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s/t.: VNse POLITICAL PRISONERS

To: Mr. POUL HARTLING, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, at N.Y.

- his Representative at Hanoi, VietNam
- his Representative, Mr. Pierre Von Gunter, at ThuDuc, VietNam
- and to:
- Mr. Secretary of State George P. Schultz, Washington D.C.
- Mr. Donald I. Colin, Director of ODP, American Embassy, Thailand

Dear Mr. POUL HARTLING:

I am really encouraged to learn the news of Hanoi and U.S.A. on the matter of political prisoners.

With this letter I would like to request you to be in charge of the following THREE Vietnamese political prisoners which happen to be my close relatives: my wife herself, my sister-in-law, and my uncle.

(1) My wife named CHAU NGUYET HONG, DOB 01-16-38, Case DOP No 046 (issued in 1978), AVEWL Series No 354.1, current address So 12 Lot 3 Duong Vuon Chuoi, Quan Ba, HoChiMinh City, VietNam. She was put in TayNinh prison in May 1977 for the Government charge of relating a so-called "political" rebellious action of my following sister-in-law, but in fact my wife had nothing to do with that so-called charge. After all, after FIVE years in the prison the Vietnamese government had to "release" her without any jury nor court presentations. She was released on May 1982. She had the AVEWL No for a long time. And she has applied for the EXIT PERMIT for a long time too, but until now she does not receive any interview for that purpose from any Vietnamese Officials at Nguyen-Trai Office yet! Could you please, for the sake of speeding her exit, include her in the political prisoner list with your effort of bringing her to unify with her husband, myself, and son.

(2) The second case is the case of my sister-in-law, named CHAU MY KIM (I did not have her D.O.B. yet). She is being put in the political prison now at "Trai HAM TAN" (South VietNam). The Vietnamese Government charge her, first of all, twenty years in prison, now five years in prison as a reduced number. Would you please include her in the political prisoner list with your effort to bring her here with us.

(3) The third case is the case of my uncle named TA THANH CANH, my mother's brother, ODP Case No. IV 47737. He worked for the 'Secret' Agency of the Republic of VietNam, the Agency was in harmony and in contact with the U.S. Agency at that time. As a result he was put in Vietnamese Political Prison from 1975 until 1983. Now he and his wife reside at 237/20 Ngo Tung Chau, Phuong 11, Quan Binh-Thanh, HoChiMinh City.

Would you please include him in the political prisoner list with your effort to bring him here to us.

I do sincerely appreciate your humanity effort.

Would you please let me know what to do in order to carry out my humanity responsibilities.

Respectfully.