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The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
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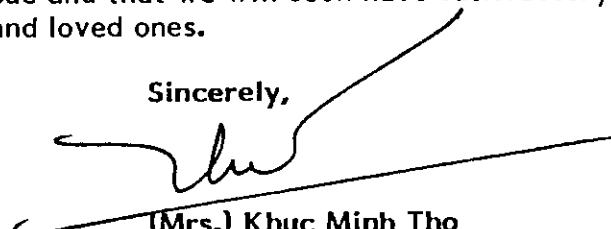
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National Security Council
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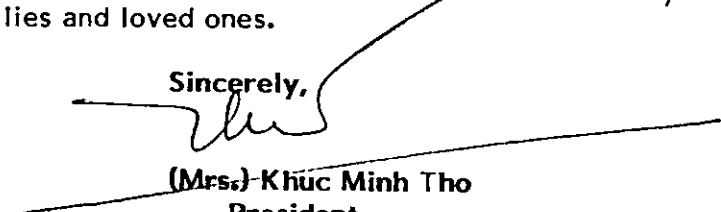
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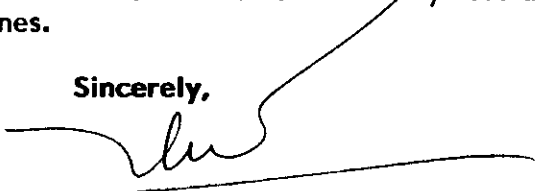
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6. Another issue that has surfaced concerns the military officers who committed suicide on April 30, 1975. We propose that the United States allow the wives and children of these officers to emigrate to the United States. We realize and understand that there are cases where there is no apparent evidence of the officer's death; however, there are a number of cases that are well-documented and we believe that those officers, whose heroic deaths recognized by the world, should be given serious consideration.

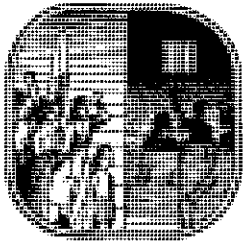
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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: September 18, 1990

TO : Ms. Dawn T. Calabria
Associate Director for Refugee
Migration and Refugee Services

FAX #: 541-3399

FROM: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

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SUBJECT: 1/- Annual Consultation on Refugee Asmissions
2/- Resettlement money for refugee status.

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For your information, I am sending you the documents regarding the case of Nguyen The Sanh in Virginia Beach. I do hope that you will do whatever you can to help this case and cases which might happen in the future. I am also sending you a copy of the letter I sent to Senators:

- Kennedy
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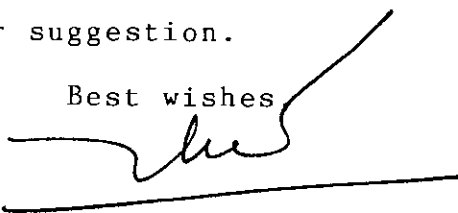
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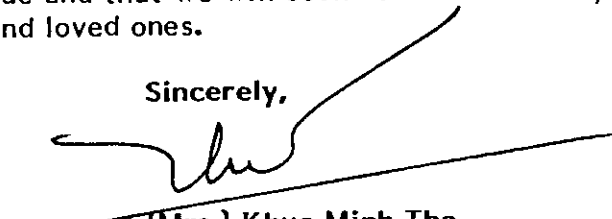
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RE: Nguyen The Sanh
(Former Re-ed. center detainee)

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Dear Rev. Msgr.:

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Association we are writing to request clarification of the issue regarding resettlement money for those refugees arriving with refugee status. In particular, we would like to bring to your attention the case of Nguyen The Sanh family.

This family was sponsored by Mr. Nguyen The Sanh's cousin, who travels frequently for his job. Even though the cousin was willing to provide some basics for the family, he too is not a wealthy person and has literally exhausted his financial resources in trying to aid this family. Mr. Nguyen The Sanh's family arrived 6/20/90 and to date he is still having difficulty with the language and customs in his new homeland; thus requiring numerous social service interventions (i.e. food stamps, medical expenses).

It was our understanding that those persons arriving with the refugee status would be provided a set dollar amount, per person, in order to assist with living expenses from the resettlement agency, until such time as they were able to get assistance from Social Services agencies.

We feel that clarification of this matter from Migration and Refugee Services would help to alleviate further problems and potential hardships of this nature.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and attention to this particular case and this matter in general. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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August 31, 1990

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
Families of Vietnamese Political
Prisoners Association
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Arlington, VA 22205

Re: Nguyen The Sanh family
Arrived 6-22-90

Dear Ms. Tho:

I understand from Kathy Garske that you called requesting information on the services provided to refugees resettled by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. I learned that you were contacted by the Nguyen The Sanh family who were sponsored by Minh Nguy of Virginia Beach.

The ORR/CDR is both a voluntary agency and a refugee social service provider. As a volag/USCC affiliate we take responsibility to see that basic needs are met over the first month as per the cooperative agreement. The initial resettlement is conducted with the relative sponsors. Minh Nguy and his brother Nho Tu Nguy agreed to provide housing, transportation, bring the family in for service and bring issues of concern to our attention. We agreed to help with jobs, E.S.L. and casework services.

Ngo kept the family at his apartment for three weeks and then came to the office saying that they would need to move. His brother Minh had space and it was agreed they would go there until Mr. Sanh began work. We understood that the family had food stamps, we gave them clothes, and were assured that they had adequate housing.

Employment services began two weeks after their arrival. Mr. Sanh has been given orientation to employment and a number of job referrals. Unfortunately no work has been secured but many hours have been invested and he is one of our top concerns.

The children are enrolled in school and E.S.L. intakes have been completed on both parents. Tutors were recruited and instruction should begin in September.

This family has met with the Vietnamese priest (a family friend) and a number of other Vietnamese community members. They are not socially isolated. A

resettlement plan has been developed with them addressing short and long term plans.

We regret that we have few staff and little in cash resources for incoming refugees. The job market is depressed in the Tidewater area and jobs are hard to find. Unfortunately health insurance is not available at many employment sites. We do help people deal with medical bills when problems arise.

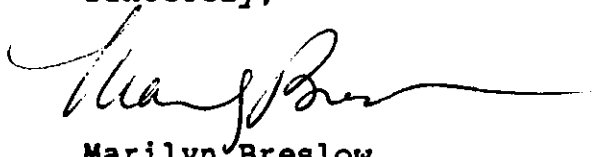
Refugees must begin work as soon as possible. An employability plan addresses skill upgrading and career mobility. Once better English is acquired community college courses are available and we can give information on loans and grants.

I hope Mr. Sanh and his family are soon feeling more secure in their resettlement. I am sure they are receiving a good deal of contact from the office, and that efforts are being made to address their concerns.

If you have any other questions about our resettlement policy please feel free to contact Kathy Garske at (804) 623-9131 or me at (804) 355-4559. We are very much concerned about the needs of re-education camp detainees and plan to establish support groups for these men (and women) later this fall. If you have any paradigms of successful support services for these families I hope you will be able to share them with us.

Thanks for your interest.

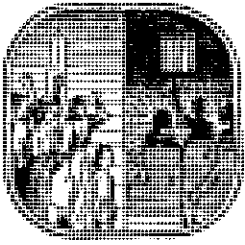
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Marilyn Breslow
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MB/psk

cc: Kathy Garske



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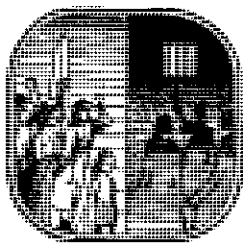
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PS . Nếu có thay đổi ngày hearing
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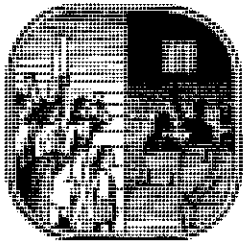
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DATE: September 18, 1990

TO : Mr. Robert L. Funseth

FAX #: 647-8162

FROM: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

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SUBJECT: Annual Consultation on Refugee Admissions.

Dear Mr. Funseth:

For your information, I am sending you a
copy of the letter I sent to:

- Ambassador LaFontant
- Mr. Peter Watson

and Senators:

- Boschwitz
- Kennedy
- Simmon
- Simpson

Khuc Minh Tho



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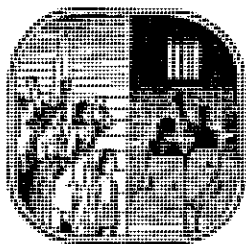
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TO : Mr. Robert Funseth

FAX #: 647-8162

FROM: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

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SUBJECT: Thank you letter

Dear Mr. Funseth:

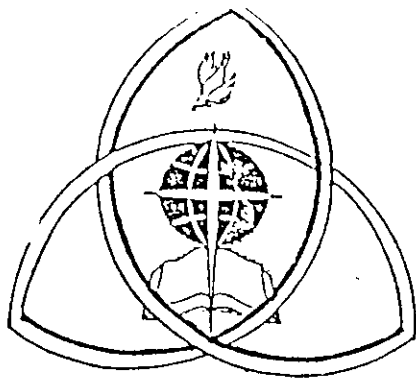
Rev. Lee came with his mother and his son to see me to request that I forward this enclosed letter to you. He and his family are very happy knowing that you had specially helped his wife so that she was interviewed and now waiting for her departure.

I was thrilled and touched seeing them happy. I also hope that Gioi and Thanh (Houston) will also be like Rev. Lee in the near future. I believe that you have given them this happiness.

I will mail the original letter to you tomorrow.

Thank you very much.

Tho



REV. T. G. LYCONGTHUAN LEE

P.O. BOX 1474

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19105

(215) 597-7844 (Census Bureau)

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Under the Grace of God the Son Christ Jesus,
the Mercy and Love of God the Father,
the Providence of God the Holy Spirit.

Saturday September 29, 1990

The Honorable Robert L. Funseth
Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Refugee Program

Dear Mr. Funseth:

Once again, please accept here our appreciation,
deep appreciation, for your love and care for
my wife being reunified with my son and me.

As you said, according to my wife's Sept 14 letter:
my wife was interviewed by U.S. Interview team on
Sept. 10, 1990. She also passed her physical examination.

(Now I'm waiting for ODP's calling me to buy air ticket
for my wife.)

I came back here to preach on Sunday morning
at my former Vietnamese church. I visited Mrs. KHUC
MINH THO and write this letter to express my
appreciation to you. I'm asking Mrs. THO give this
letter to you ~~at~~ the presence of my mother and son.

May God continue blessing You, Your family, and
Your mission richly.

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Lee

~ Thuan Cong Lee



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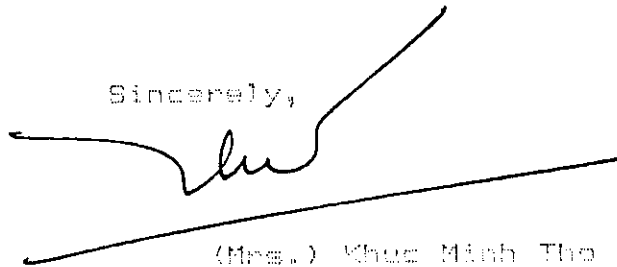
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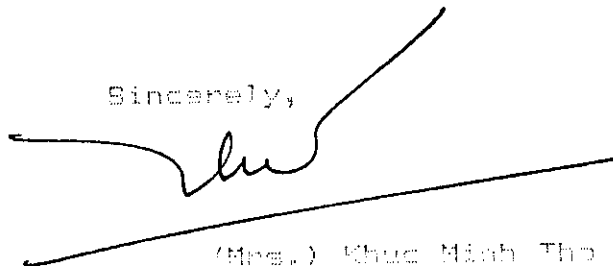
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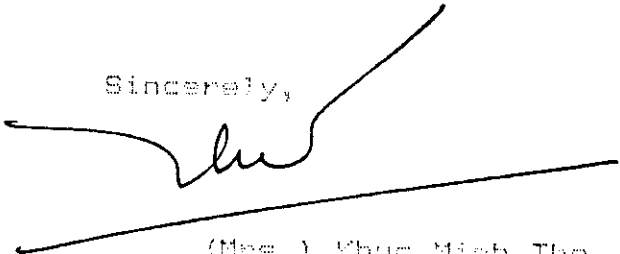
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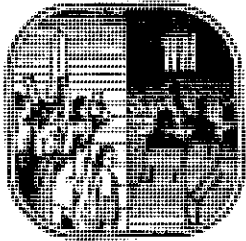
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RE: Nguyen The Sanh
(Former Re-ed. center detainee)

Dear Rev. Msgr.:

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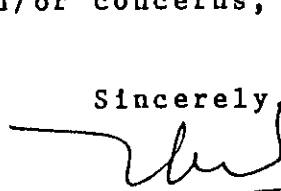
This family was sponsored by Mr. Nguyen The Sanh's cousin, who travels frequently for his job. Even though the cousin was willing to provide some basics for the family, he too is not a wealthy person and has literally exhausted his financial resources in trying to aid this family. Mr. Nguyen The Sanh's family arrived 6/20/90 and to date he is still having difficulty with the language and customs in his new homeland; thus requiring numerous social service interventions (i.e. food stamps, medical expenses).

It was our understanding that those persons arriving with the refugee status would be provided a set dollar amount, per person, in order to assist with living expenses from the resettlement agency, until such time as they were able to get assistance from Social Services agencies.

We feel that clarification of this matter from Migration and Refugee Services would help to alleviate further problems and potential hardships of this nature.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and attention to this particular case and this matter in general. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Solarz:

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association wish to again highlight your presentation of our issues at the hearing on June 21, 1990, which outlined and detailed the concerns that have presented the most difficulties for the re-education center detainees.

Of particular concern is the question as to whether the State Department could give consideration to immediate relatives in the special program for former detainees the right to enter as refugees. Our association's position has been to recommend that in cases where former political prisoners have left Vietnam and resettled in the United States, without their family members, that the remaining family members in Vietnam be permitted to resettle via the special program for former re-education center detainees, rather than through the normal ODP route.

Our association currently has numerous cases such as described above and one in particular that we would highlight and bring to your attention is the case of **Nguyen Thi Ten (wife of Nguyen Van Gioi)**. While his wife has been given permission to leave Vietnam under this program his children, **Nguyen Thi Tuyen Minh** and **Nguyen Tuan Minh**, who are married, are not permitted the same privilege. We have attached a copy of our letter of June 11, 1990 to Mr. William Fleming, Director of the Orderly Departure Program, regarding this family. Given the tragic results the long separation has already cost this family, we would hope that your intervention with the State Department would warrant special consideration in cases of this nature.

Additionally, there are other cases that are similar in nature and basically have suffered hardships and grief during the long separations. This concerns us very deeply and it is our hope and anticipation that this issue will be addressed and resolution can be adopted to affect a positive outcome for these families.

Congressman Stephen J. Solarz
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asian
and Pacific Affairs
Congress of the United States
September 12, 1990
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We would also again like to take this opportunity to commend you for your continued support and efforts. We realize that with people in government, such as yourself, who are desirous of affecting change and making a difference, we will realize positive results.

We continue to be supportive of your endorsements and hope that you will give serious consideration to the issues and concerns we have brought before you today. Should you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to share them with us.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President

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☐ Sorry! I'm unable to attend, but I'd like to help. Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____.

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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, and specifically for our member, **Gioi Van Nguyen**, with whom you have provided previous intervention, we are again writing to request your assistance on his behalf.

Enclosed is correspondence from Mr. Gioi Van Nguyen which explains his particular case and circumstances. As you may recall, while information was being collected regarding the resettlement of his son, Nguyen Ai Minh, he was notified that his son had committed suicide in Phanat Nikhom Refugee Processing Center (Thailand) on November 6, 1989.

The suffering and pain continues for this family because they still have not been reunited. His family has been granted Exit visas and their names have been placed on the Interview List which was forwarded to the ODP in Bangkok. Exit visas had also been provided to his married children and their spouses and children. Mr. Gioi Van Nguyen is asking that his married children be granted an interview at the same time as the other members of his family so that they can all be reunited together at the same time.

This particular case is very sad because the disillusionment of their hopes and dreams have already been shattered by the tragic death of his son. We would hope to prevent further tragedy for this family and feel that having them reunite at the same time would bring resolution to the crisis they experienced nearly a year ago.

It is our hope that you will be able to provide assistance and assurance to this family as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President

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GIOI VAN NGUYEN
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September 18, 1990

The Honorable FRANK R. WOLF
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman WOLF :

As you may recall, on October 25, 1989, you contacted the American Embassy in Bangkok on my behalf and requested a complete report regarding the resettlement of my son NGUYEN AI MINH in the U.S.

Unfortunately, by letter sending to you on November 13, 1989, the American Embassy in Bangkok officially informed that NGUYEN AI MINH committed suicide in Phanat Nikhom Refugee Processing Center (Thailand) on November 6, 1989.

At that time, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as well as the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) Diocese of Arlington, Virginia have confirmed the death of my son and according to my wish, NGUYEN AI MINH's body has been cremated and his ashes have been shipped to me in the U.S. three weeks later.

The suffering from this terrible tragedy will be something that my entire family will have to live with for the rest of my family's life.

Once again, I would like to take this occasion to express my sincere gratitude to you and your staff members for your great help during the past period to ease my suffering and grief.

Dear Congressman WOLF :

Today, I am writing you again in requesting for your full support and intervention with the American Embassy in Bangkok in order to get my entire family reunited to prevent further disillusionment that my family may be feeling at the present time.

As you know, I was a former political prisoner and spent time in re-education center detainees in Vietnam from 1975 to 1983, a total of 8 years. I escaped from Vietnam and arrived here in the U.S. in December 1985. I was able to escape and had to leave my family behind.

Presently, my family are being granted Exit Permission and their names have been placed on the Vietnamese Interview List F01/127 which has been forwarded to the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) Office in Bangkok, awaiting for interviewing. The Exit Visas have also been provided to my married children NGUYEN THI TUYET MINH (with her husband PHAM QUOC TUAN and her two children PHAM TUYET MINH QUAN and PHAM MINH NGOC CHIEU) and NGUYEN TUAN MINH (with his wife HO NGUYET PHUONG).

Therefore, I really need your help, your support and your intervention with the American Embassy in Bangkok to approve my particular case, to allow my married children to be interviewed at the same time as their mother and sisters and to accept my family to join me as soon as possible. That humanitarian action will ease my lonely life for several years ago, due to the long separation and that has already cost me the life of my eldest son. Please do not let them feel disappointed again. I believe that, with your prestige and reputation throughout Virginia and the United States, you will be able to get the approval from the American Embassy in Bangkok for my family reunion in the very near future.

Thank you very much for your great help and assistance, particularly for your kindness and humanitarian efforts.

May God bless you and your lovely family.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gioi Van Nguyen', is written over a horizontal line.

GIOI VAN NGUYEN

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The Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
SD-462
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Simon:

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the fast approaching annual Consultation on Refugee Admissions, which is during the month of September, 1990. With this in mind, we would also like to call your attention to this issue and request your continuing support of the Vietnamese Re-education Center detainees coming from Vietnam. Specifically, we would like to recommend that you:

1. Request the State Department to continue dialogue and negotiations with the Vietnamese government in order to obtain the release of all political prisoners.
2. Request an increase in the quota which has been established.
3. Request that the United States government make provisions to take as many of the political prisoners and to do so as quickly as possible. Given the turn of events happening around the world now, we feel that inevitably Vietnam will be affected, thus affecting the status of the former detainees who may ultimately be at risk.

It is our understanding that there had been more than 100,000 families of Vietnamese political prisoners still waiting for their departure. We realize that the departure program for the political prisoners has been going very smoothly, however, we have been waiting for 15 years, and feel the need to resolve this matter more expeditiously.

We hope that we will be able to continue to depend on your support and encouragement around this humanitarian issue and that we will soon have satisfactory resolution that will reunite many families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President



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September 9, 1990

The Honorable Robert L. Funseth
Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau for Refugee Programs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Funseth:

Today's celebration is in honor of and appreciation for all you have done to effect change in the lives of many re-education center detainees. Many of those assembled here today have travelled long distances to pay respect to you and to say thank you. It is because of you that we are able to enjoy and celebrate at this our first Annual Picnic.

We also take this opportunity to present with this letter the signatures of many former re-education center detainees who have made positive adjustments in their new homeland. They are now desirous of having their families and loved ones reunite with them. And, it is with that desire and hope in mind that we would like to request that you pursue vigorously the issue of increasing the quota for re-education center detainees for 1991-1992 to at least 30,000 or more a year.

This request is being submitted and presented to you by members of the various associations who have joined with us today and affixed their signatures on this letter.

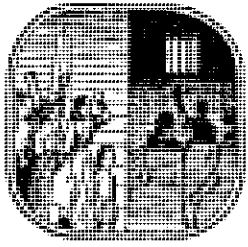
Thanking you in advance for your presence and your continued interest in our plight and that of our loved ones. Without your help this day would not have been possible for so many, and for this we say a very special thank you.

Sincerely,

Huynh Cong Anh
President of Federation
of Political Prisoners
Association

Huynh Van Cao
Chairman of the
Chapter of Former
Political Prisoners
Association - Washington
Metropolitan Area

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DATE: September 30, 1990

TO : Mr. Robert Funseth

FAX #: 647-8162

FROM: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

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SUBJECT: Thank you letter

Dear Mr. Funseth:

Rev. Lee came with his mother and his son to see me to request that I forward this enclosed letter to you. He and his family are very happy knowing that you had specially helped his wife so that she was interviewed and now waiting for her departure.

I was thrilled and touched seeing them happy. I also hope that Gioi and Thanh (Houston) will also be like Rev. Lee in the near future. I believe that you have given them this happiness.

I will mail the original letter to you tomorrow.

Thank you very much.

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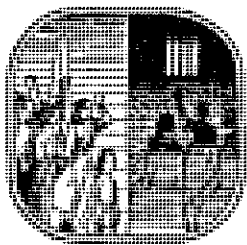
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Former re-education center detainee.(wife of
Rev. Ly Cong Thuan)

Dear Dick:

We request that this case be transfer to Re-ed.
Center detainees status, because she was imprisoned
5 years.

Thank you very much.

Khuc Minh Tho



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TO : Mr. Richard Beer

FAX #: 663-1061

FROM: Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

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SUBJECT: CHAU THI NGUYET HONG IV# 000046 + LOI + I-171,
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