

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

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Dear Tho,

Many thanks for  
your letters to Senator  
Pell. Thought you would  
like to have the enclosed.

Frank

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 7, 1988

The Honorable George P. Shultz  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In September 1984 and in subsequent years, you testified that the United States would accept the "re-education camp" prisoners held in grim conditions since the fall of Vietnam and Laos. We welcomed your statement, which responded to reported "offers" by the Vietnamese that they would release the prisoners if the United States would take them. After you said we would, the Vietnamese government backed off and failed to make good on their publicized offer. Now at long last the Vietnamese have announced that virtually all the remaining re-education camp prisoners have been released, leaving fewer than 200 still in detention.

The families of these men in the U.S. are relieved that their loved ones at long last have been freed from prison. But they are concerned that no special initiatives are being made to expedite their movement from Vietnam. We are informed that the prisoners have been released to their home regions in Vietnam, but with no immediate access to the Orderly Departure Program. In addition to their families, there is concern about these men from former U.S. military and civilian officers who served with them in Southeast Asia.

We believe now is the time for you to renew the offer that you made four years ago -- to make clear in whatever appropriate manner that the former re-education camp prisoners should be assisted in coming to the U.S. with their families through the ODP program. You may be assured that we are prepared to assist in this humanitarian task in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Immigration  
and Refugee Affairs



Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign  
Relations

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Frank 12:00  
3/29/88

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- 2) Gặp lại khi Phái Đoàn  
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- 3) Phái Đoàn ~~ĐH~~ ở New  
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(y' Kiến Frank)
- 4) Tại sao Phái Đoàn VN  
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Có nơi nào không.