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Family Support Administration
Office of Refugee Resettlement

Washington, D.C. 20447

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Dear ^{Michael} Mr. Myers:

The expected arrival in the U.S of up to 9,000 former reeducation detainees from Vietnam during FY 1990 poses a unique challenge to individuals and organizations serving refugees.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement has scheduled several activities within the next few weeks regarding the delivery of services to this population. You and your staff are cordially invited to attend and participate in any of the meetings listed below.

-- January 16 & 17 and February 13 & 14

Workgroups made up of representatives from various Federal, State and county agencies, Vietnamese mutual assistance organizations, and national and local voluntary resettlement agencies will meet at the Quality Hotel Downtown, 1315 16th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. The January 16 meeting convenes at 9:00 a.m.

-- January 31

A public meeting to allow individuals and organizations to express their views is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 800 of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C.

If additional information is desired please contact Bill Eckhof at 252-4557.

Sincerely,

Chris Gersten
Director, Office of
Refugee Resettlement



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TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS
HEADS OF STATE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM (RRP)

SUBJECT: Update on Refugee Program Funding Under the FY 1991
Appropriation -- INFORMATION

This follows up on Assistant Secretary Jo Anne Barnhart's letter of December 21, 1990, "Refugee Program Funding in FY 1991."

We want to advise you what we are doing to avoid the kind of situation that occurred in FY 1991 when, late in the year, it became clear that the funds available for refugee cash and medical assistance (CMA) were insufficient to meet the projected types of costs.

We have heard that a number of States are very concerned that current expenditures are exceeding the annualized rate of their CMA awards for the first two quarters. We have also heard that some States, based on that information, are feeling pressure to take early action to reduce the period of payment for RCA/RMA or to refuse placements of unaccompanied minors.

I want to urge you not to take such actions at this time, because:

- o To date, we have awarded only one-half of the \$234,216,000 appropriated for CMA for FY 1991.
- o We plan to adjust the third-quarter awards in light of surpluses and deficiencies which States have experienced in the first two quarters so that the cumulative amounts awarded through the third quarter will provide full funding for States' estimated needs for the higher-priority activities for the first nine months of the fiscal year, October 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991.

The FSA Regional Offices have just been following up with all States regarding the adequacy of their CMA awards for the first two quarters of FY 1991 and estimates for the rest of the year.

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- o We will advise States by April 30 about the overall outlook regarding FY 1991 CMA funds.
- o By May 31, we will advise States what each State's total CMA award for FY 1991 will be and what steps you can take to assure that your State does not incur obligations for the higher-priority activities in excess of the available CMA funds. Your submittal of your second-quarter financial report (SF-269) by the due date of April 30 is essential to this process.

The principle that we wish to apply is that all States will be treated equitably under the available appropriation. We will award all available funds to that end.

If you should have any questions about your CMA awards and estimates, please contact your FSA Regional Administrator.

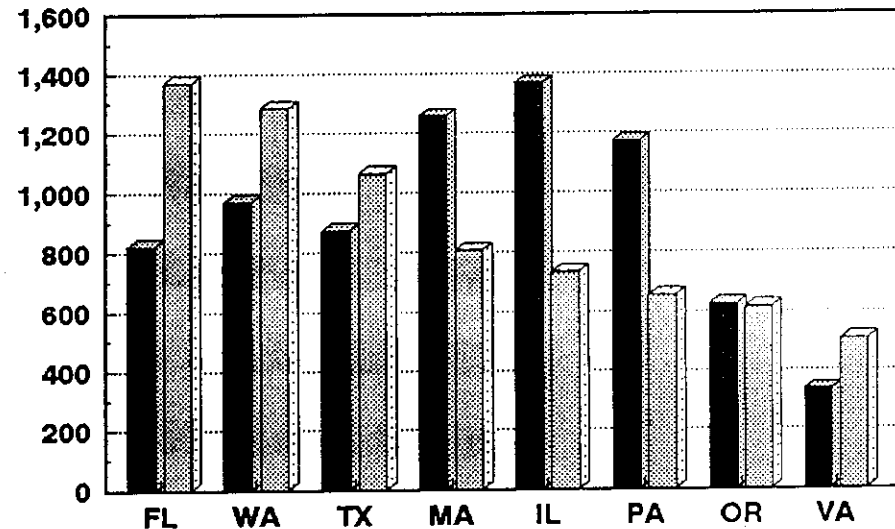
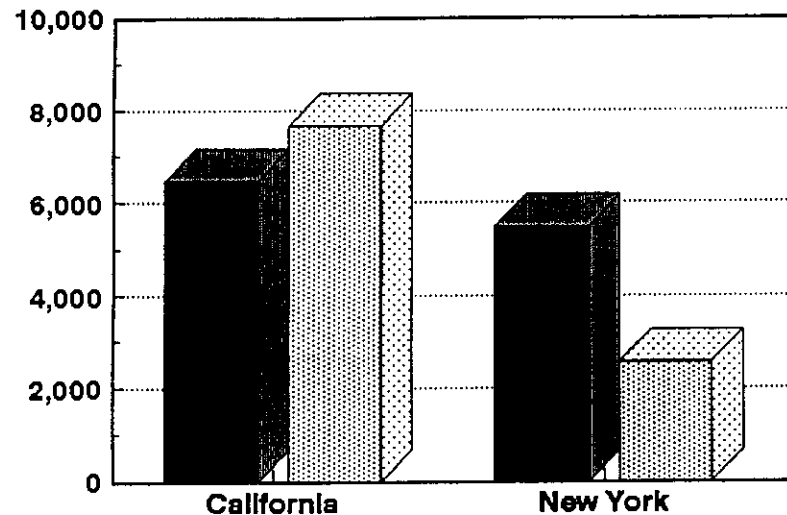
We hope the information contained in this letter is helpful, and we will continue to keep you informed as new information becomes available.

Chris Gersten
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Director
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cc: FSA Regional Administrators

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Refugee Arrivals - Ten Top States First Three Months - FFY 1990 and 1991



■ 1990 ■ 1991

State	FFY 1991	FFY 1990
California	7,673	6,495
New York	2,570	5,482
Florida	1,372	823
Washington	1,286	967
Texas	1,060	872

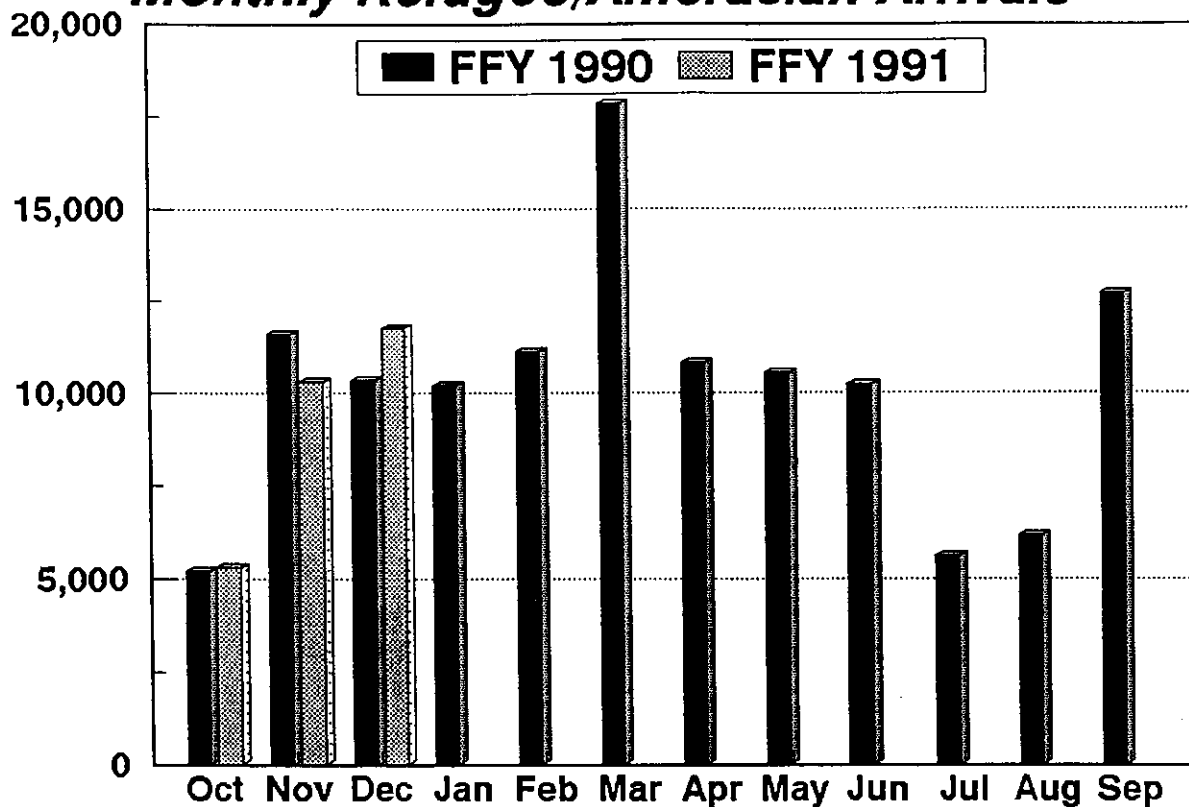
State	FFY 1991	FFY 1990
Massachusetts	807	1,257
Illinois	734	1,370
Pennsylvania	656	1,171
Oregon	615	625
Virginia	507	332

U.S. Totals: FFY 1990 - 26,159
FFY 1991 - 23,514

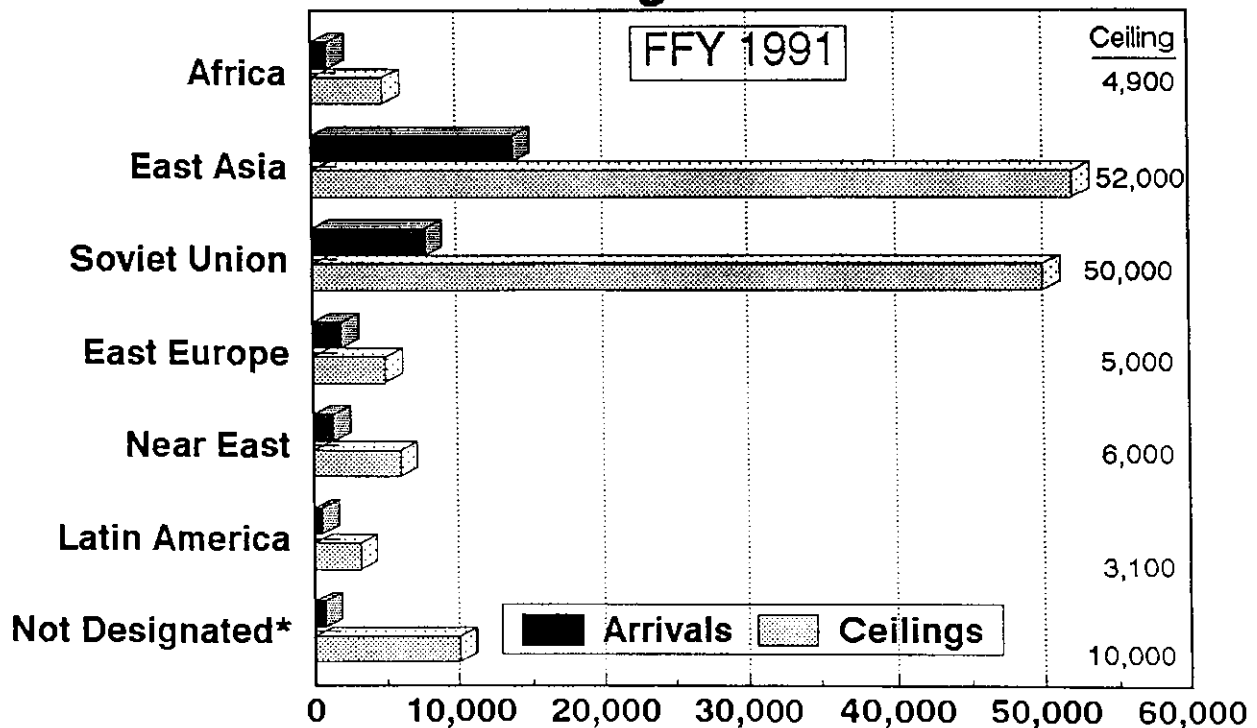
1990 - Named States = 74.1% of Total
1991 - Named States = 73.5% of Total

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Monthly Refugee/Amerasian Arrivals



Refugee Ceilings by Region and Arrivals through Three Months



*Privately funded; may be allocated to any area.

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