direct flight from Vietnam to Manila.

In Bangkok, approved ODP applicants are housed in a transit center where final paperwork and medical checks are completed. They generally stay in Bangkok for about one week. The majority of family reunification applicants then travel directly to the U.S. The majority of Amerasian immigrants and some refugee applicants are sent to the Philippines for the six month language training and cultural orientation program before travelling to the U.S.

All travel arrangements are made by the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration (ICM). Travel costs and visa fees for immigrants and parolees travelling through the ODP must be paid for in advance. When payment is due, the U.S. anchors are sent letters outlining specific information regarding payment. People travelling in refugee status continue to sign promissory notes to be paid back later. The U.S. sponsor will be notified of the exact travel itinerary by a local voluntary agency.

The entire process depends on many variables so it is impossible to predict how long any segment of the procedure will take.

It is very important that ODP be notified immediately of any address changes either in Vietnam or the U.S. Delays in processing have occurred due to ODP having outdated addresses.

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Kính thưa Mэрі Lê Minh Xuân Ngày 10-10-1990

Kính gửi Bà và Hội

Ghê bà và Hội. Gia đình chúng tôi nhận được Một  
(1) IV Mang số 254.034 Ngày 12-9-1990  
do Tòa Đại sứ Thái Lan. Cấp

Gia đình chúng tôi rất cảm ơn bà và Hội  
Bà và Hội đã đem hết mọi khả năng. Cung như  
Số quan tâm giúp đỡ cho gia đình chúng tôi có  
1 niềm tin tuyệt vọng. Tuy đây chỉ là bối cảnh nhưng  
đó là 1 nguồn sáng mà Bà và Hội đã tạo cho chúng  
tôi có niềm hy vọng.

Thưa Bà và Hội. Vào ngày 15/10/1990 bà và Hội  
chúng tôi. và Thương báo cho chúng tôi là. Cân lâm nhưng  
thú tại hồ Sô Mới. Chúng tôi đã lâm xong và đã gửi  
tên cho Tòa Đại sứ Thái Lan. Những giấy tờ cần thiết  
và báo cáo chúng tôi gửi Việt Nam. Ông Dương Nguyễn Du  
gửi phiếu Bảo. Hồ sơ của chúng tôi chuyển qua Hà Nội. VN  
Mỗi thứ chúng tôi lâm xong

Tuy nhiên dù moi có gắng cùi mít con người  
cũng không làm nên tát ca. Gia đình chúng tôi chỉ  
còn một điều là nguyên là Mong Bà, Hội quan tâm  
giúp đỡ thêm và sự số đầu <sup>qua</sup> ~~đầu~~. Hồi thi nỗi  
đau đớn hết qua

Thưa bà và tôi, Mãi dù nhận được IV Rồi. Nhưng về phía  
giá đình chúng tôi iếc vong Mong muốn Tòa án sứ Thanh tra  
cấp cho chúng tôi 1 giấy chấp nhận cho giá đình chúng tôi  
được định cư tại Hoa Kỳ. Có giấy chấp nhận đó chúng tôi  
Mỗi năm <sup>phiên</sup> Việt Nam Cấp hộ chiếu VISA Sớm nhất  
lâm thép đồng tại Đồng Nai <sup>đến</sup> Lên xe buýt cho  
tôi phỏng vấn Do Hoa Kỳ đảm trách.

Thưa bà và tôi. Vẫn để cùa tôi có phân trả lời. Lý do  
vì tôi cài tạo đất 3 năm không đủ tiêu chuẩn, do năm phần  
hà Nội Việt Nam không cho lâm thép đồng để lên xe buýt  
Phỏng vấn. Hồ sơ của tôi tuy lâm xong. Nhưng bà không trả  
Viết nem xem còn để gửi lại không chuyển cho phòng Hoa Kỳ  
Mong bà và tôi đã đạt tên & Cấp trên để cho tôi sớm  
được <sup>✓</sup> nguyên -

Taan et gióng chử để bà và tôi dưới gò

Một lèn mèa để giá đình chúng tôi ch' biết cùa ôn trên  
giá lùi cho bà và tôi trước năm 30/06. Để phòng mìn  
cho ikihng Tú khén cài tạo trong Mong ngóng và ch'  
tôi Mọi tin tức Do bà và tôi đón nhận.

#TB. Đây là fax cùa bà chí  
còn cùa bà chí cùa bà chí

Là mìn xuân - 10-10-1990

Ban Mê Thaux cung bà chí 3' chung mìn với  
giá đình. và liên quan đan với tôi nhiều

Kính thưa  
Nguyễn Đăng Trung

Dưới đây là tên; Câu lạc bộ kem Sáng tạo và tài

NGÔ THỊ LƯU

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