

To: Honorable U.S. Senator John McCain

From: Nguyen Tran Dat

Subject: Request for assistance in a family reunification case.

Ref.: Your Amendment Bill 5064 F.O.A. - HR 3540

September 9th., 1996

Dear Honorable Senator,

I, undersigned, Nguyen Tran Dat, born on May 8, 1959, [REDACTED] naturalized U.S. citizen on 1993, presently residing at [REDACTED] wish to bring my family reunification case to your consideration.

Previously, in March 1994, I have submitted a file through H.O. program to U.S. embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, in order to have my mother and six brothers & sisters reunited with me in the United States under my sponsorship. I judge that it is an eligible case because my father, named Nguyen Van Gang - a former official and military officer of the former Vietnamese Regime, detained in the communist re-education camp for more than 3 years, had passed away in 1981, one year after his release from the camp due to a disease he contracted during his imprisonment.

However, after a long period of waiting, I did not receive any response from the U.S. embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. Therefore, at the end of 1994, I have submitted another file for my mother (Mrs. Tran Thi Lang) and my six brothers & sisters to come to the United States under the Orderly Departure Program (O.D.P.). But only my mother was accepted while all my brothers & sisters were denied for the reason of being over 21 years old. In fact, my brothers & sisters were teenagers when I submitted my petition for the first time for family reunification in September 1988 (IV# 529750). The lingering office time of the file at Bangkok, Thailand makes their ages over the limit of 21!

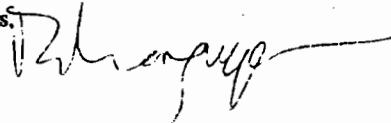
Their names and ages are as follows:

- 1/ Nguyen Lan Chi (1961) - single
- 2/ Nguyen Lan Huong (1964) - single
- 3/ Nguyen Lan Anh (1967) - single
- 4/ Nguyen Tran Duy Duc (1966) - just married (3/96)
- 5/ Nguyen Tran Duy Liem (1970) - single
- 6/ Nguyen Tran Xuan Phong (1972) - single

Recently, I have seen a light at the end of the tunnel: Your sponsored Amendment 5064 to the Bill "Foreign Operation Appropriation" Hr 3540 has been enacted on July 25, 1996 by the U.S. Senate and will be considered by the Conference Committee. The Amendment makes provision allowing the single siblings of 21 or over from the Vietnamese officials/ officers detained for over 3 years, to come to the U.S. with their parents under the H.O. Program. My brothers & sisters are eligible for this case. Therefore, I wish to submit the case under your consideration with the strong hope that you can help me for this case, which could be reconsidered again and admitted in the HO program, by virtue of the Amendment mentioned above. I strongly hope that you support Section 595 to remain in the final Act, so that you will be helping many other families of former Vietnamese political prisoners who are in separated family condition like my mother's. On behalf of my mother and my sisters & brothers, I wish to extend my gratitude to you and to the U.S. Congress for this meaningful and humanitarian action.

Respectfully Yours,

Nguyen Tran Dat





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