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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to testify that I have known Mr. Vu Quoc Chau since July , 1965 following my appointment as Director General of the Vietnam National Radio Broadcasting Network (known in Vietnam as Vo Tuyen Viet Nam - VTVN). At that time Mr. Chau was employed by the VTVN in a permanent full time position as a program producer and script writer. He worked at the main station on 3 Phan Dinh Phung Street, Saigon.

Mr. Chau was a talented broadcaster who loved his profession and devoted his professional career to excellence in this field. Consequently he was assigned as the head of the production section to produce a series of special programs targeted to the listeners in the rural areas. One of these programs won the Asian Broadcasting Union Award of 1967. The award was presented at the annual General Assembly of this organization taking place in Singapore in September of that year. His broadcasting programs contributed greatly to the success of the rural reconstruction program initiated by the South Vietnam Government in the mid of 60s.

I was very proud to have Mr. Chau on my staff during the time I was with VTVN. He made a lot of valuable contributions to enhance and improve our broadcasting programs. When I left VTVN in early 1969, Mr. Chau continued to work with this agency until the fall of Saigon in 1975. Mr. Chau was then arrested by the new regime and sent to the re-education camps for several years.

I therefore testify that the above statement is true and that I know Mr. Vu Quoc Chau was an employee of the South Vietnam Government who served admirably for the common cause of South Vietnam. I also want to testify that although we have the same family name but Mr. Chau and I are no relatives at all. I take full responsibility under penalty according to law for perjury.

Attached is some evidence to prove my identity and professional experience in Vietnam: (1) Technical information about Radio Vietnam (VTVN) appeared on the Pacific Broadcasting Magazine (page 178) published by ABU in 1967. This information provides my name and my title relating to VTVN; (2) A press clipping from the Saigon Post of 2/16/1969 relating to me and my position at that time.

Currently I would add that I work as a program manager for the Department of Social and Health Services of Washington State. I can be contacted at the following phone numbers and address:

Telephone: [REDACTED] (Work)
[REDACTED] (Home)

Home Address: Vinh Duc Vu
[REDACTED]
Bellevue, WA. 98006-3423
USA

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions relating to the case of Mr. Vu Quoc Chau's employment in Saigon in the mid of 60s.

Signature:

Vinh Vu
Vinh Vu

Date: 10/29/1998

Notary Public:



Barbara A. Chandler
Exp. 12-15-2000
Seattle, King Co.

International Catholic Migration Commission / Joint Voluntary Agency
- ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM

PERMISSION FOR ENTRY

PRINCIPAL APPLICANT:

DATE: 24 SEP 1998

Vu Quoc Chau

INTERVIEW LIST NUMBER:

R10 - 390 (4)

REASON FOR ENTRY:

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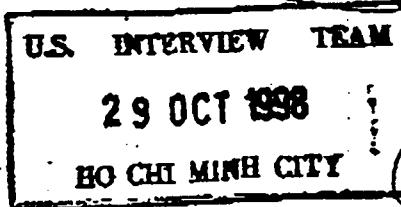
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**Radio Head
Resigns**

**Col. Vinh Still
Head OF VTVN**



Embassy of the United States of America

Bangkok, Thailand

Orderly Departure Program

Date: 22 OCT 1988

Dear ODP applicant:

Your resettlement application on file with the US Orderly Departure Program (ODP) was denied by an officer of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at an interview in Ho Chi Minh City.

This letter is to inform you that, because your application has been denied, it is no longer being handled by ODP. Your case file and all materials relating to your application have been transferred to the INS District Office in Bangkok, Thailand.

All future correspondence relating to your application should be directed to the INS at the following address:

**US Immigration and Naturalization Service
93/1 Wireless Road
Ditthikem Tower B, Room 114/1
Bangkok 10330 Thailand**

Enclosed are the original documents, if any, from your case file. Photocopies have been retained for the record.

Sincerely yours,

*Mr. Vu Anh Chau
(I V # 268479)*

**Dewey Pendergrass
Director and Chief Counsel
US Orderly Departure Program**

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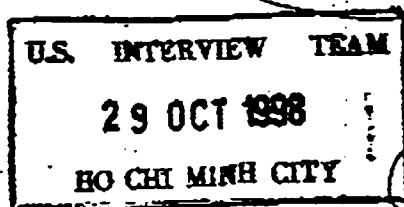
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HH Thủy thưa,

Chào qua nhận E-mail của HD. Sáng nay
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trong vòng 5 phút. Tao nói cần xin tờ giấy từ chủ
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tại Bangkok nên lúc này không còn gì. Tuy nhiên bà
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tao vào chiều ngày 6/11. Tao yêu cầu bà ta viết cho
tao tờ giấy chìa, ghi lại ý đồ và bà ta đã viết ngay lùn tờ
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đó. Tạm thời tao fax nguyên tờ giấy có chìa viết của
bà ta là tờ này cho máy để tùy nghi.

Chúc vợ chồng may mắn luôn.

Chử th.

VQ. CHÂU

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November 12, 1998

Ms. Pam Lewis
Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration
State Annex 1 (SA-1)
US Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Pam:

In anticipation of our meeting on Thursday, November 19, we want to bring to your attention several specific cases which we believe are representative of some issues we intent to raise at the meeting.

The first concerns the case the case of Vu Quoc Chau (IV-268479). We have just learned that ODP again denied in an interview on September 29, 1998, refugee status for Mr. Vu Quoc Chau on the basis that his incarceration for ten years from 1975 to 1985 was for revolutionary activities not related to pre-1975 association with the governments of the United States and the Republic of South Vietnam. We believe that his incarceration in a reeducation camp immediately following the fall of South Vietnam in 1975, despite the fact that Mr. Vu was not in the military, is clearly related to his close association with the policies of the governments of the United States and South Vietnam in the Vietnam war era. Mr. Vu Quoc Chau was a prominent journalist for three major newspapers in South Vietnam, which advocated the policies of South Vietnam and of the United States in Vietnam in this era. More importantly, Mr. Vu was for a time a high ranking official of the South Vietnamese Ministry of Information when he worked directly for the government of South Vietnam as head of the production section in the Ministry of Information (please see enclosed affidavit Lt. Col. Vinh Duc Vu). He was arrested and detained for his professional journalist activities and his close association with the policies of the governments of South Vietnam and the United States. We ask that you review the denied refugee determination of this case. To assist you in this review, we have enclosed documents relating to the case.

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#2 ✓ The second case is that of Dr. Tran Thang Thuc (IV-26838), whose long suffering and 14 years of incarceration we described to you in our letter of September 20, 1998 (copy enclosed). You will recall that you addressed several issues of this case in your fax to us of September 25, 1998 (copy enclosed). We understand that Dr. Tran will take the originals of his divorce decree and new marriage certificate to HCMC for review and official copying. We feel compelled to ask you to reconsider the requirement that the children of Dr. Tran submit tax and income statements showing that they are unable to sponsor their father. We feel that this is unreasonable, unrealizable and a requirement waived by ODP in other similar cases. The children of Dr. Tran have clearly expressed no interest in sponsoring their father and we know of no authority that can compel them to do so. In such circumstances, we feel that the only reasonable, fair and just alternative is to process Dr. Tran as a refugee, which he clearly is. Please take another look at this case. ✓ #3

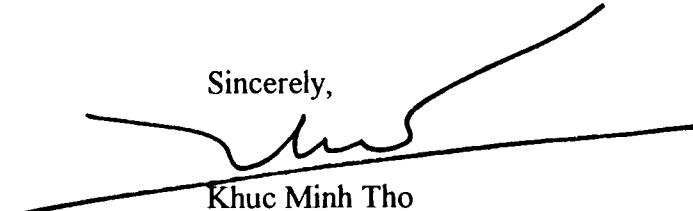
The third case concerns Nguyen Phi Hung (IV-374540/RF1-2090), whose case was denied due to lack of verification of his reeducation time. Mr. Nguyen Phi Hung has received verification from the Vietnamese government of his re-education time. We will give you copies of these documents at our meeting, including the list (Decision 59/QD) of 60 persons confirmed re-ed time, of which Mr. Nguyen Phi Hung is number 20, page 3. Please follow-up with ODP to ensure receipt of this re-ed time confirmation and please ask ODP to schedule the interview as soon as possible.

Finally, we want to bring to your attention the case of Mr. Tran The Cuong (H32-983), who was detained in a reeducation camp from May, 1975 until his release on January 24, 1978, a period of two and one-half years (copies of translated and Vietnamese release certificate enclosed). In addition, Mr. Tran was trained at Air Force bases in the United States from July 1962 to August 1963 and again from July 1970 to October 1970 (see enclosed letter). As such, Mr. Tran qualifies for the HO subprogram of ODP; unfortunately, however, Mr. Tran was unable to express his qualifications for the program at his interview in September, 1994. We ask that ODP reconsider this case and schedule another interview for Mr. Tran in which he can present the qualifying facts of his case for the HO subprogram. ✓ #4

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Pam, thanks you so much for your attention to these cases. We look forward to meeting with you on November 19.

Sincerely,


Khuc Minh Tho
President

Enclosures: As stated