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FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION

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March 3, 1988

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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
1536 Longworth, HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Honorable Solarz :

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, we wish to solicit your assistance in interceding for the following persons in order that they might be allowed to leave for the United States given their medical conditions:

1. Mr. Nguyen Van Tu, born on July 18, 1910 in Vietnam; IV # 505-903; Exit Visas # 8988-THI, 8987-TH2, 8989-THI and 8990-THI. Mr. Tu was formerly a high ranking official of the former Government of Vietnam and a U.S. Trainee. Mr. Tu and his family have met all the required criteria to enter the U.S. They have an exit visa and entry permit. However, they need your assistance in requesting the Vietnamese authorities to allow them to be interviewed by the U.S. Delegation.
2. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Liem, born July 1, 1922 in Vietnam; IV# 524275; VEWL # 37326 and I-171, a U.S. Trainee. Mr. Liem served as Secretary General of National Economic and Financial Council of the former Vietnamese Government. He was detained for more than eight years in re-education camps. Mr. Liem has been unable to get an exit visa.
3. Mr. Vu Quoc Thong, born November 22, 1916 in Vietnam; IV# 9741, VEWL and I-171 all approved; interviewed and physical exam have been completed. Mr. Thong was a high-ranking official of the former Vietnamese Government, holding various important positions in different fields. He was imprisoned for five years. He has three children in the United States. Dr. Vu Quoc Thong has a severe heart condition and gallbladder problems. His only wish is to be able to see his three children before he dies.

In all three cases, the concerned individuals are elderly and frail men, whose last wish is to be reunified with their family members, who are now American citizens.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Sincerely Yours,


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ATTACHMENT

THEIR ADDRESS IN VIETNAM :

1/- Mr. Nguyen Van Tu

1/50 Ap Cay Sop - Dong Hung Thuan

Hoc Mon - Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, VietNam.

2/- Nguyen Xuan Liem

50/4 Hoa Hung - Quan 10

Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh , VietNam.

3/- Dr. Vu Quoc Thong

140A Ly Chinh Thang - Quan 3

Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, VietNam.



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Dear Honorable Solarz:

It was with great elation that we learned of the release of a number of Vietnamese political prisoners at the Lunar New Year. We are convinced that this development owes much to Resolution 212 which Congressman Dornan and yourself so kindly sponsored. Also, I would like to share with you my special joy that my own husband was among the group most recently released.

As you are aware, the ultimate goal of our Association will not, however, be reached until all prisoners are released and reunited with their families either in the United States or in other countries. In this endeavor, it is a great encouragement for members of our Association to know that we can rely on your unwavering support to obtain the release of the remaining prisoners still incarcerated and their expeditious resettlement and reunification with their relatives in countries of their choice.

In closing, we wish to express our sincere and deep gratitude for your continuing support.

Very truly yours,

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March 2nd, 1988

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
and Refugee Affairs
United States Senate, SR-315
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

It was with great elation that we learned of the release of a number of Vietnamese political prisoners at the Lunar New Year. We are convinced that this development owes much to Resolution 205 which Senators Dole and Pell and yourself so kindly sponsored. Also, I would like to share with you my special joy that my own husband was among the group most recently released.

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Dear Senator Kennedy:

After so many years of strong support on your part and of persistent efforts from our Association, we have finally reached our primary goal...that is to secure the release of all political prisoners in Vietnam. We are heartened to learn on February 7, 1988 of the announcement by the Vietnamese Government of the release of all political prisoners this year, at the Vietnamese New Year; and from the U.S. Government of their acceptance of these prisoners for resettlement in the U.S.

As you are aware, thirteen years of incarceration under extremely hard conditions since 1975 have resulted in rapidly declining health for all of these prisoners. Proper medical care and strong support from their families is therefore vitally urgent and important at this time. We strongly solicit your support for a resolution for an expeditious processing of all released prisoners for resettlement in the U.S., or in any other countries of their choice, within a period of two years. Such a program will have strong similarities with the resettlement program for Amerasian children.

In closing we wish to express our gratitude for your strong and continuing support of our Association and for the issue of the political prisoners' release in Vietnam.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Yours truly,

KHUC MINH THO (Mrs.)
President

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MYTHUYDICKHA
2127 RIMROCK CT SW
OLYMPIA WA 98502

Received 4/11/88

Re: MR. VU² QUỐC THÔNG

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WA98502

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COL 2127 WA98502 6FEBRU1988

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01:37 EST

MGMCOMP

Translation .

*Father has infection of gallbladder again.
Has been hospitalized in emergency
4 times since Feb 6, 1988. Gentamycin
no longer effective. Please request
ODP for immediate departure.
Mother OK.*

PHYSICIAN'S SPECIAL COMMENTS
CHÚ-THÍCH ĐẶC-BIỆT CỦA BÁC-SĨ

Tràn dịch mật
Cần mổ - Lẽ dĩ nhiên theo

BS Van Thien

21/3/88

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INFLAMMATION OF BILE DUCTS
SURGERY NEEDED - HABITUAL
SEPTICEMIC SHOCK

Vũ Quốc Thông 71 tuổi
Số lệnh cũ 341-L/88 TQ

CARTE CONSULTATION CLINIQUE

BINH DÂN HOSPITAL
BỆNH-VIÊN BÌNH-DÂN

371, Đường Phan-Thanh-Giản, 371

SAIGON

NAME

Tên họ Vũ Quốc Thông 71 E

Sinh ngày

tại Hà Nội

Nghề-nghiep

giáo

ADDRESS

Trú-quán 110 Ngõ chính Thang 23

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(Vaccin)

Giảm độc tố

(Anatovine)

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PHYSICIAN

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Ngũyễn Văn Xuân lại :

Doc-Str

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MYKHANG THUYDICH
2127 RIMROCK COURT SW OLYMPIA
WA98502

BỘ NỘI VỤ VÀ BẢO TÍNH NGÀY 26/3 SỐ 5781/P3
CHOPHÉPBAME XUẤT CẢNH VÀ ĐISỎM NẾU
CÓ TÊN TRONG DANH SÁCH MỸ CHONHẬP CỬ
CÁC CÔNG NHÂN TÊN SEVANS HAY BOKER,
CÁNH TIẾP GẤP ODP BANGKOK GUIGÁP HÀ NỘI
DANH SÁCH CÓ TÊN BAME NHƯ GIÁM ĐỐC
BEARDSLEY NÓI VỚI THỦY BAME KHỎE

COL 2127 WA98502 26/3 S05781/P3

NNN
0319 EST

03:47 EST

HIGHCOMP

Translation:

The ministry of Interior
just notified us on March 26
by letter # 5781/P3 that we
are allowed to emigrate and
depart early if our names are
on the American list of people
authorized to enter the U.S.
Please request Senator Evans or
Bunker to intercede with ODP
Bangkok in order to have list
of our names sent immediately to Hanoi as
Director Beardsley had told Thuy.



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POLITICAL PRISONER REGISTRATION FORM
(Two Copies)

IV # 9741

VEWL.# X

I-171 : ✓ Yes,

The purpose of this form is to identify persons who are or were formerly interned in re-education camps in Vietnam, so that eligibility for U.S. admission via the Orderly Departure Program can be established.

1. APPLICANT IN VIETNAM VU QUOC THONG
Last Middle First

Current Address 140A Ly Chinh Thang, Quan 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Date of Birth 11/22/1916 Place of Birth Vietnam

Previous Occupation before 1975 (Rank & Position)	High Ranking Official of the former VN Government, holding various important positions in different fields.
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2. TIME SPENT IN RE-EDUCATION CAMP Dates : From 07/75 To 09/1980

3. SPONSOR'S NAME: His three children who are residing in the U.S.
Name

Vu Quoc Thuy -- 7238 Young N.W. Olympia, WA 98502

Address & Telephone

(206) 866-3944

- 4. NAMES OF RELATIVES/ACQUAINTANCES IN THE U.S.**

Name, Address & Telephone

Relationship

PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.

If you are eligible to file for the applicant under Category I of the ODP criteria and have not filed an Affidavit of Relationship (AOR), you are encouraged to do so. Also, persons in the U.S. who are eligible to petition for relatives in Vietnam on INS Form I-130 must do so.

5. NAME OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (PA) : VU QUOC THONG
(Listed on page 1)

NAME OF DEPENDENT/ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO PA.
LAM THI TINH	02/06/1918	Wife

DEPENDENT'S ADDRESS :(if different from above)

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION. This old couple are fortunate enough to be interviewed by ODP and given entry visas to enter the United States in 1981. The unlucky matter is that they are not yet given the exit permits given by the Vietnamese communist Government. Dr. Vu Quoc Thong has been seriously ill with his heart and his gallbladder. He was operated and entered the hospitals often without any improvement. His wish is to be able to see his children in the U.S. In return, his children, all professionals, wish to see their parents so that they can take good care of the old and sick parents.

9-20-79

Dich Quoc Vu

WFO 911-473



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Bangkok, Thailand

May 11, 1981

To Whom It May Concern:

LAM THI TINH, born 6 February 1918 (IV 9742)
VU QUOC THONG, born 22 November 1916 (IV 9741)

Residing at: 140A Ly Chinh Thang, Quan 3, Ho Chi Minh
City, Vietnam

has/have been approved for immigrant
visa status in the United States and an immigrant visa
at the American Embassy in Bangkok. This person (These
persons) has (have) sponsors in the United States.

It is requested that the above named person(s) be issued
the necessary documents for departure from Vietnam, and
to be interviewed by representatives of the UN High
Commission for Refugees (HCR).

(Những) người có tên trên đây đã được phê chuẩn đơn xin
chiếu khản của người bảo lãnh tại Hoa Kỳ, và muốn đến
Bangkok, Thailan để xin chiếu khản tại Sở Quản Hoa Kỳ.

Xin các cơ quan chính quyền thích hợp tùy xét cấp cho
(những) người kể trên với những giấy tờ cần thiết để
xuất cảnh Vietnam và cho phép (những) người này đang ký
đo cho UNHCR phỏng vấn.

Certified True Copy:

Date: 20 May 1981

MARK BERTHOLD, CPT, MSC, Adjutant
Silas B. Hays Army Community Hospital
Fort Ord, Ca 93941

My commission expires: Indefinitely

Sincerely,

Lee M. Peters
Consul of the
United States of America

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F.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREP, CIVIS, VM
SUBJECT: REFUGEES/ODP: CASE STATUS REPORT
(QUOC THONG, IV-9741)

REF: SENATOR EVANS' LETTER OF JANUARY 15, 1987

TO: THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. EVANS
SH-702 FART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

DEAR SENATOR EVANS:

1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY OF JANUARY 15, 1987 ON BEHALF OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, DRS. TEUY AND DICK VU AND MS. MY KEANH VU, CONCERNING THE U.S. ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM (ODP) APPLICATIONS OF THEIR PARENTS, NOW RESIDING IN VIETNAM (OUR FILE NUMBERS IV-9741-2/C-142A/PTD).
2. IN 1986, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM CONGRESSMAN FONKER AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, YOUR CONSTITUENTS WERE INFORMED THAT THEIR PARENTS' CASE REPRESENTS AN ANOMALY WHICH WE ARE POWERLESS TO RESOLVE.

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3. IN MAY 1981, THE ODP ISSUED A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION (LOI) ON BEHALF OF THE VU'S PARENTS. IN NOVEMBER 1982 THE VU'S PARENTS WERE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND THEIR APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY THE ODP. AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT HAVE EXIT PERMITS AND WERE THEREFORE UNABLE TO LEAVE VIETNAM AFTER THEIR CASE HAD BEEN

THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES SCHEDULED THE VU'S
PARENTS FOR AN INTERVIEW EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD NOT
BEEN ISSUED EXIT PERMITS NOR WHY EXIT PERMITS WERE
NOT ISSUED SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. IN FEBRUARY 1983, WE ISSUED A SPECIAL LOI TO
ASSIST THE APPLICANTS IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
EXIT PERMITS. THIS WAS TO NO AVAIL. SINCE THE
ISSUANCE OF EXIT PERMITS IS THE PREROGATIVE SOLELY
OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, NEITHER THE CDP NOR
THE UNHCR IS ABLE TO INFLUENCE OR EXPEDITE THIS
MATTER.

5. ONCE EXIT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, WE WILL
REQUEST NEW MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. ASSUMING
SATISFACTORY RESULTS, WE WOULD PROCESS THE CASE
ON A PRIORITY BASIS. IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY
FOR THE APPLICANTS TO BE REINTERVIEWED.

6. I REGRET I AM NOT ABLE TO GIVE YOU A MORE
ENCOURAGING REPLY AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,

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WILLIAM A. BROWN
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AMERICAN EMBASSY
BANGKOK, THAILAND
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The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
 United States Senate
 SH-506
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

I had the honor to read a copy of your long letter to President Ronald Reagan dated February 25, 1988 concerning the refugees situation in the world, especially those from Southeast Asia and most particularly, the recently released political prisoners and their families in Vietnam.

Thank you sincerely for your great concern and good heart toward our refugees in general and particularly, our former re-education camp prisoners and their families in Vietnam.

Like you, we, the Vietnamese communities in the United States, the former re-education camp prisoners and their families, other refugees and myself, are hoping and praying that the United States Senate and the U.S. Government can do somehow that these prisoners and especially the former re-education camp prisoners and their families may be soon reunited and resettled in this free country. Being released from the re-education camps is a big step that the political prisoners had made; but, they are still living in fears, threats and uncertainty as long as they are still in Vietnam. This condition might effect their poor health more and more.

Again, thank you, and may God bless you and your loved ones always.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear LYNNE

3/12/88

Thank you for sending me a copy of the strong letter by Senator Boschwitz to President Reagan.

I am sending you my Thank you letter to Senator. Please submit it to him. Many thanks. Tho



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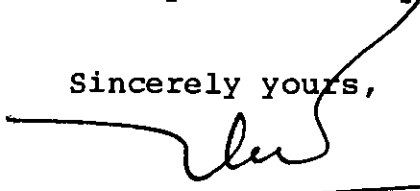
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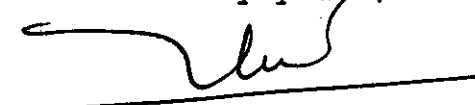
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The Honorable Robert L. Funseth
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Bureau for Refugee Programs
United States Department of State
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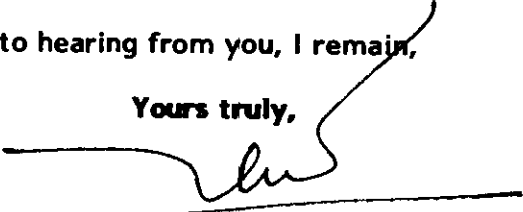
After so many years of strong support on your part and of persistent efforts from our Association, we have finally reached our primary goal...that is to secure the release of all political prisoners in Vietnam. We are heartened to learn on February 7, 1988 of the announcement by the Vietnamese Government of the release of all political prisoners this year, at the Vietnamese New Year; and from the U.S. Government of their acceptance of these prisoners for resettlement in the U.S.

As you are aware, thirteen years of incarceration under extremely hard conditions since 1975 have resulted in rapidly declining health for all of these prisoners. Proper medical care and strong support from their families is therefore vitally urgent and important at this time. We strongly solicit your support for a resolution for an expeditious processing of all released prisoners for resettlement in the U.S., or in any other countries of their choice, within a period of two years. Such a program will have strong similarities with the resettlement program for Amerasian children.

In closing we wish to express our gratitude for your strong and continuing support of our Association and for the issue of the political prisoners' release in Vietnam.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Yours truly,


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Dear Honorable Funseth:

We are elated to learn on February 7, 1988 of the release of a number of Vietnamese political prisoners. Such an event would not have been realized without your dedicated efforts and that of your staff, for which we are deeply grateful.

As you are aware, the ultimate goal of our Association will not be reached until all prisoners are released and reunited with their families either in the United States or in other countries. In this endeavor, it is with a great encouragement for members of our Association to know that we can rely on your unwavering support to obtain the release of the remaining prisoners still incarcerated and their expeditious resettlement and reunification with their relatives in countries of their choice.

In closing, we wish to express our deep and sincere gratitude for your continuing support.

Very truly yours,

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RE: IV# 60518 VEWL# 22386 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S LIST.

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This is a most special plea from Mr. and Mrs. Khuc regarding their little daughter they were forced to leave behind eight years ago while en route escaping from Vietnam. They now are trying desperately to be reunited with their long lost daughter.

The little Phuong Thao is now 9 years old and lives with her grandmother in Vietnam. Her father, Mr. Khuc, was a U.S. Air Force Trainee in Texas and was also a political prisoner in Vietnam. This is quite a sad and unique case so please do give it your utmost and heartfelt consideration. Please do your best if possible to negotiate with the Vietnamese government to issue an exit visa for the little Phuong Thao so she could be with her parents again. Thank you.

Her address in VietNam :

Khuc-Hieu Phuong-Thao
6/3 Tran Phu
Phuong 4, Quan 5
Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh
VietNam.



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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
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Dear Congressman Solarz:

I am writing to respectfully request for your assistance in having the following case of a Vietnamese refugee.

The refugee, Miss Nguyen Thi Khen, born on January 31, 1951, in Phnom-Penh, Kampuchea, now temporarily stays at the following address in Thailand:

Nguyen Thi Khen
CB: 302660
V #78
P.O. Box 18
Panatt Nikhom
Chonbury 20140.

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Miss Khen escaped from Vietnam and reached Thailand on August 27, 1987. Miss Khen is Vietnamese, born in Kampuchea while her father, Nguyen Ngoc Xinh, served as an Interpreter for the French Army in Kampuchea. Soon after, Nguyen Thi Khen was brought back to Vietnam in order for her father to be admitted to the Dalat Military Academy on January 3, 1953. Miss Khen then remained in Vietnam until the day she arrived in Thailand as a refugee. Before the fall of Vietnam, Miss Khen worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Vietnam.

Nguyen Thi Khen's case is a special case which deserves a special and favorable consideration. Khen's father, a former major, held various posts before he was assigned to the Police Forces as Joint Military Police Commander, District V, in Saigon, South Vietnam. During the Tet Offensive of 1968, Major Nguyen Ngoc Xinh was mistakenly hit by American rocket fired from American choppers on June 2, 1968.

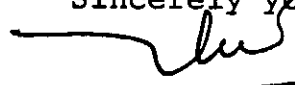
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I am sending herewith a complete record of Nguyen Thi Khen for your review.

Dear Congressman, with all your good concern, understanding and help to the Vietnamese people, I am very sure that you can help Nguyen Thi Khen so that she will really be able to find true freedom in this just, fair and free country.

Thank you very much for your concern and assistance in this matter.

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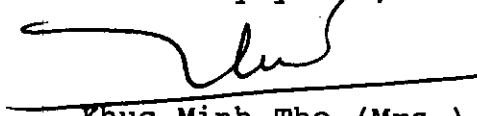
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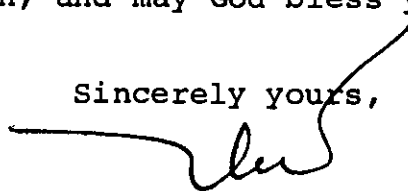
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March 12, 1988

Mr. Thomas P. Doubleday, Jr.
Chief, Southeast Asia Division
Office of Refugee Admission
and Processing
Bureau for Refugee Programs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Doubleday:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Proposals to Expedite the Resettlement of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners dated February 29, 1988; and,
2. Questions Regarding Exit Permit for Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners dated March 1988.

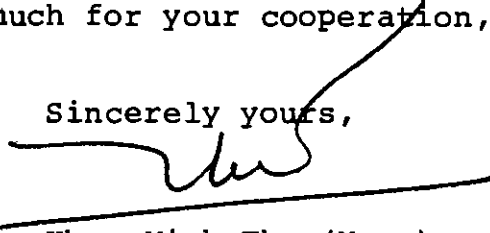
So far, our Association has received the answers from Mr. Robert L. Funseth on Questions Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of of Proposals mentioned above in his statement during the dinner organized on November 14, 1987.

May we now request for your answers on Nos. 3, 4 and 6 of the Proposals and all three questions dated March 1988, since all your answers will be included in our upcoming Special Newsletter of April 1988.

We also would appreciate your giving us more news or any information that you like to share them with our members.

As always, thank you very much for your cooperation, concern and assistance.

Sincerely yours,


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The Honorable Larry Pressler
United States Senate
SR - 411
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Honorable Pressler:

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, we wish to solicit your assistance in interceding for the following persons in order that they might be allowed to leave for the United States given their medical conditions:

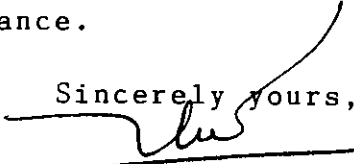
1. Mr. Nguyen Van Tu, born on July 18, 1910 in Vietnam: IV # 505-903; Exit Visas # 8988-THI, 8987-TH2, 8989-THI and 8990-THI. Mr. Tu was formerly a high ranking official of the former Government of Vietnam and a U.S. Trainee. Mr. Tu and his family have met all the required criteria to enter the U.S. They have an exit visa and entry permit. However, they need your assistance in requesting the Vietnamese authorities to allow them to be interviewed by the U.S. Delegation.
2. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Liem, born July 1, 1922, in Vietnam: IV# 524275; VEWL # 37326 and I-171. A U.S. Trainee, Mr. Liem also served as Secretary General of National Economic and Financial Council of the former Vietnamese Government. He was detained for more than eight years in re-education camp. Mr. Liem has been unable to obtain an exit visa.
3. Mr. Vu Quoc Thong, born November 22, 1916, in Vietnam: IV# 9741; VEWL and I-171 all approved; interviewed and physical exam have been completed. Mr. Thong was a high-ranking official of the former Vietnamese Government, holding various important positions in different fields. He was imprisoned for five years. He has three children in the United States. Dr. Vu Quoc Thong has a severe heart condition and gallbladder problems. His only wish is to be able to see his three children before he dies.

In all three cases, the concerned individuals are elderly and frail men, whose last wish is to be reunified with their family members, who are now American citizens.

Thank you so much for your kind assistance.

Enclosure

Sincerely yours,


Khuc Minh Tho (Mrs.)
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ATTACHMENT

THEIR ADDRESS IN VIETNAM :

- 1/- Mr. Nguyen Van Tu
1/50 Ap Cay Sop - Dong Hung Thuan
Hoc Mon - Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, VietNam.
- 2/- Nguyen Xuan Liem
50/4 Hoa Hung - Quan 10
Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh , VietNam.
- 3/- Dr. Vu Quoc Thong
140A Ly Chinh Thang - Quan 3
Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, VietNam.



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This letter is written to let you know that the prayers and thoughts of the members and friends of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association are with you and the delegation going to Vietnam in early part of April.

As you are aware, the Vietnamese Government released 480 re-education camp prisoners and recently the Vietnamese Government released a greater number of political prisoners during the Vietnamese New Year (Tet 1988). Most of these prisoners are officers and officials of the Armed Forces and Government of the Republic of (South) Vietnam. They were imprisoned for almost thirteen years because of their association with either the former South Government of Vietnam or the United States. Unfortunately, we are told that at least a few hundreds of re-education prisoners are still in the hands of the Vietnamese authorities.

For humanitarian reasons, according to the Presidential Initiative of 1984, the U.S. Government has agreed to receive 10,000 political prisoners and their families to resettle in the United States. Those first released 480 prisoners and the recently released officers and officials were approved by the U.S. Government to immigrate to the United States; however, they still have difficulties in leaving Vietnam.

Senator Pressler, we are asking that you please make three (3) requests on our behalf to the Vietnamese Government:

1. Please allow those 480 released in September 1987 and those who were recently released in February 1988 to leave the country without waiting for the usual confinement period of one to five years required by the Vietnamese authorities. Naturally, those leaving for the U.S. or other Western countries still have to meet the immigration criteria set forth by each of these countries.

2. Prior to September 1987, there were many former re-education camp prisoners released during the past years, who were accepted by the U.S. Government to enter the United States for resettlement; they too need assistance in leaving the country.

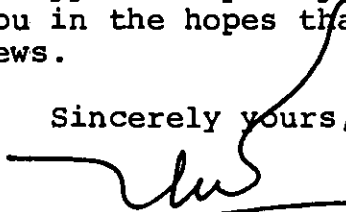
3. Our third request is for the Vietnamese Government to free the remaining of the re-education camp prisoners as soon as possible.

We hope that you and members of your delegation can convince the Vietnamese that it is in their best interest to release the remaining re-education camp prisoners and to allow them to emigrate immediately. If the question is raised by the Vietnamese - "Will the released prisoners engage in anti-communist activities? - please reassure them that most of these men are old and sick persons whose only wish is to finish their remaining days with their families.

We would like to take this opportunity to submit to you the enclosed "Proposals to Expedite the Resettlement of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners" with the hope that you will support us on this matter.

Senator Pressler, please accept the heartfelt gratitude of the political prisoners, their families and their friends. We appreciate the opportunity to present our concerns and requests to you in the hopes that you will be able to bring us good news.

Sincerely yours,



Khuc Minh Tho (Mrs.)
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March 12, 1988

Mr. Thomas P. Doubleday, Jr.
Chief, Southeast Asia Division
Office of Refugee Admission
and Processing
Bureau for Refugee Programs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Doubleday:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Proposals to Expedite the Resettlement of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners dated February 29, 1988; and,
2. Questions Regarding Exit Permit for Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners dated March 1988.

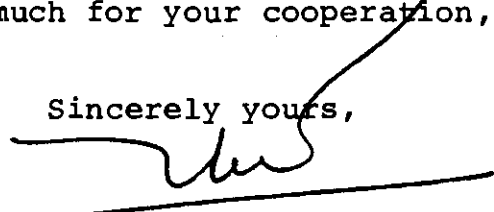
So far, our Association has received the answers from Mr. Robert L. Funseth on Questions Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of of Proposals mentioned above in his statement during the dinner organized on November 14, 1987.

May we now request for your answers on Nos. 3, 4 and 6 of the Proposals and all three questions dated March 1988, since all your answers will be included in our upcoming Special Newsletter of April 1988.

We also would appreciate your giving us more news or any information that you like to share them with our members.

As always, thank you very much for your cooperation, concern and assistance.

Sincerely yours,


Khuc Minh Tho (Mrs.)
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PROPOSALS TO EXPEDITE THE RESETTLEMENT OF FORMER VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS

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Following the release of political prisoners at the Lunar New Year, the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association believes that additional steps need to be taken to hasten their reunification with relatives currently residing in the United States and other countries. Consequently, it proposes the following measures for your consideration:

FOR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:

1. That for the recently released political prisoners, the requirement that they must wait for a full year (confinement period -- quan che) before becoming eligible to apply for resettlement abroad be lifted by the Vietnamese authorities;

2. That the Vietnamese authorities consider applications to emigrate by former political prisoners as special cases and remove the requirement that they must be sponsored by a spouse, children or parents. It is proposed that sponsorship by other relatives and friends will be sufficient. We are assured by the U.S. Government that such former political prisoners would also be received for resettlement;

3. That a special program similar to that of the Amerasian children be established to expedite the processing of the recently released re-education camp prisoners for resettlement in countries of their choice, notwithstanding the fact whether or not they have relatives currently residing in these countries; and

4. That this special program will continue to operate to help process requests by political prisoners, either already released or to be released at a future date, for reunification with their relatives and settlement in the U.S. and other countries.

FOR THE UNITED STATES:

1. Continue to press Vietnam to release all political prisoners;
2. Assure that, if these political prisoners are allowed to emigrate, adequate budget and resettlement number are available to take care of this increased requirement;
- *3. Simplify the procedures for issuing Letters of Introduction (LOI) by removing the requirement that sponsors must be in possession of the I-171 form; assure that LOIs are issued to any of the recently released political prisoners who do not have such a letter as soon as the names of these political prisoners can be identified;
- *4. Allow political prisoners who have siblings in other countries to apply for resettlement in the United States if they so decide; sponsorship for siblings is generally a complex and lengthy process in most other countries;
5. Be prepared to establish a bilateral program with Vietnam to process the political prisoners if necessary and required by the Vietnamese authorities; and
- *6. Intervene on behalf of the political prisoners to facilitate their admission for resettlement to other countries of their choice.

February 29, 1988



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QUESTIONS REGARDING LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FOR FORMER VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association request your guidance concerning the following questions and appreciates any assistance you can provide :

1. It is the Association's understanding that the United States agrees to resettle political prisoners who desire to come to the United States and who the Vietnamese government will allow to emigrate. However, some former political prisoners have been rejected by the United States on the ground, that they have relatives in third countries; sometimes even very distant relatives. The Association would appreciate a confirmation that this is not the policy of the Department of State. As we become aware of these cases, we will notify the Department of them for your kind assistance.

2. It is the Association's understanding that Letters of Introduction will be issued to political prisoners without any requirement that they qualify for immigrant visa. However, we have become aware of cases where LOI's have been refused because the relative's petitioners in the United States had not yet become American citizens and could not qualify their parent political prisoners for an immigrant visa. The Association would appreciate confirmation that this is contrary to Department policy. We will notify you of any such cases for your assistance.

3. In the case of former political prisoners who are the beneficiaries of an approved immigrant visa petition, could they be classified as refugees rather than landed immigrants upon their arrival in this country? This classification greatly affects the kind of assistance they can hope to obtain from the Government and, as you know, the particularly difficult experience which the prisoners have had make it likely that some will need more assistance than the usual immigrant.

March 1988



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March 11, 1988

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
SH-506
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

After so many years of strong support on your part and of persistent efforts from our Association, we have finally reached our primary goal... that is to secure the release of all political prisoners in Vietnam. We are heartened to learn on February 7, 1988 of the announcement by the Vietnamese Government of the release of all political prisoners this year, at the Vietnamese New Year; and from the U.S. Government of their acceptance of these prisoners for resettlement in the U.S.

As you are aware, thirteen years of incarceration under extremely hard conditions since 1975 have resulted in rapidly declining health for all of these prisoners. Propermedical care and strong support from their families is therefore vitally urgent and important at this time. We strongly solicit your support for a resolution for an expeditious processing of all released prisoners for resettlement in the U.S., or in any other countries of their choice, within a period of two years. Such a program will have strong similarities with the resettlement program for Amerasian children.

In closing we wish to express our gratitude for your strong and continuing support of our Association and for the issue of the political prisoners' release in Vietnam.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Khúc Minh Tho (Mrs.)
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