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2. I hereby appoint, with power of substitution, to vote for me as if I were present at the 1987 Annual Meeting to be held on 2 May 1986, in Alexandria, VA, the following individual whose name is checked below, with all powers I would possess if present. (VOTE FOR ONE ONLY)

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<input type="checkbox"/> _____	(name), a member in good standing whom I expect to be present at the 1987 Annual Meeting to represent me.	

3. I suggest that the 1989 Annual Meeting and Reunion be held at _____, I prefer the date of _____.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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From War to a New Life in Washington

This is the fifth and last of a much-long series of guest columns written by Washington area high school students. The winning essays, all of them about life in Washington, were chosen from among thousands of entries.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who entered. Your essays were excellent. I only wish that space and time permitted me to publish the work of more of you.

Today's essay is by Minh-Duyen Thi Dang, a 16-year-old from Rockville who is a junior at Woodward High School. Minh's essay was prepared under the supervision of her journalism teacher, Barbara Blum. Minh calls her essay "Washington—Life After All."

From bombs and running scared to cherry blossoms and monumental palaces, the bloody terror of Vietnam gave way to Washington's character and security.

To a little five-year-old Vietnamese refugee, Washington at first seemed like a big, impersonal, loud area. Countless buildings loomed overhead, strange faces met me every day and the endless lines of traffic created a deafening noise. Yet Washington soon became a home and haven for me, a bank in which to safeguard my hopes and dreams.

Upon my family's arrival from Vietnam, so many people in the Washington area reached out to help us. Understanding that we did not have enough to afford the bare essentials of life, the Red Cross provided us with clothes and the church gave us food.

Washington gave my family the chance to create a new life for ourselves. The Vietnam War had taken us from the home we had known in Saigon. But we still had each other and had found the perfect place to plant new roots—Washington.

In Washington, a family opened their home to us. Imagine letting seven strangers into your home, sharing your meals and happiness with them, asking for nothing in return. Their generosity and selflessness permitted our family to stay together. In fact, they made us a part of their family and helped us in every way possible.

They sent my two brothers, my sister, and me to school. In this way, they gave us the great opportunity of learning to communicate in English, as well as learning how to love, to give and to care about others.

Our host family also exposed us to ways of life to which we were unaccustomed. For example, they introduced us to the Catholic church. Being

Buddhists, my parents especially felt the clash of religion. Yet we found the different ethnic groups in Washington very interesting, and we welcomed the blend of cultures.

Because the city harbors people from almost every country, my family as immigrants never felt like outsiders.

For many others just like us, Washington represents a second chance at life. Instead of letting our ambitions die with our home in Vietnam, we picked up the pieces and built a new life.

Starting over was especially hard for my parents. All their lives they had not known any other way of life than that in Vietnam. Not only did they have to adjust now, but they also had to take care of four small children in an unfamiliar country.

My father had been an established dentist in Vietnam. Upon coming to the United States, he wanted to obtain an American dental degree—a doctorate of dental medicine. Thus, in 1975, less than a year after we had arrived in Washington, he began his quest and study for the degree in a new language: English.

I still remember those endless nights he spent struggling with his studies, determined to be able to give his family a stable home life, not to mention attaining his own goal.

With the moral support of our host family and the opportunity provided by the Washington area, my father obtained his degree in 1977. We all felt much pride as we watched our father in his cap and gown, receiving his degree as a seal of our success.

My father is now an assistant professor at the college of dentistry at Howard University. He also practices dentistry in a private office in Silver Spring, Md.

We now have our own home in suburban Maryland: Montgomery County. Our dream of rebuilding our home in the Washington area has been fulfilled.

Somewhat Washington, D.C., cheers dreamers on with its vivacity, saying, "If I'm a city and can be so alive in accomplishments, can't you, won't you, try to succeed?"

"Yes," I answer, "I have succeeded in burying terrible thoughts of the Vietnam War, of the unfairness of it. I have succeeded in blending the Vietnamese culture with the American way of life. I have succeeded in growing to appreciate the place I live and what it represents: the dream of life."

My family and I remain forever grateful to the Washington area and the people of Washington for giving us life after death, life after Vietnam, life after all.

SOLDIER OF TWO ARMIES



Sgt. Thanh Stough is a recruiter today • and 11 years ago was a South Vietnamese ranger.

By Gil Hogue

HOW many Army sergeants today are combat veterans of Vietnam who were wounded and had their first experience in combat at age 15?

Sgt. Thanh N. Stough, a recruiter in Richmond, Calif., fits all three categories, although nothing on his uniform hints of his extraordinary background. Yet he has the quiet self-assurance typical of men who have put their lives on the line in combat many times. Sgt. Thanh Stough has been a citizen of two countries and a soldier of two armies.

Stough, born in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, in 1957, always wanted to be a soldier. Growing up in a country torn by war did nothing to cool his enthusiasm. In 1972, at age 15, he enlisted in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 65th Ranger Battalion. For two years he fought in numerous actions out of Quang Tri Province near the Demilitarized Zone and was wounded once.

In 1975, just before the fall of South Vietnam, his battalion, down to 125 soldiers and without a commander, was located in the Saigon area and preparing to defend the capital.

GIL HOGUE is a public affairs specialist, Army Recruiting Battalion San Francisco, Alameda, Calif.

"We were told to surrender when the capital fell," he said, "but we decided to escape." He managed to get aboard a small fishing boat, sailed into the South China Sea, and was picked up by the U.S. 7th Fleet. Stough was taken to the Philippines, Guam and finally, to the refugee camp at Camp Pendleton, near San Diego, Calif.

His divorced mother had left Vietnam in 1973 and was living in the San Francisco area. She and his step-father went to San Diego and filled out the required papers for his release. Two and a half weeks later, Stough was in San Francisco, ready to begin the transition into a new life.

But that's only half the story. For Thanh Stough, the logical next step was to get back into the Army — this time, the U.S. Army. He tried to enlist, but he had no education beyond the 9th grade and he could barely speak English. "Go to high school," his stepfather advised, and he did. He graduated from Albany (Calif.) High School in 1977 and in October of that year showed up at the Oakland, Calif., Army recruiting station for another try.

"All I knew was that I wanted to be airborne," he said. "My recruiter enlisted me as an 11C, mortarman. I really didn't care, as long as I could be an airborne soldier."

At the entrance station Stough

encountered more problems. "They said I couldn't speak English and disqualified me." He and his recruiter took the matter to the station commander, who interviewed Stough. "He said I could understand him and answer his questions, and that was good enough." Thanh Stough was back in uniform.

The next few years were successful ones for Stough. He completed basic and advanced training, achieving a maximum score on the proficiency test in his AIT course. After tours with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 2nd Infantry Div. he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Div. as a mortar section leader. In 1983 he was selected battalion and brigade NCO of the Quarter and division NCO of the Year. His section won the brigade mortar competition four straight years.

In August 1985 he was selected for recruiting duty. In October he began to work as a recruiter in the Oakland Metro Recruiting Station, working the same desk where he had enlisted eight years before. He was transferred to the Richmond station in December.

Even though a U.S. citizen, Stough cannot forget his home country. He carries three souvenirs — a scar on his wrist from a North Vietnamese sniper's bullet, a key chain with a tiny South Vietnamese flag and a wallet-sized photograph of a thin, serious young man in uniform holding an M-16 rifle almost as long as he is tall. The photo, sent to the United States in 1973, is the only tangible evidence of his wartime service.

"The United States has given me freedom," he said. "When I came here, I had nothing. I couldn't speak English, and I never dreamed I could have a car or become a citizen. Now, I'm proud to be an American and an Army non-commissioned officer, but I can't forget my mother country. Vietnam is where I grew up, and I'll never forget I'm Vietnamese."

Stough plans to make the Army his career. "I like being an NCO," he said. "I enjoy pushing troops. Recruiting is different, but I know I can do it." Knowing Thanh Stough and the challenges he has faced and mastered, there is no doubt that he will. □

American released after unsuccessful quest

Effort to rescue girlfriend led to a Vietnamese jail

From Wire Reports

WASHINGTON

Robert Schwab III, whom a White House official called a "knight-errant in search of his long-lost love," was released by the Vietnamese government Thursday after more than a year in captivity.

All but a few of his countrymen — except his family and President Reagan — had given him up for dead.

Schwab, 44, a former Green Beret who served in Vietnam, set out unarmed in an 18-foot sailboat in April 1985 from the Philippines, bound for Vietnam. There he hoped to find the Vietnamese girl he loved and the child she gave him and to persuade the Communist government to let them come to the United States.

While the details of his odyssey are

still unknown, Schwab reportedly beat his way across 600 miles of open sea to Vietnam, where he was promptly imprisoned by provincial authorities in Nghia Binh. He did not find his girlfriend.

In announcing his release, the Vietnamese government said Schwab was arrested on April 23, 1985, for intruding in Vietnam's territorial waters and violating "the sovereignty and security of Vietnam."

For months, there was no word of his fate, despite repeated requests by the U.S. government to Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries. Officials in Washington and some of his friends feared that he had been lost at sea.

"Nobody (but his family) thought he was alive," said White House press spokesman Dan Howard. "The consensus was that he was at the bottom of the South China Sea."

But his father, Robert Schwab Jr., and

his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, all of Atlanta, Ga., never gave up hope. They continued to seek information about him.

Last May, after repeated inquiries, the Vietnamese acknowledged that Schwab was in custody in Nghia Binh. Reagan directed Richard Childress, director of Asian affairs on the National Security Council staff, who had been active in the search for Americans missing in Vietnam, to press for Schwab's release.

Childress met in New York in May with Deputy Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son and in Hanoi in July with Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach. He told the Vietnamese officials that Reagan was "personally interested" in the Schwab case, a White House official said and hoped they would let him go.

Little is known about the woman that Schwab had to leave behind. He identified her simply as "Trai," a pseudonym to pro-

tect her identity, after his arrival Thursday in Bangkok, Thailand. The White House said that he was flown in a U.S. military helicopter from Vietnam to Bangkok.

But, according to wire reports from Bangkok, she was from a well-connected family that lost its wealth after the war.

Schwab stayed on in South Vietnam after his army service, taking various civilian jobs. When the communists were closing in on Saigon, he was widely credited with selflessly helping evacuate Vietnamese civilians who had worked for the Americans.

He apparently was unable to take Trai's family out, and he was evacuated from the roof of the U.S. Embassy as the city was falling.

According to associates, Schwab spent several years in Southeast Asia and the Philippines, seeking ways to get his friend out.



WE ARE LOSING MEMBERS

The following is a list of "expiring" members. You can see that it is quite a substantial list. We need your help to go out on a membership drive and drum up some new or renewed memberships.

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Howard L. Ashby, 4500 Coltrane Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73121
Peter Banks, P.O. Box 17711, Dayton, OH 45417
Willie L. Barksdale, P.O. Box 3702, Camp Kinser, FPO Seattle, WA 98773
Robert S. Bedell, 6606 Oak Street, Cheverly, MD 20785
P. Stanley Bolin, 808 S. St. Paul Ave., Midwest City, OK 73130
George T. Denham, EUSA, J-4 DJ, APO San Francisco, CA 96301
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Erwin T. Eigenthaler, 5100 Seguin, El Paso, TX 79924
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Harrisburg, PA 17101
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Dayton, OH 45469
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George & Kim Zapolski, USFK/EUSA (J6), APO San Francisco, CA 96301
Marvin Bedeker, 10916 Blue Roan Road, Oakton, VA 22124

O A brief note from Lou Schuster informed SMA that he has been transferred to Subic Bay, PI.

O Jack Lyon wrote to renew his membership and inform SMA that he has already received many brochures via the Visitors Bureau for the '88 reunion. He plans on meeting with Ernie Hey to plan the reunion on the West Coast. He said that Sacramento is much cheaper than L.A., San Francisco or Oakland.

O Ernie Hey sent a letter about his sojourns. He went fishing in Alaska with his son and they "had a real nice time but fishing not so good." He says he goes sailing most every weekend and works on the boat the rest of the time. He took a trip out to the east coast this fall stopping off to visit the Pelosky's and other friends.

O Shirley Martin Bean was out in Denver to attend a management course recently and got to spend some time with yours truly (Rosalie). She's looking great; married, with a 3 1/2 year-old son, and works as an Auditor for the Army in Hawaii. I have also been in contact with Maris Miller Mathis. She has a son and daughter and lives in California. I had hoped to visit her this year, but my plans fell through.

O Herb Parker renewed his membership and wrote a note saying in part: "Sure sorry that I have not been able to come to the reunions but its just too many miles for me - hopefully I'll be able to make a future one." Herb lives in Hawaii.

O F.M. VanAusdal dropped a note. He went to Europe and vacationed in late May and early June. He informs us that he is still a widower and that his son at 15 is a junior in Spring Valley H.S. and has become a licensed driver in S.C.

O Mae Windisch sent a change of address. Her new address is: 3741 Meramec, St. Louis, MO 63116.

O Received note from Bill Held and he says he will see us all in Alexandria, VA, this May.

O Doris Leichliter missed the reunion in April because she was visiting her daughter in Guine Bissau, Africa. She has decided that she likes Florida and has moved into her own condo.

O Received a note from Ray Wolcott of Honolulu, HI. He stated: "I am very interested in obtaining information about joining your organization..." I was employed by Dynalectron Corp in Vietnam, May 12, 1965, and the last two years I was employed by Lear Siegler Inc., and I left Vietnam, April 28, 1975. I almost had 10 full years in Vietnam..." Mr. Edward King also served with the same companies for the same amount of time and is also interested in your organization. Any help that you may give will be greatly appreciated." (Caz, did you see this?)

O Irene Burton dropped a note saying that she thinks "the Association does a very fine job, and helps to fill a very large void in our society's continuing reluctance to recognize the terrible condition of the Vietnamese, particularly in view of their sincere loyalty to our country during the war there." She has moved and now lives in Summersville, MO.

O Melvin Kessler wrote that he spent 7 weeks traveling to Vancouver, BC for EXPO 86 and a Balalaika Festival. He was in St. Louis the end of June and just missed the reunion. He says he would like to have the reunion in Eglin, Florida sometime, but realizes it is out of the way. He has some data on the people aboard the C-5A crash and sent it to Caz.

O Hal Segerson called Barb Rudzinski not too long and relayed some very important information. If you have any financial problems with any of your Vietnamese friends, contact Hal Segerson (513) 254-4154.

O Jack Goldberg wrote that he probably won't be making any near future visits to the SMA Reunions. Jack has found a better place to visit -- he bought a timeshare in Can-Cun, Mexico (lucky fella). From now to 1990 he will be traveling there instead of visiting with us. (Now is that any way to run a railroad?)

ANTI-PIRACY IN SEA - A HELP TO THE VIETNAM BOAT PEOPLE

During the period 1979-1981 many of the Vietnamese boat refugees were subjected to robbery, rape and killings. Piracy still exists even though the number of people leaving VN by boat has diminished. In 1982 the UNHCR founded an anti-piracy program. They gave equipment and resources to the Royal Thai Navy and other Thai authorities to deter and apprehend pirates by patrolling the high seas. In 1985 the UNHCR began to emphasize land-based law enforcement as a more efficient means of investigating crimes at sea and identifying and prosecuting suspects.

When the new procedure went into effect, the U.S. took a more active role in combating piracy and in 1985 established the Regional Anti-Piracy Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. A three-unit team in the Embassy's Refugee Section works with the UNHCR, the Thai government and the U.S. Embassies in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia addressing the piracy problem and welfare issues including medical, nutritional and counseling services for the Vietnamese boat people landing throughout the region.

Results: Piracy still remains a serious threat to boat people crossing the Gulf of Thailand. However, the rate of pirate attacks is declining. UNHCR records indicate that of the 80 refugee boats that arrived in South Thailand during the first nine months of 1986, 35 were attacked (40%). During the same period in 1985 the attack rate was 65%. The annual attack rate for boats landing in South Thailand was: 1985, 58%; 1984, 64%; 1983, 71%; 1982, 69%; 1981, 80%. During the first nine months of 1986, Thai authorities have arrested more piracy suspects than in the previous three years combined.

UNHCR records indicate that assistance at sea by Thai fishermen supplying water, food or transportation to land is increasing. Seventy-five percent of all Vietnamese boats landing in Thailand report being assisted by Thai fishermen. Thai police are distributing pamphlets and stickers in fishing ports indicating that crimes at sea will be punished. The plan is working so far this year as women who have been abducted by pirates have been recovered and the assailants sentenced to 9 years in prison.



O Ed Pelosky wrote that he has retired "again" as City Manager for Denton, MD. He says that it is rapidly getting to the point that he has to do something but for now just wants "to get the hang of goofing off!" Ed is the President of the United Way of Caroline County, and he and Lois put in some hours at their son's restaurant, The Melvin House on the Green, which recently received a four-star rating in Maryland. So, it doesn't sound like he's exactly goofing off yet.

O Jean Mitchell Shelton renewed her membership and included a nice letter. She is back with the Government after a 6-year break. She's at Tinker AFB, OK, where Bill Rickard helped her get back into the Inventory Management field. She would like one more overseas assignment. During a tour to Korea she adopted an Amerasian girl, who has now graduated with a BS in Air Studies and Computer Science from Embry-Riddle Aero University, Arizona, and would like to get into an intern program.

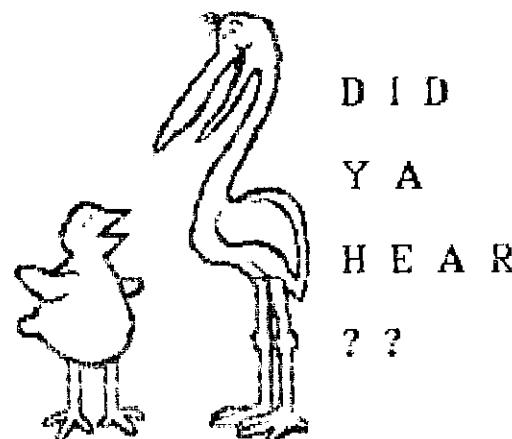
HELP FOR AMERASIAN CHILDREN AND THEIR AMERICAN FATHERS

I received a phone call from Bruce Burns, a Vietnam veteran and attorney, from San Jose, CA. Bruce indicated that he and other Vietnam veterans and interested individuals were planning to establish a locator system whereby the Amerasian children or the American fathers of these children could find one another. Bruce indicated his project had been mentioned in Jack Anderson's column and The Christian Science Monitor, and that numerous newspaper and TV stations have carried stories. By letter, Bruce provided some background on the project, including several newspaper articles and a copy of a petition to the courts of California by an American father who declared existence of a father-child relationship and indicating a willingness to bring his daughter to the U.S. to live in his home with her family.

When Amerasian children and their families arrive in the U.S., there are various groups that help them in adjusting to the culture/habits of the land of their fathers. However, one service that is not provided is informational assistance for the children who wish to be united with their fathers. Another service that is not provided is assistance to Vietnam veterans or civilians who served in Vietnam and are interested in attempting to locate and be reunited or united with their children.

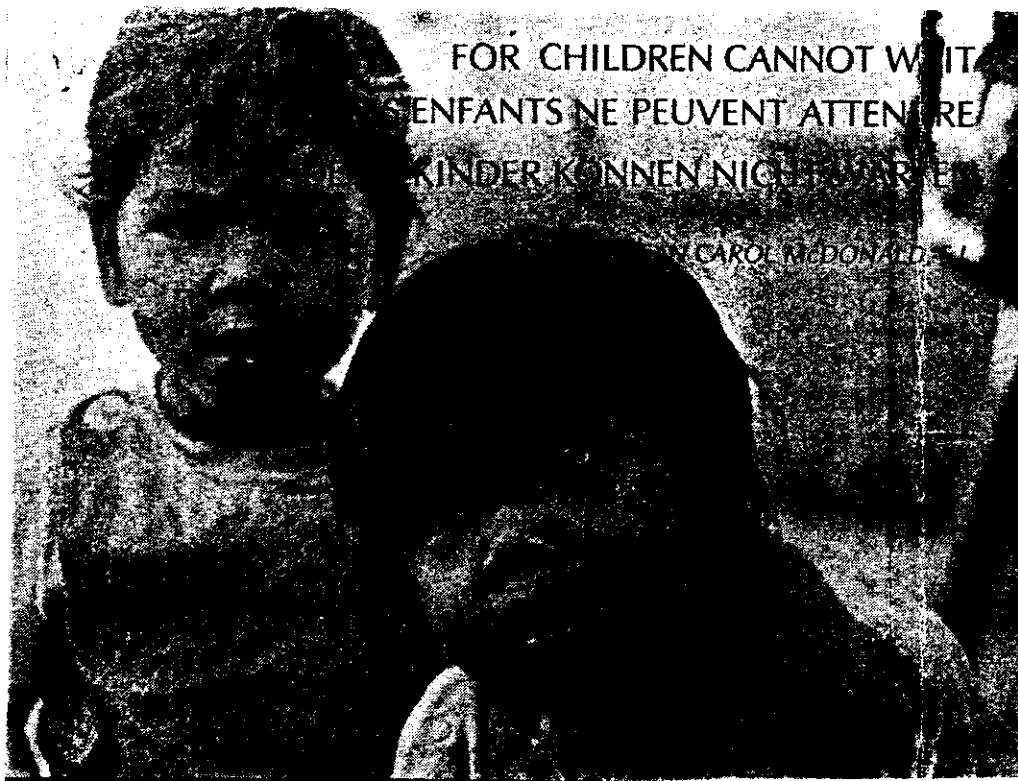
Bruce's yet unnamed organization is backed by several prominent churches, refugee and veteran organizations. The registry or locator system will undertake three ambitious projects: First, it will create files including names, place of birth and dates on the estimated 3500 Amerasian youths in the U.S. who want to find their fathers. Second, it will collect information from Veterans or civilians who know or believe they left babies in Vietnam and want to make contact with them. Third, the registry will attempt to locate and bring to the U.S. some of the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Amerasian children still in Vietnam. This program will offer something of a test of how many fathers are ready to see their sons, daughters.

If you have any information or are aware of any Amerasian children who want to meet their fathers or vice versa, contact: Mr. Bruce Burns, 1743 Fabian Drive, San Jose, CA 95124



Our presidente, the eminent Cazwell J. Page, and his bride, Sue McFeron Page, will be havin' a 49th wedding anniversary come the 31st of December 1986. She recounts, in a confidential interview, as how 49 years ago, Caz couldn't get time off from work to get married and have a "decent" honeymoon, so after a brief ceremony Caz and Sue went to an all-night movie...and best we leave the tale end there. Obviously they got off on the right foot to make it last 49 years, and we offer our congratulations and best wishes for a happy 49th and many more to come.

Rumors have been flying around that the founding father of the SMA, Colonel Ed Pelosky, USA (retired), has retired again! But we understand on good authority that he's not hanging it up yet. As Ed told this little bird, he's just trying to figure out which of several offers to take--all in his retirement home town of Denton Maryland. (Halfway between Washington, DC, and Maryland's eastern shore.) What's Ed doing in the interim until he can make up his mind? We understand that Lois P. has a long list of "honey-do" tasks, plus he feels he has to keep an eye on his son's enterprising restaurant--well renowned in eastern shore circles by all accounts. If you have not tried this emporium in Denton, you are missing a great repast--notwithstanding Ed's involvement in the establishment.



FOR CHILDREN CANNOT WAIT
ENFANTS NE PEUVENT ATTENDRE
KINDER KÖNNEN NICHT WARTEN

BY CAROL McDONALD

With the generous aid of several people and an advance of money from the Sisters of Loretto, this book, which some of you first learned of many months ago, is finished and ready for mailing. It goes beyond my original conception in scope and presentation. We have been able to give the text in English, French and German, use excerpts from the letters I have received from many of you, and include a picture of each child for whom photos were available. Text and illustrations describe the conditions of life in Saigon 1973-75, the daily routine at New Haven nursery, and the events prior to the evacuation, and tell the reader about those who cared for the children. A final section pictures the children as they are now, older, and beginning to ask many questions. If the book can help answer some of these questions it will have fulfilled its purpose.

There is a section on
the CSA crash

FRENCH

Grace à la générosité de plusieurs personnes, et l'aide financière des Soeurs de Loretto, ce livre, que certains d'entre vous apprirent à l'âge de quelques mois, est maintenant fini et prêt à l'expédition. Il dépasse en format et présentation mon idée initiale. Nous avons rédigé le texte en anglais, en français et en allemand. Nous publions quelques extraits des nombreuses lettres que vous m'avez adressées, et joignons les photos que nous possédons de ces enfants. Le texte et ses illustrations décrivent les conditions à SAIGON, de 1973 à 1975, la vie quotidienne dans une crèche de NEW HAVEN, et les événements antérieurs à l'évacuation. Nous parlons des personnes qui se sont occupées d'eux. La dernière partie montre ces enfants aujourd'hui, plus âgés, et posant de nombreuses questions. Si ce livre peut répondre au moins en partie à celles-ci, il aura pleinement atteint son but.

GERMAN

Mit der großzügigen Hilfe verschiedener Spender und der Unterstützung der Sisters of Loretto konnte dieses Buch – von dem einige von Ihnen bereits vor vielen Monaten erfahren haben fertiggestellt und für den Versand vorbereitet werden. In Umfang und Aufmachung geht es über meine ursprünglichen Vorstellungen hinaus. Wir konnten den Text außer auf Englisch auch auf Französisch und auf Deutsch abdrucken, außerdem Auszüge aus Briefen verwenden, die ich von vielen von Ihnen erhalten habe, sowie ein Bild von jedem Kind aufnehmen, für das ein Foto zur Verfügung stand. Text und Abbildungen beschreiben die Lebensbedingungen in Saigon 1973-75, den Alltag im Heim New Haven, die Ereignisse vor der Evakuierung und berichten über die Menschen, die für die Kinder sorgten. Ein abschließender Teil zeigt die Kinder wie sie jetzt sind – älter und mit vielen Fragen. Wenn das Buch helfen kann, einige dieser Fragen zu beantworten, hat es seinen Zweck erfüllt.

U.S. Servicemen Unaccounted for by State

Alabama	- 42	Louisiana	- 34	Oklahoma	- 49
Alaska	- 3	Maine	- 17	Oregon	- 46
Arizona	- 24	Maryland	- 37	Pennsylvania	- 119
Arkansas	- 27	Massachusetts	- 59	Rhode Island	- 18
California	- 244	Michigan	- 75	South Carolina	- 30
Colorado	- 41	Minnesota	- 47	South Dakota	- 9
Connecticut	- 39	Mississippi	- 18	Tennessee	- 44
Delaware	- 5	Missouri	- 51	Texas	- 158
Dist/Columbia	- 9	Montana	- 21	Utah	- 23
Florida	- 80	Nebraska	- 24	Vermont	- 4
Georgia	- 48	Nevada	- 18	Virginia	- 61
Hawaii	- 11	New Hampshire	- 10	Washington	- 60
Idaho	- 12	New Jersey	- 63	West Virginia	- 26
Illinois	- 100	New Mexico	- 17	Wisconsin	- 37
Indiana	- 70	New York	- 157	Wyoming	- 6
Iowa	- 39	North Carolina	- 61	Puerto Rico	- 2
Kansas	- 38	North Dakota	- 17	Virgin Is.	- 1
Kentucky	- 22	Ohio	- 128	Other	- 7

NEWSWEEK NOVEMBER 10, 1986

Vietnam: Here Come the Americans Again

If it's Tuesday, this must be ... Ho Chi Minh City? It can't boast the loveliness of Paris, but the latest travel come-on promises a tour that for some will produce a lot of memories. Beginning this month the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will welcome American travelers for one- and two-week vacations to sightsee, shop and learn how the natives are faring 11 years after U.S. troops departed in defeat. Starting at \$1,925 (air fare, hotel and

meals) tourists will be treated to such attractions as the Museum of the Revolution and boating on Ha Long Bay.

The Vietnam government, which does not have formal relations with the United States, will closely scrutinize applicants. Officials will want to know if you're looking for MIA's (permissible) or if you're a returning Rambo wanting to settle a score (not permissible). Once there, the party will be in the constant care of Vietnamese officials.

But the package is not a propaganda excursion, says Tony Marcaida of Philippine Airlines, the carrier. "They're not going to indoctrinate," Marcaida says. "They want the tourist business."

Indeed they must. The official brochure describes the "picturesque scenery" of the Mekong Delta—not exactly what Americans would remember—and boasts of Da Nang's white beaches, not the wartime airstrips that made the city famous.

Thank you...

Please keep your address current with us. We use Bulk Mail for the Newsletters, in order to keep the costs down, but bulk mail is not forwarded. We have to pay twice for returned newsletters: first for postage due and then to remail the newsletter at first class rates.

"Cheap Eddie"

A recent review of potential memorial sites under jurisdiction of the Secretary of Interior indicates that approximately 50 suitable locations remain. These are the top locations within the historic L'Enfant City where the memorial would not encroach on existing memorials. If considerations were to be given to the more remote park areas, such as Rock Creek Park, Fort Circle Park or the Anacostia River Parklands, numerous additional sites could be found. However, proponents of the memorial reject the park area due to lack of visibility. Currently, memorials commemorating the U.S. marines and the U.S. Navy are under construction. This leaves only the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard to be memorialized.

7. Miscellany - During Sep and Oct my mail was extremely heavy. I received and forwarded to ODP 38 cases, and as of 6 Nov have received two more. I have obtained verification of training/employment for three individuals. I have written to ODP to obtain LOIs for several individuals some of which were promised in 1984.

The personal letters I receive all point out the hardships - daily increases in taxes and lack of food, jobs and electricity - just to name a few. One of my friend's sews 300 pairs of gloves daily on a treadle sewing machine to make some money. Another acts as a translator while others are not allowed to work due to the fact they worked with the Americans. A recent letter indicated that my letter was received in 30 days which is quite an improvement over the previous 3 to 5 months. Let's hope this fast service keeps up.

Bill Laurie, one of SMA's new members, is busy setting up two Big Brother Clubs for approximately 50 Vietnamese boys in the general area of Meza, AZ.

Spread the word about our Twelfth Reunion with Dick Childress as our speaker. I contacted his office for his bio and was advised that he had left for VN and would not be back until Nov 17th. He is involved! He has been there! It should be interesting since, like many of us, he has friends in Vietnam.

I received a most interesting letter from Sister Susan Carol McDonald who personally escorted 22 Vietnamese orphans on board the C-5A. Sister McDonald spent many years in VN at the New Haven Nursery. Since leaving VN she has been in Bangladesh, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Haiti, and with the International Red Cross on the Cambodian border with refugees. She said wherever she was there was a need for a doctor; she is a nurse. Now she is studying to be a doctor at the University of Louisville.

She has just published a book - CHILDREN CANNOT WAIT - in English, French and German, and it includes a section on the C-5A crash. Her book is for the children of Vietnam who have been adopted abroad. It is to give them an understanding of the circumstances that existed in Vietnam and brought about the eventful beginnings of their life. The final section pictures where available the children as they are now, older and beginning to ask many questions. The book costs \$25 (to cover the cost of the book's production - publication of the book is non-profit). If interested make checks payable to The Sisters of Loretto and send to: Susan Carol McDonald, S.L., Loretto Motherhouse, Nerinx, KY 40049.

Sincerely hope that all of you have a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season. Sue, Mac and I will be spending Christmas with friends. Then Sue and I plan on spending a quiet New Year's Eve reminiscing over our good and bad times as well as our accomplishments - it will be our 49th anniversary.

The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) operates seven Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA) offices in Asia and Africa providing for assistance for refugees seeking permanent resettlement abroad. The JVA representatives for the consortium of Voluntary Agencies (including 11 or 12 private organizations and a couple of U.S. State governments who are involved in resettling refugees in the U.S. This allows for one organization to handle processing rather than have 11 or 12 different offices. It saves overhead cost and streamlines processing. The JVA works under contract to the U.S. Department of State. As refugees are processed by JVA, their cases are presented to the Refugee Coordinator at the Embassy who represents the State Department and then in turn to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Officer for final consideration. JVA does all the initial groundwork - 90% of the verification - through interviews, documents, etc. The INS officer does the final determination.

An individual leaving VN under ODP would go direct to the Philippines Refugee Processing Center - Bataan (PRPC) where they study English as a second language and U.S. culture. Individuals who leave VN by boat and arrive in Indonesia, Malaysia, etc., go through interviews. Taken into account is the interview, documents stating whether they have relatives in the U.S., and their ability to speak and write English. If accepted in Indonesia or Malaysia to enter the U.S., they go to the PRPC in Bataan. They study ESL and U.S. culture for six months. While in PRPC they undergo more interviews. Then a bio data dossier on each case is sent to the ICMC-operated Refugee Data Center in New York. At weekly allocation meetings (usually Wed) these bio data forms are passed around the table to representatives from the VOLAGs. Generally, these cases are of two types, one where the refugee has relatives and will go directly to that location. Refugees who have no relatives in the U.S. are called free cases. Each of these free cases are handled individually depending on their ability to handle a free case. The representative then goes to their local office to obtain assurance that their area can handle the particular case.

Sponsorship does not involve any legal obligation on the part of the sponsor, but primarily is a moral obligation to make sure that the refugee is properly resettled in terms of food, shelter, clothing, finding a job, school, etc. One thing the JVA tries to prevent is having refugees go to one place in the U.S., getting a sponsor, settling down, and then move all the way across the country to another location. This is called "Secondary Migration." People can go anywhere they want; there are no restrictions on their movement other than the normal constraints. However, after apartments have been rented and everything has been prepared, sponsors could become disaffected if the people they sponsor don't stay where they planned to stay. One of the jobs of a case worker is to make sure that the refugees really want to go where they say they want to go and that they are not just saying that so that they'll be accepted.

6. Memorials - In a 9 Jan 1986 letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior a statement that appeared in the Federal Register amended criteria for future military memorials. Unable to locate this information, I wrote to the Dept of Interior for a copy. The information tells about the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee which is the focal point for anyone seeking to erect memorials on Federal land in the National Capital Region and provides the information published in the Federal Register, Vol 50, No 177, Thurs, Sep 12, 1985, pp 37290-91. The procedure is lengthy and would appear to be time-consuming. Under Background, it is stated that there are presently 106 memorials which include: 13 Presidential; 10 military units; 14 Civil War heroes; 4 Revolutionary War heroes; various individuals, 29; international persons, 12; wars, 3; plaques, 13; and events, 9.



1. In the last newsletter I indicated that Ton Thi Huynh MAI and 8 Ton Thai Hoang children of my friend, Ton Van Minh, had left by boat and arrived safely in Indonesia. On 30 Sep 86 I received a letter from MAI saying that they had been accepted to enter the U.S. and were now in the Philippine Refugee Processing Center at Bataan. They are studying ESL and U.S. culture and will be there approximately six months. MAI's English is good enough that she is teaching English. She said that she would rather work in a hospital teaching nutrition.

2. POW/MIA - The question of live GIs in Vietnam has been discussed many times. A committee has been appointed by President Reagan to investigate whether there are still American prisoners in SEA. This committee will be headed up by H. Ross Perot. It is reported that Perot has put a large sum of money into an escrow bank account to try and get a mysterious film which reportedly shows American prisoners in a jungle labor camp.

On Oct 23, 1986 LTC Joe Harvey, head of the Hawaiian-based Joint Casualty Resolution Center, lead a military team to Hanoi seeking information on reports that live Americans have been seen in VN and to excavate U.S. warplane crash sites. The following table from DOD's "POW/MIA Fact Book" published in August 1986 shows the total of personnel unaccounted for by Service and by state.

U.S. Unaccounted for Personnel

Army	782
Air Force	913
Navy	486
Marines	298
Coast Guard	1
Civilians	42
	2434

3. Amerasians - In a meeting in October 86, American and Vietnamese diplomats agreed on the outline of a plan that could lead to the release of more than 10,000 Amerasian children who remain in Vietnam. During the last week of October 1986 I contacted the Bureau of Refugee Program in the State Department and was advised that the U.S was currently reviewing a list of Amerasians to determine which ones could be accepted immediately, which ones required additional info and which ones appeared doubtful due to lack of verifiable data.

On 5 Nov 86 I received a letter from Vietnam indicating that the VNG will start processing the Amerasians in Dec 86 after completion of the Sixth Festival of the Party. After the Amerasians are processed, the VNG is expected to start reprocessing ODP cases which have been held up since Jan 86.

4. French Grave Sites - Several reports have surfaced indicating the VNG has required the French Government to consolidate several of the smaller grave sites in the North. In 1983 the VNG destroyed the large French site in downtown Saigon. The French had agreed to reimburse the VNG for maintenance of some of the gravesites. I understand the French have paid a large sum of money to the VNG to get the remains from the large French cemetery near BOQ-1 near the edge of TSN airport. I have received two articles from France marked AFFAIRES ETRANGERES (Foreign Affairs). These articles show pictures of grave sites. I am having the articles translated which will take some time. I contacted the French Consul in Pittsburgh, and he confirmed that negotiations were taking place.

5. Processing - Several times in the past, I have been asked how processing of refugees takes place. The following is condensed from an article entitled Joint Voluntary Agency on pg 39 of the September 86 issue of REFUGEES published by the Public Information Section of the UNHCR:

HOSPITALITY AND NOSTALGIA

We will be waiting to see you in the hospitality suite. Please bring your photos and memorabilia to help us share Vietnam times and past reunions. The reunion committee will provide mixers, ice, etc..., but we need you to bring the cheer (BYOB). Donations will be accepted. We are also looking for a few good doorprizes; all donations accepted. For more information call either Ed Rudzinski (804) 838-4860 or John Dolan (703) 357-5250 - local POC.

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

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TWELFTH ANNUAL REUNION

NATIONAL CLARION, ARLINGTON, VA

I AM ENCLASING \$ _____ FOR
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PLEASE SPELL NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO
APPEAR ON NAME TAGS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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HAMPTON, VA 23666

TICKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE
SOCIAL TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF THE
DINNER. PLEASE TELL US IF YOU WILL BE
STAYING AT THE NATIONAL CLARION; WE
NEED TO PROVIDE THEM A NAME LIST TO
CONFIRM THE ROOM RATE FOR YOU. YOU
SHOULD RESERVE YOUR ROOM BEFORE APRIL
10TH.

FEATURED SPEAKER FOR 12TH REUNION

Mr. Richard T. Childress

We are most fortunate to have as our speaker a man who is most knowledgeable about the affairs of Vietnam. He has made many visits to Vietnam and Laos regarding the POW/MIA issue. He is constantly working to assure that our friends over there will have a chance to obtain better living conditions and care for themselves and their families without fear of repression.

He has been a member of the National Security Council Staff since 1981. He is Director, Asian Affairs, and he is responsible for Southeast Asian political and political-military affairs, POW/MIA, and international refugees.

From 1980-1981 he served as Executive Officer for the Director of Strategy, Plans & Policy, DA.

From 1978-1980 he was the Asian Politico Military Affairs Officer, DA. From 1977-1978 he served as Foreign Area Officer, US Embassy Bangkok. From 1964-1977 he held a variety of active duty Army assignments in Vietnam, Korea and Europe.

He holds a M.A. in Oriental Studies and Anthropology from the University of Arizona and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal.

Plan now to attend the 12th annual reunion of the Saigon Mission Association. This is your chance to hear the facts about Vietnam.

12TH REUNION REPORT

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1987:

This year's reunion will be held 1-3 May 1987 in Arlington, Virginia at the National Clarion (formerly Quality Inn, Pentagon City), Arlington, Virginia.

We will have as our featured speaker Mr. Richard T. Childress, Director, Asian Affairs, National Security Council -- A most knowledgeable individual on Vietnam and the conditions there today.

The weekend will once again give us the opportunity to meet old friends, greet new ones, and reflect on our shared experiences.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1987:

Arrival and check-in at the Hospitality Suite, National Clarion. Watch out! This is a name change - this is the refurbished Quality Inn, Pentagon City, close to the Pentagon. There is no formal schedule, but drop in and let us know you are in the area.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1987:

Morning -- Breakfast at your leisure. Breakfast is served by the National Clarion, and any number of fine restaurants in nearby Crystal City or Arlington.

10:00 A.M. -- Annual business meeting. Please check in when you arrive so we can update our membership roster. Only members in good standing will be admitted to vote. Stop in Hospitality suite for directions to meeting room.

Afternoon -- Leisure time for touring Washington, socializing, or just relaxing.

6:30 P.M. -- Gather at banquet room for social time.

7:00 P.M. -- Annual Dinner will be served buffet style followed by an address by Mr. Childress.

No scheduled activities, but please enjoy yourselves. NOTE: Joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Executive Boards will be announced.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please make your room reservations direct to the National Clarion at 300 Army Navy Drive, VA 22202 -- Phone (703) 892-4100 - (800) 848-7000 - In Va (800) 468-1105. We must use twentyfive rooms or pay extra for the hospitality suite. Be sure you mention that you are with the Saigon Mission Association to get the room rate of \$ 59.00 for a double. Reservation should be in before April 10th 1987; reservations received after the 10th of April will be subject to availability.

The National Clarion is a newly remodeled facility with a brand new wing and many amenities: indoor rooftop pool, Sky Dome revolving lounge, underground parking, free HBO with remote controls etc...

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Make your dinner reservations with Ed Ruzinski, 1 Commander Drive, Hampton, VA 23666. Use the form enclosed, and make checks payable to the Saigon Mission Association. Tickets will be handed out at the Saigon Club preceding the dinner. Please note on the dinner reservation form if you will be staying at the National Clarion, we must provide the a list to confirm the reservations. Unfortunately, as of press time, the menu had not been selected. Dinner will be \$24.00 a person and include all tips and gratuities.

THE BOTTOM LINE

You are the SMA. Reunion success depends on you! We need your involvement and support in order to make the reunion and the SMA a success. Please make it a point to attend the 10:00 A.M. business meeting.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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As your President, I am concerned about SMA and its chances for survival. First, our status as a non-profit organization depends on our carrying out the activities spelled out in our constitution and by-laws. What have we done over the past 2 or 3 years to maintain our status? Do you, our members, have any suggestions? Secondly, our membership is slowly becoming smaller and smaller and it is not due solely to attrition.

The 2-86 Newsletter listed 143 members who became inactive between the period 19 Jan 81 - 31 Dec 85. This does not include those who have become inactive since the 2-86 Newsletter.

As of 6 Nov 86 only 41, or 27%, of our inactive members have rejoined. In addition, we have obtained 4 new members and prospects for 3 more. This decline in membership is a definite indication that something is out of balance. It is evident we need to take a close look at our Purpose, Membership, Goals, Interests, Participation and Cooperation, etc., etc.

Our membership is spread out in 11 different countries and over 30 states. This can and does affect attendance but should it affect membership? Belonging to SMA is not expensive. Our \$10 per year dues should not be an obstacle. Our newsletter should provide sufficient news/info to keep those far from home in contact, but does it?

A review of the list of inactive members shows that 8 military and 135 civilians failed to rejoin. A breakdown showing location by states of our inactive members is as follows:

CA has 20 inactive members, with 6 overseas

VA has 18 inactive members

OH & NY have 14 ea inactive members. NY has 13 overseas

FL has 8 inactive members

TX & HI have 7 ea inactive members

There were 12 unlisted addresses and the balance are from states (20) with 1 to 4 inactive members. This tabulation shows 88 of our inactive members listed in 2-86 Newsletter in 7 states, i.e., CA, VA, OH, NY, FL, TX and HI. Of this number 19 list APO addresses, leaving 69 of the inactive members in the 7 states.

What can we do to increase our membership and become more visible? We need recommendations from you the members. Do we have anyone who will take the initiative to contact our inactive members and sell SMA, so that they will rejoin. We need to increase our present membership of 200 to 300 to 400 members to assure us the capability of carrying out our goals.

Our 12th reunion will be May 1-3, 1987. We must make an effort to make this our largest and best reunion. We have lined up a very interesting speaker. He is Mr. Richard (Dick) Childress of the National Security Council (NSC). Dick has been involved with many of the negotiations with the VNG and he has been in Vietnam many times. This will be your chance to hear it straight from someone who has been there, is involved and has daily contact with the situation.

Let's start now to advertise our 12th reunion. We need to get everyone involved and fill our reunion site to capacity. Let's talk it up. Tell your friends. Remember May 1-3, 1987. Come and hear Mr. Childress of the NSC.



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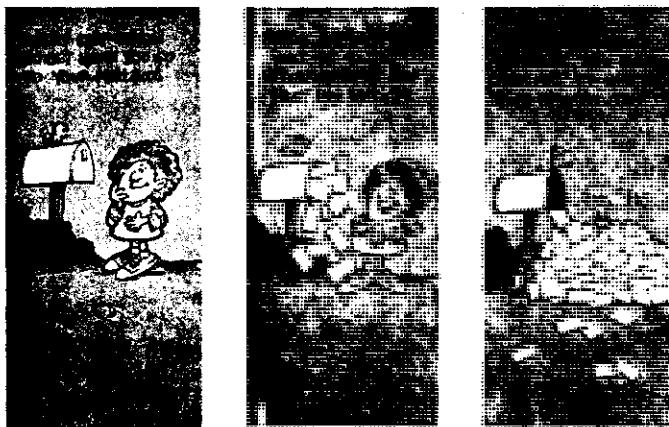
Promote friendship and cooperation between Americans who served in Vietnam and Vietnamese who worked for contractors, members of the Vietnamese Armed Forces, and their dependents.

Preserve personal friendships and memories among those who served in Vietnam and provide a source for news of these people. Meet annually and publish newsletters to foster this fellowship.

Pool knowledge concerning communications and support of those still in Vietnam via telephone, telegraph, mail, and freight.

Establish a volunteer sponsorship program to support Vietnamese families and individuals remaining in Vietnam and living in refugee camps.

Coordinate with other organizations throughout the world, especially in the US in promoting the above article.





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ATTENTION
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REUNION
IN ALEXANDRIA,
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1987



BE THERE!

Here I am doing the 2nd newsletter and you won't guess where I'm doing this. Would you believe at Barbara Rudzinski's house??? In a nutshell, I got summoned by headquarters in Rockville, MD to come back for an undeterminable length of time to help out in the secretarial field. So, upon calling Bobbi, she told me to bring along the inputs for the newsletter and come down this weekend and we could do it together. So, she hasn't got out of it yet. I can tell you one thing - it's much more fun doing it with her than by myself. So, we both want to take this opportunity to WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!



The Vietnam Veterans National Medal has been issued in 1½- and 3-inch sizes and may now be purchased at U.S. mint offices in Washington, Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, or by mail order.

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