

**Ly Truong Tran (IV-304480/ E17-422)**

Former congressman, 10 year re-ed. Amcit son Ky Thuan Ly declined to file an immediate relative visa petition for personal reasons. Case was sent to INS 12Nov96 to determine potential to waive 207.1(d) denial and pursue refugee claim. Presumably FVPPA letter of 23Dec96, which details Ly's reasons for not filing, was forwarded to INS. Case is still pending INS review.

Interestingly enough, INS phoned ODP this very day (14Feb) requesting that we send the file to them; we advised that the file was already in their possession. This may mean that some action is imminent. If so, we can probably expect to have some news by 21Feb. I will advise you.

**Nguyen Thanh Chieu (IV-93091/ R11-324)**

Writer/ journalist. Case is presently classified as a potential "case of compelling concern", ie. ineligible under ordinary HO processing guidelines, but capable of qualifying for classification as a "priority two case of special concern to the U.S." Upon receipt of an inquiry at an appropriate level of interest (eg. US government official, human rights org. etc), case will be referred to ODP Director who, in consultation with State/PRM and INS-HQIA, may authorize case for Priority Two processing. (This is the same status as the lost commando cases, certain religious ministers, etc.) ODP may not yet have received the 8Feb97 letter from the Vietnamese Writers Abroad P.E.N. Center, or it is still in the mail system, for the letter has not been forwarded to the file, nor has the ODP director requested the file for review. It may be a good idea to copy Eldon Hager/ JVAR on any such letters to the ODP Director, to double your chances that somebody will take appropriate action. In Chieu's case, once he receives and acts on the inquiry, I imagine that the ODP Director will request the SRV Working Group to facilitate issuance of an Exit Permit. I am not aware of any SRV MOI prohibition against granting EP's to former dissident writers.

I will check periodically this week and next to see if any action is being taken on this case.

**Nguyen Minh Tam (IV-334619/ H25-360)**

ARVN 2LT, 6-year re-ed. Case rejected Jan94/ lack of credibility. Two problems: officer says Tam's claims do not match his documents regarding his term in re-ed; and his MC (allegedly registered 22Dec73) and BC for son Tri (allegedly registered 20Jan75) appear very similar: same stamp, same reg. official, same signature. The similarities led officer to discount the authenticity of the documents.

GRT states arrest date 7Jun76-26Sep81, MOI verification states 26Jun75-26Sep81. Officer may not have realized that Tam escaped and was at large only ONE DAY before his apprehension on 7Jun76.

Tam will need to submit a new letter of appeal that addresses and clarifies these two issues: (1) that he was indeed re-arrested in 1975 and at large only one day, escaping to see his family, and that the GRT only reflects the date of his re-arrest, rather than the date of his initial detention; and (2) explaining the documentary problems to support his claimed family relationships. It may be difficult to overcome the credibility problem, as the appellant has a heavy evidentiary burden, and INS wields complete discretionary authority in reviewing new evidence or explanations in a rejected refugee case.

**Lam Huu Chi (IV-116718/ H41-241)**

ARVN CPT, 7 year re-ed. Case was reinterviewed and approved 4Dec96. Awaiting departure scheduling, Chi and his family of eight will resettle with his brother in Houston.

**Tran Thang Thuc (TV-26838/ 1M2-443)**

Political prisoner arrested 1987, reportedly released August 1996. Wife Nguyen Thi Thu Huong is a US citizen.

ODP does not know the current address of Mr. Thuc. Did you send a copy of his re-ed release to ODP? If so, no action has been taken, possibly the mail has been mislaid. If you have Thuc's current address, please send it to ODP and we will reschedule an interview. Thuc will probably be processed as an immigrant, which means we will need a new affidavit of support from his wife in Stockton, CA.

**Pham Minh Tri (328713/ H32-1013)**

ARVN MSGT 4yr3mo re-ed, rejected for lack of credibility Nov95 citing incomplete military serial number and lack of credibility to photocopied GRT.

INS has just reviewed this case, and is requesting further information before making a final determination. Tri has 2 kids in the US, Pham Thi Bich Lien and Pham Thi Bich Hao. If you are in contact with these ladies, can you tell me their alien registration numbers and the country of asylum from which they departed for the US? After I receive this info I will pass the case back to INS.

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Please be advised that Pham Minh Tri and family are now scheduled to depart Vietnam on November 11, 1997. This is the earliest available flight equipped for the special medical requirements of Pham Minh Tri.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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