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Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for your letter dated 4-23-1985. We are very sympathetic to your situation, but as you might very well aware that whatever the Vietnamese government wants to do we cannot control. Therefore, we have to find a way out at times, and sometime we are successful sometime not. Please understand that we the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association as its name stands for, we are dealing with prisoners and their families, and we have faced a similar situation as yours.

As you stated Hoang Thi Nga, your wife's mother, is old enough and has health problem, may be it would work out faster if your wife could get a medical examination certification for her mother and go by that route to emigrate by medical evacuation; or have someone at home go to the Foreign Affairs office daily to check on the exit permit. When they get her the number, cable you. You then cable ODP-Bangkok with some explanation that Hoang Thi Nga is in poor health, it may expedite the case.

At any event, we wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Khuc Minh Tho (Mrs.)
President

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am an American citizen and I am writing this letter on behalf of my Vietnamese wife and family. This letter concerns the reunification of their mother and other family members, who remain in Vietnam. Your organization was referred to us as a possible source of assistance in this matter.

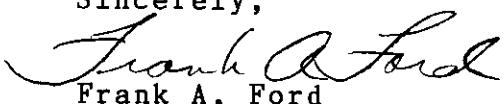
We have applied for U.S. immigration visas for members of the family and have been waiting since 1969 for the Vietnamese authorities to issue exit visas to them under the Orderly Departure Program. While none of the family members are in "re-education" camps or prisons, they are being held in-country against their will for political purposes. They are considered "collaborators" of the Thieu government and the Americans because several family members were musicians who entertained American and Vietnamese armed forces.

Of particular concern to my friends and I is their mother, who is 67 years old and in deteriorating health. Their only wish is to see one another while she is still alive. Her name and address is: Hoang Thi Nga, 212/137 Nguyen Huu Canh, Tan Dinh Xom Chua, Quan I, Phuong I, Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Is there anything that we, your organization or anyone else can do to help in the area of family reunification?

Finally, regardless or whether or not you can help, we would like more information about your organization and what we could do to help other Vietnamese with similar problems.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Frank A. Ford