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July 18, 1996

Ms. Loreen Santagata
12075 Edgemere Circle
Reston, Virginia 22090

Dear Ms. Santagata:

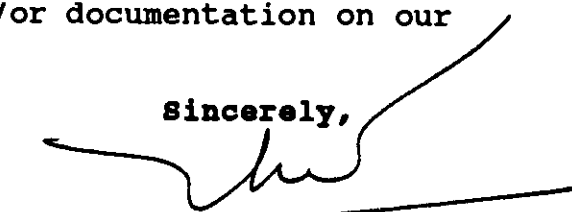
On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association we would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation your donations of June 2, 1996.

The furniture items, with a value of \$1,007.00, and the other household items (also with a value of over \$1,000.00) will enable our organization to provide much needed assistance to the newly resettled refugees in their endeavor to establish roots in their newly adopted community.

I would like to provide you with our VA Non-Profit Organization number (1545-0056) for tax purposes. Again, we wish to thank you for affording us the opportunity to further our objectives in our voluntary efforts on behalf of newly resettled refugees and immigrants in Virginia.

Please feel free to call upon our organization if we can be of service and/or assistance to you in any way, and do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information and/or documentation on our organization.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President

June 27, 1996

Tho Khuc
7813 Marthas Lane
Falls Church, VA 22043

RE: JUNE 2, 1996 Donation

Dear Tho,

Here is a list of the items donated to your refugee service. Please acknowledge with a receipt on your Company Stationary for tax purposes.

FURNITURE:

1 dinette set with 4 rattan chairs, 4 beige chair pads, 1 rattan table stand and a 48" glass top	\$312.00
1 white lacquer and brass two draw night stand	\$150.00
1 whitewash coffee table 3' X 3'	\$ 85.00
2 whitewash pappasan chairs - Pier 1	each \$120.00
1 white fouton couch	\$200.00
1 rattan hamper	\$ 20.00
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OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- 2 bathroom china sets (green & pink) 8 pieces
- 1 bathroom rug set (pink) 3 pieces
- 1 shower curtain and shower rings
- 4 cloth placemats
- 15 bath towels, wash clothes, hand towels
- 1 Hamilton Beach Blender
- 1 large lay back pillow called a "husband" in pink
- 2 sets of decorative sprays (green & shrimp)
- 2 sets of stoneware dishes making service for 8 and including dinner plate, dessert plate, cereal bowl, saucer and cup with a salt/pepper shaker, spoon rest, creamer & sugar
- 4 champagne glasses
- 6 plastic margarita glasses
- 1 beechwood napkin holder
- 1 white paper towel holder
- 1 ceiling light from Pier 1 Imports
- 8 flatware settings in stainless steel including; knives, salad fork, dinner fork, tea spoon and table spoon 40 pieces
- 2 green glass candle holders
- 1 hand juicer from DANSK
- 1 wine rack - Crate & Barrel
- 2 large pillows in fuchsia 3 X 3 each in size
- 2 plastic Rubbermaid utensil holders
- 3 curtain rods

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6/27/96

July
7/12/96

My address is:

Loreen Santagata
12075 Edgemere Circle .
Reston, VA 22090

Please call me at 703-904-0831 with any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Loreen M. Santagata

TO: TOM RABINOWITZ

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AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To treat adult children of former internees of Vietnamese reeducation camps as refugees for purposes of the Orderly Departure Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—104th Cong., 2d Sess.

H.R. 3540

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Referred to the Committee on _____
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCAIN

Viz:

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- 4 TLED UNDER THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM
- 5 SEC. _____. (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR ORDERLY DEPAR-
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- 9 a refugee of special humanitarian concern to the United
- 10 States within the meaning of section 207 of the Immigra-

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(b) ALIENS COVERED.—An alien described in this subsection is an alien who —

(1) is the son or daughter of a national of Vietnam who —

(A) was formerly interned in a reeducation camp in Vietnam by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and

(B) has been accepted for resettlement as a refugee under the Orderly Departure Program on or after April 1, 1995;

(2) is 21 years of age or older; and

(3) was unmarried as of the date of acceptance of the alien's parent for resettlement under the Orderly Departure Program.

(c) SUPERSEDES EXISTING LAW.—This section supersedes any other provision of law.

Facsimile Cover Sheet

To: Eric Schwartz (ATTN: Kelly)
Company: National Security Council
Phone: (202) 456-9141
Fax: (202) 456-9140

From: Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
Company: FVPPA
Phone: (703) 358-5154
Fax: (703) 358-5234

Date: 07/21/96

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cover page:** 8

COMMENTS: Dear Kelly: Please give this to Eric . I will call you sometime this week to follow-up. Thanks.

Eric: We need you help again, but it is on the same and only issue we talked to you about last May. Based on our discussion of this problem when we met in May, we are confident that you will agree that the former political prisoners have suffered enough. This policy of excluding the over-21 unmarried children has accomplished nothing except to break-up the families in a way that complicates their resettlement in the U.S. and undermines the tradition of family unity that was the cornerstone of the HO subprogram from the beginning (please see attached agreement). The entire Vietnamese community throughout the U.S. is distraught over this issue and prays for your help in resolving the problem. Warm regards. Khuc Minh Tho.

**OVERVIEW OF FAMILY ELIGIBILITY
IN THE PROCESSING OF
THE FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS
BY THE HO SUBPROGRAM
OF THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM (ODP)**

- 0 On July 29, 1989, Mr. Robert Funseth, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and representative for the government of the United States, signed an agreement on the Implementation of the Special Released Reeducation Center Detainees Resettlement Program (see attached). This agreement provided for the resettlement of the political prisoners and their "close family members."
- 0 When the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) began the "HO" subprogram of ODP to resettle former political prisoners and their family members, the eligibility criteria for family members stipulated all sons and daughters, including those who were married and their own children (thus, grandchildren of the former political prisoners).
- 0 In 1991, ODP decided to adjust the family eligibility to exclude the married sons and daughters of the former political prisoners. This change was done following consultations among the Bureau for Refugees at the U.S. State Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at the Justice Department, and advance notice to interested private groups (including the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association) and ODP. With this advance notice, the Vietnamese community was able to understand and to adjust to the changes of the family criteria.
- 0 In December of 1994, ODP, at a working group meeting with the SRV, announced that effective February, 1995, ODP would exclude from family eligibility criteria the over-21 unmarried sons and daughters of the former prisoners from the cases. This change was done without any prior consultations with private interest groups or representatives of the Vietnamese-American community. After protest from the Vietnamese-American community, the management of the Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) at the State Department and INS agreed to allow exceptions for humanitarian reasons, but ODP inconsistently implemented this policy in the field.
- 0 We strongly feel that this last family eligibility change so late in the program is unfair and unacceptable. Those who have been involved with the HO subprogram of ODP from the beginning understand that this is a unique program for the long-suffering former political prisoners. To break-up the families who have waited years for resettlement due to reasons of "fraud control" and "consistency with world-wide immigration practices" is to deny many former political prisoners the chance to resettle in the U.S. as a family, which was the intent of the program from the beginning. It is our experience that resettlement of the former political prisoners with their children as a unit is the best foundation for successful adjustment and integration into the American community, which is built upon the ethos of family values.

(FVPPA: July, 1996)

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DRAFT AGREEMENT

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SPECIAL RELEASED REEDUCATION CENTER
DETAINEES RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the United States of America, in order to resolve one of the issues of mutual concern to the two countries, and, consistent with their humanitarian policies and with the commitments undertaken in the Declaration and the Comprehensive Plan of Action adopted by the United Nations International Conference on Indochinese Refugees, hereby agree:

1. The Governments of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the United States, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, will, in addition to existing programs, facilitate the emigration to the United States on a voluntary basis of Vietnamese who meet the following criteria, together with their close relatives:

- A. Former close association with the United States or its allies, and
- B. Detained in reeducation centers from 1975, and
- C. Released from reeducation centers.

2. The Government of the United States declares that released reeducation center detainees coming to the United States would be subject to all U.S. laws, including those affecting the activities of U.S. residents towards other countries. The United States Government reaffirms that the United States has not encouraged nor does it have any intention of encouraging or using released detainees to engage in any illegal activities hostile or harmful to Vietnam -- and is opposed to such activities -- and that the

United States will accept these persons solely for humanitarian reasons and not for any hostile acts against Vietnam. The Vietnamese Government reaffirms that Vietnam has not and will not encourage or use released detainees to engage in illegal actions hostile or harmful to the United States.

3. A Joint Working Group will be set up to expedite the work of this program. This group will meet periodically to review the implementation of the program and to propose new measures to promote that work.

4. The technical matters in connection with the organization and implementation of this program are described in the technical annex to this agreement.

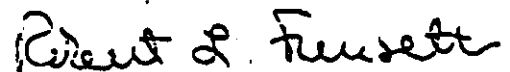
5. This agreement will come into force upon its signing or upon an exchange of letters by the designated representatives of both governments. The agreement will be in English and Vietnamese. Both texts will be equally authentic.

This ad referendum draft was done in Hanoi on July 29, 1989, in English and Vietnamese. Both texts are equally authentic.



Vu Khoan

Assistant Foreign Minister



Robert L. Funseth

Senior Deputy Assistant
Secretary of State

DRAFT TECHNICAL ANNEX.

TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SPECIAL RELEASED REEDUCATION CENTER
DETAINEES RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

In order to carry out the agreement signed on between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam concerning the Special Released Reeducation Center Detainees Resettlement Program, the two governments agree to the following:

1. The two sides will continue discussions to determine the estimated number of persons who may qualify for the program.
2. Periodically each government will make a list of applicants eligible to be processed for resettlement in the United States under this program. The governments will prepare the lists on a non-discriminatory basis. Vietnam takes note that the United States maintains that priority be given to persons and their families, who have Letters of Introduction from the United States, based on length of detention in reeducation centers or on immediate eligibility for U.S. immigrant visas. The United States takes note that Vietnam stresses that lists should be prepared on the basis of non-discrimination. The Joint Working Group will consider the lists and prepare a joint list for expeditious processing under this program. The Working Group will state reasons why persons from either government's list are excluded from the joint list in order to avoid backlogs in the program.
3. Every effort will be made to agree upon a first group for processing in October 1989. The number of groups in each year and the number of persons in each group will be agreed upon by the Joint Working Group. The initial goal will be to interview

for resettlement under this program 3,000 persons by the end of 1989. This program will be in addition to existing ODP and Amerasian resettlement programs. It will increase gradually as the number of persons resettled under the Amerasian program decreases and the capacity of this program to process persons develops.

4. Persons approved by the Joint Working Group for resettlement processing will be interviewed in Vietnam by U.S. consular or immigration officials by the simplest and speediest procedure.

5. Cases approved for resettlement in the United States under U.S. laws and regulations will be medically examined and transported out of Vietnam under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration (ICM).

6. Transportation and medical costs for resettlement will be paid by ICM under arrangements to be worked out between ICM and the United States. The United States will compensate the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for processing expenses under this program on a mutually agreed upon basis similar to the system used for the Amerasian resettlement program.

7. Any other details of implementation of this program not described in this Technical Annex to the Agreement on the Implementation of the Special Released Reeducation Center Detainees Resettlement Program will be decided by the Joint Working Group established under the above-mentioned agreement.

8. The United States declares that the program in any fiscal year will be subject to availability of funds and authorization under U.S. law. Vietnam notes this declaration and holds that the implementation of this program will be in keeping with the availability of such funds and with such authorization.

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Ans Shep,

Please correct and
any suggestion
Thanks.

Offered by Senator
John McCain and

~~This~~ Amendment No. 5064 ~~was~~ ~~offer~~ to the Foreign Operations
Appropriations bill HR 3540 was enacted by the
Senate on July 26, 1996. The bill will be considered by
the Conference Committee ~~early~~ in the week of
July 29, 1996

The Honorable
Senator, United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

/ Congressman

Dear Senator / Congressman :

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I am writing to seek your support for an amendment to
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daughters to accompany their
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On behalf of the Vietnamese-American community throughout the United States and of the former political prisoners and their families still in Vietnam, our association asks your support of this humanitarian amendment, ~~that~~ *that* will continue the resettlement of the former political prisoners and their families based on family unity and values.

*This
amendment*

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
President

_____, 1996

The Honorable _____
Senator, United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
President

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To: The Honorable

Company: United States House of
Representatives

Phone: (202)

Fax: (202)

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Company:

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Date:

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cover page:**

COMMENTS: We request your support of ^{Section 595} (Amendment 5064) of
the Foreign Appropriations Bill, HR 3540, when it comes up for a
vote on Friday, September 13, 1996.

Our deepest gratitude for your humanitarian effort.

To: Anh Davis
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Calendar No. _____

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(c) **SUPERSEDES EXISTING LAW.**—This section supersedes any other provision of law.

Ans:

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Bản này DRAFT. Anh có ý
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