

Si Ba Tuy
ODP CHECK FORM

Date: 6/3

To: MR. DANIEL SULLIVAN
RP/RAP/SEA (ODP)
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

From: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
P.O.BOX 5435 - Arlington, Virginia 22205-0635

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Name: Nguyen Kim Son

Date of Birth: _____

Address in VN

Spouse Name: _____

Number of Accompanying Relatives: 1

Reeducation Time: 2 Years Months Days

IV # 247619

VEWL # 0

I-171 : Yes: _____ No. - EXIT PERMIT: Yes ; No.

Special List # _____

Sponsor: _____

Remarks:
(From Mr. Sullivan)

Sincerely,

[Signature]

KHUC MINH THO
Tel.



HỘI GIA ĐÌNH TÙ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ VIỆT NAM
FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION

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DATE: _____

Orderly Departure Program
American Embassy, Box 58
APO San Francisco 96346-0001

Re: NGUYEN KIM SON. _____

Date of Birth: _____

IV #: _____

Length of Time in Re-education Camp _____

Dear Sir/Madam:

Upon request from the family of the above referenced former re-education camp detainee in Vietnam, I am forwarding to you the enclosed document(s) to complete his record with your office. I trust that the document(s) will be sufficient.

Should you have any additional questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the above address.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and assistance in the processing of this applicant.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President

Enclosures

NOTE: This applicant has been sponsored by _____
as shown in the attachments.

It is also requested that the Letter Of Introduction be sent to our Association at the address that appears above.



Embassy of the United States of America
Bangkok, Thailand
DATE: 23 MAY 1989

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Please notify the U.S. Consulate in Saigon, Vietnam, or the U.S. Embassy in
Hanoi, Vietnam, immediately if the Principal Applicant in the U.S. has a change of address.

Sincerely,

Thom

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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. ODP 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-130), 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, as 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 on file.

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Panjabhum Building
127 South Sathorn Road
Bangkok 10120, Thailand
Tel: 252-5040, EXT ODP

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