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March 26th, 1993

Mr. Director of ODP  
Consular Section  
PO. Box 58, American Embassy  
APO San Francisco 96346

Reference: IV # 249602; VN List # H20-388

Dear Sir,

I am Hue Ngoc Tran, former Lt. Colonel, Infantry, Republic of VietNam Armed Forces, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of 1st Infantry Division. I was captured in action since March 21, 1971 and imprisoned until July 27th, 1983 and, finally my family and I were saved by you and your subordinates, by the American people, the Congress and the US Government. We came to the USA on November 11th, 1991. We really appreciated those who have sacrificed their morales and energies, sacrificed their healths, times and materials to donate to the unfortunate commade-in-Arms after the Republic of Vietnam invaded by the Communist of North Vietnam and having taken us the Land of Freedom. We often pray in God though we could never see Our Savior but through your generous and humanitarian manner we thought we've met him. I would say you all are the loyalty servant of Our Savior!

Now I would bother you another time, I've just received the not-eligible-for-interview letter from my former subordinate, Mr. TRAN VIET MY, Lieutenant, Intantry, Serial Number: 68/270041, platoon leader. He was Captured in action on May 22, 1972 at My Chanh, Thua Thien and was imprisoned in the Pow Camp T3 YEN BAY, North of Vietnam. He was released on 20 February, 1976. Counting from the date he was captured until the date he was released, the time Mr. TRAN VIET MY had spent in the prison for three years and nine months that matching with the condition of the beneciaries of current immigrant visa petitions.

Dear Sir,

So are there many other cases like this case have resolved:

Ho Ngoc Hoang	H06-542
Le Minh Nhuan	H07-564
Pham Van Chac	H08-607
Nguyen Ngoc Siem	H08-608
Le Van Khoa	H16 IV: 316627
Nguyen Viet Truong Son	H16 IV: 316635

The above officers were captured on March, 1971 at South of Laos in Operation Lam-son 719 and they are now settled in the USA.

I thought this problem is repeatedly because of the computer hasn't been updated the processing way for matching with present favor condition toward the prisoner of war captured pre 1975-Event.

Living in the same POW camp with him, I could ensure with you, Mr. TRAN VIET MY was a good officer in any circumstances and he is deserved to be saved. I hope with your help to review the case Mr. TRAN VIET MY and his family will be interivewed and come to USA very soon.

May God bless you and your family. I am looking forward your reply.

Very sincerely yours



Hue Ngoc Tran

Enclosures:

- Copy of the letter informing MIA of TRAN VIET MY
- Copy of the refused letter of ODP Bangkok
- Copies of POW certified certificate



Robert L. Jones  
National Executive Director

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April 13, 1993

Director  
Orderly Departure Program  
American Embassy  
Box 58  
APO San Francisco, CA 96346-0001

Re: Tran Viet My  
IV # 24906  
VN List # H20-388

SERVING  
WITH  
PRIDE

Dear Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to ask for reconsideration of the case of Mr. Tran Viet My and his request to migrate to the United States under the auspices of the orderly discharge program. The circumstances of Mr. Tran Viet My's capture and subsequent confinement clearly indicate that he is eligible for participation in the orderly discharge program. The facts in this case are as follows:

Name:	Tran Viet My
Rank:	2nd Lieutenant Regular Forces, Reserve Platoon Leader
Serial Number:	68/207041
Missing in Action:	May 22, 1972
Date of Birth:	October 1, 1948
Place of Birth:	Thuyan, Huong Thuy, Thua Thien
Imprisoned:	May 22, 1972 - February 20, 1976
Location:	Reeducation Camp, Military Marshal Agency of Defense Ministry
Document Number:	56287 Police Department Thua Thien - Hue Province



A M V E T S

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Mr. Tran Viet My, while serving as a platoon leader in the ARVN 3rd Infantry Division was captured in the vicinity of defensive positions along the My Chanh River between Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. He was imprisoned for a period of approximately 3 years and 9 months. His release from captivity came after the

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capitulation of South Vietnam.

Mr. Tran Viet My, as a result of his service and ultimate imprisonment, has more than adequately met the established criteria for participation in the orderly departure program. Based upon the evidence of record, I request that he be given due consideration, that areas of reasonable doubt be decided in his favor, and that Mr. Tran Viet My be enrolled in the orderly departure program for subsequent immigration to the United States.

Your expeditious assistance in resolving this case is sincerely appreciated. If I may of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

In service to America's veterans,

  
Robert L. Jones  
National Executive Director

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Embassy of the United States of America  
Bangkok, Thailand

date: \_\_\_\_\_

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REF: VN List # H20-398

IV# 299602

- TRAN VIET MY
- TRAN THE NGOT
- TRAN THE HAO TAM
- TRAN THE HANG HAO
- TRAN THE HANG IA
- TRAN THE MY PHUNG
- TRAN HANG LONG

Dear TRAN VIET MY

We regret to inform you that the individuals named above are not eligible for interview by officers of the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) at this time. Although their names have appeared on a Vietnamese interview list, ODP will only propose the interview of cases which include applicants who

are the beneficiaries of current immigrant visa petitions:

spent 3 or more years in re-education as a result of their association with US policies and programs in Vietnam:

are the widows/children of deceased re-education internees in cases where the internee died as a result of internment:

were in re-education for one or more years, and were employed by US firms or organizations for one or more years, or trained in the US under US government auspices:

were employed by US firms or organizations for five or more years:

- are Amerasian.

are the beneficiaries of non-current immigrant visa petitions or visas 93 petitions filed by a spouse in the US, and were claimed when their spouse departed for the US:

are parents of unaccompanied minor (under age 18) children in the US, who were claimed when their children departed for the US.

It should be stressed that ODP will no longer propose an individual for interview simply because the individual has been issued an ODP Letter of Introduction: the individual must also be eligible under one of the criteria described above.

According to our records, the persons named above do not meet any of these criteria, and are therefore not eligible for an interview. Should additional information become available, interview of their case will be re-considered. We regret that we cannot give you more encouraging news at this time: we will advise you if further action becomes possible.

The US Orderly Departure Program  
Bangkok, Thailand

Hue Ngoc Tran  
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Falls Church, VA 22042  
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August 20, 1994

The Honorable Robert L. Funseth  
Former Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Bureau for Refugee Programs

Dear Sir,

I am Hue Ngoc Tran, Former Lt Colonel, Infantry, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of 1st Division. I was captured in action March 21st, 1971 in operation "Lam-Son 719" in South of Laos and imprisoned until July 27th 1983. Finally, my family and I were saved by you, the American people and the Congress of the United States, we did come to the United States on November 11th, 1991.

Although many of us are now free, many of my fellow officers and men are still under the yoke of Communism. They too, have a strong desire to immigrate to the United States. I hold documentary evidence of detention for the officers and men listed below:

Hoang Thach Cam	IV# 291789 - VN List H32-445/GRS
Pham Van Duoc	IV# 308776 - VN List H32-408/GRS
Nguyen Van Khoa	IV# 267022 - VN List H31-569/PTD
Luong Van Hong	IV# VN List H29-434
Van Khe	IV# VN List H35
Ho Tram	IV# VN List H36

The above officers and men were refused interview by the United States Orderly Departure Program (ODP) because they (ODP) deemed that the men did not have the required three years in Detention Camp. As I said before, I hold papers of documentation for them and the ODP also hold these papers. These men were imprisoned from March 1971 until released in July 1976, certainly that is more than the three years required as stated in the ODP. Enclosed you will find copies of documentation for the officers and men who were denied interview.

Dear Sir,

I was their commanding officer and also their POW-colleague. We all had a terrible life in the North of Vietnam Communist

prisoner camp. We hardly figured out the Coming Back Home Day.

How could we forget the POW camp names, Hoa-Lo (Hanoi-Hilton), Son-Tay, Cao-Bang, Lang-Son and Thach-That etc... After the Paris Peace Agreement was signed, they took us to the last camp at Number 3 Duong Thanh Street, Hanoi. Where they called the last imprisoned location, but they never released us until after they invaded South Vietnam completely, April 30, 1975. Many of my officers and men were released about on the end of 1976 and 1977 or in 1978, but not myself. It took ten more years before I was released. I could say that our faithfulness upon the Freedom led by the United States was tested. That faithfulness is invaluable and countless, of our comrades-in-arms who had fallen down to protect it. So the survivors are deserved of being saved.

On the good side, other officers in my unit who also were captured in March 1971, in the operation "Lam-Son 719" in South of Laos and considered MIA since that time, and then released in about July 1976, now reside in the United States. They are as followed:

Ho Ngoc Hoang	H06
Le Minh Nhuan	H07-564
Pham Van Chac	H08-607
Nguyen Ngoc Siem	H08-608
Le Van Khoa	H16; IV#: 316627
Nguyen Viet Truong Son	H16 IV#: 316635

And others known by name but not case number.

This case however, is not special because other cases involving officers who were captured in the same operation "Lam-Son 719" in South Laos have been resolved and the officers have been permitted to settle in the United States. They all had the same amount of time in the POW camp as I and the officers and men shown on the list.

You have aided in the safe passage of thousands upon thousands of my people to this Land of Freedom, surely you have the compassion to help a few more loyal, deserving military men and their families to come to live in this Country.

Please feel free to call me at my home number in Falls Church, Virginia, (703) 207-3446. I am anxious to be of service in helping these very unfortunate and loyal brave men.

I am looking forward to receiving your helping hand and trusting that those people will be satisfied in their dreams.

Thank you, I really appreciate it.

Respectfully yours



Hue Ngoc Tran

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96222

RE: HOANG THACH CAM  
IV#: 291789  
VN List H32-445/GRS

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 3483

14 October 1968

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

CAM, HOANG THACH 63/212434 2LT ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 4 July 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: First Lieutenant Cam distinguished himself by heroic action on 4 July 1968 while serving as Company Commander, 3 Company, 5th Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, the 5th Battalion was in heavy contact with an estimated North Vietnamese Company. As his company advanced they became pinned down by a deadly cross fire of machine gun, automatic weapons and small arms fire. Realizing the gravity of the situation and knowing his company could not remain in such an exposed position, he moved to a forward location where he could be observed by the majority of his troops. From this point he stood in full view of the enemy and commenced to lead his company in a devastating attack. The enemy fire was suppressed and numerous enemy soldiers lay on the battlefield at the completion of the engagement. His heroic actions demonstrated the professional attitude and dedication to duty required of a leader. The heedless manner in which he exposed himself to enemy fire and the aggressive manner in which he assumed command of the situation, did much to inspire his soldiers to achieve the maximum during the engagement. Second Lieutenant Cam's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



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June 06, 1995

Khuc Minh Tho  
President  
Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association  
7813 Marthas Lane  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Dear Mrs. President:

I am Hue Ngoc Tran, former Lt. Colonel, Infantry, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of 1st ARVN Infantry Division. I was captured in action on March 21st, 1971 in the operation Lam Son 719 in South of Laos and imprisoned until July 27th, 1983. Finally, my family and I were saved by you and your subordinates, by the American people, the Congress and the US Government. We came to the US on November 11th, 1991.

Although a lot of us are freed, but many of my officers and men are still stuck under the yoke of Communist of Vietnam, they all want to immigrate to the US as refugees. They have sent the application to the ODP office in Bangkok for applying to immigrate to the US sponsored by HO Program:

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The above officers were refused to be interviewed with unfair reason - They are not qualified because they were POW and MIA, captured in action before April 30, 1975 and they were released in 1976 so the time was imprisoned in the reeducation camp less than three years. Although counting from March 1971 until 1976- the year they were released, all of them were imprisoned for more than five years.

I was their commanding officer and also their POW-colleague. We all had been endured a terrible life in the North of Vietnam Communist prisoner of war camp, hardly figured out the coming back day and we all were testified our faithfulness upon the freedom leading by the United States. That faithfulness is

invaluable and countless of our comrades-in-arms had been fallen down to protect it. So the survivors are deserved being saved.

So are there many other officers in my unit, who were captured in March 1971, in the operation Lam-Son 719 in South of Laos and considered as MIA since then and were released in 1976 as following:

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I thought, we should know more about the Operation Lam-Son 719. That was an Operation including many divisions of Army, Marine Corps, Air Forces and Navy participated. Those forces were comprised of Vietnamese Infantry, Air-Borne, Rangers, and Cavalry, they all were supported by U.S. Air-Borne 101st Division, 3rd U.S. Marine Corps Division, U.S. Air Forces, and U.S. Navy Air Forces. The Operation was commanded by General Creighton Abrams, Commanding U.S. Armed Forces and Allies in Vietnam. The objection of the operation was cutting off the main supply route, so called Ho-Chi-Minh Trail from North Vietnam going through Laos to South Vietnam and Cambodia. Their second important mission was to find the U.S. prisoner of war camps located on the Laos territory.

As a matter of fact, these officers and men who did their duty in this operation were so great. They are the heroes of the Vietnamese and American people, and so are the freedom people. They are the freedom fighters who have sacrificed their lives for preventing the Communism from redennizing the South East Asia, and then over the world. But when their mission was not completed. They already were fallen or captured in action as a POW. We express our gratitude to those who were fallen for our country and the freedom by building the unknown soldier monuments or writing the heroes stories or recognizing their merits, and what will we do for those who are still in the prison of Communism of Vietnam? We should not connive our comrade-in-arms who were dying in Vietnam. They should be saved for what they

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Thank you and really appreciate it.

Very sincerely,



Hue Ngoc Tran

P.S. Enclosed the copy of US Gallantry Cross Bronze Star with V devise of Hoang Thach Cam.

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ATTACHMENT # 2BSPECIFIC CASES OF SPECIAL  
FORCES COMMANDOES

Attached are the cases of eight of the special forces commandoes who operated at U.S. direction behind enemy lines in North Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War. Please note that this list is by no means exclusive and there are other special commando soldiers who are included in this group.

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