



Embassy of the United States of America

DATE: Nov 16 89

IV: 14 980

PA: Phang Canh.

Thac Minh Tho

Dear Tho.

This is in response to your inquiry of Jun 30 89 regarding the above mentioned ODP applicants.

The eligible applicants on this case were issued a Letter of Introduction (LOI) on 21 Apr 89. If they have not already, they should take the LOI to their local authorities to apply for emigration. If they have applied in the past without success, they should be advised to reapply as the Vietnamese have resumed accepting application.

Some family members may not be included on the LOI. These would include sons and daughters over 21 years of age or other relatives who do not have their own eligibility, such as a current immigrant visa petition. While they are not eligible for inclusion on the LOI, should they appear for interview with the other eligible family members their dependancy and eligibility for the program will be determined at that time.

No further action will be taken on this case until their names appear on a list of names received from the Vietnamese authorities as being eligible for interview by the ODP. The compilation of this list is under the control of the Vietnamese authorities.

If the applicants receive exit permits, passports or other indication that their names have been presented to the U.S. authorities, it should be seen as a good sign. However, they should be advised that it is often months between the notification of the applicants and the actual receipt of the list by the U.S. ODP. ODP must receive this list before they can be considered for interview. Once their names appear on a list the file will be reviewed and, when determined to be documentarily complete, their names will be proposed for interview by ODP staff in Vietnam. Any additional documentation will be requested from the anchor relative in the U.S.

Please assure that ODP is kept apprised of any address or family composition changes relating to this case.

Sincerely,

U.S. Orderly Departure Program