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FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION

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August 5, 89

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KÍNH THƯA QUÝ VI,

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SỰ VĨ ĐẠI CỦA ĐẤT NƯỚC HOA KỸ KHÔNG PHẢI CHỈ NẴM Ở HAI CHỮ TỰ DO MÃ CÒN NẴM Ở TÂM LÔNG CAO THƯỢNG, HẢO HIỆP, QUÁ CẢM VÀ CHUNG THUY.

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TRÂN TRỌNG KÍNH CHÀO QUÝ VI.

-ĐÀO VĂN BÌNH

BÀI DIỄN VĂN CỦA ANH NGÔ SỬ

BỮA CỜ ĐÔNG TÂM NGÀY 5 - 8 - 1989

KÍNH THỬA QUÝ VI:

TÔI LÀ NGÔ SỬ, CỨU TỬ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ VIỆT NAM VÀ MỜI TỬ TRẠI TỶ NẠN SITE II, BIÊN GIỚI THÁI KAMPUCHIA QUA ĐỊNH CƯ TẠI HOA KỲ.

SỰ HIỆN DIỆN CỦA TÔI TẠI ĐÂY LÀ KẾT QUẢ CỦA SỰ TRANH ĐẤU VÀ VẬN ĐỘNG CỦA HỘI GIA ĐÌNH TỬ NHÂN. CÙNG QUA HỘI GĐTNC TVN TÔI ĐƯỢC BIẾT BỘ NGOẠI GIAO VÀ QUỐC HỘI HOA KỲ VÀ CỘNG ĐỒNG VIỆT NAM ĐÃ DẪY CÔNG TRANH ĐẤU CHO NGƯỜI TỶ NẠN CÙNG NHƯ TỬ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ. TÔI XIN THAY MẶT CÁC BẠN CỦA TRẠI SITE II VÀ BANTHAT XIN CHÂN THÀNH CAM ƠN QUÝ VI.

ĐỜI SỐNG TỬ VẬT CHẤT ĐẾN TINH THẦN CỦA NGƯỜI TỶ NẠN TẠI HAI TRẠI NÀY ĐƯỢC COI NHƯ LÀ TỐI TÊ VÀ NGUY HIỂM NHẤT TRONG CÁC TRẠI TỶ NẠN VÙNG ĐÔNG NAM Á. TÌNH TRẠNG AN NINH CHUNG CHO CÁC TRẠI NÀY KHÔNG CÓ. CÔNG QUÂN TIẾP TỤC PHẠO KÍCH ĐÊM NGÀY, CỘNG THÊM NHỮNG TRẬN ĐỤNG ĐỘ GIỮA QUÂN ĐỘI HOÀNG GIA THAI VÀ CỘNG SẢN GÂY THƯƠNG VONG CHO TRẠI SINH. PHỤ NỮ BI HẠM HIẾP, THANH NIÊN BI BẮT CỐC VÀ CƯỜNG ÉP GIA NHẬP KHANG CHIẾN QUÂN CAM-BỐT, VÀ GIA ĐÌNH THÌ THƯỜNG XUYÊN BI CUỘP BỐC.

NHỚ SỰ TÍCH CỰC VẬN ĐỘNG CỦA QUÝ VI, ĐỜI SỐNG TRẠI SINH CÙNG ĐÃ ĐƯỢC CẢI THIẾN PHẦN NÀO, VÀ CHÚNG TÔI NHỮNG NGƯỜI ĐÃ TỪNG HY SINH TRANH ĐẤU Ở VIỆT NAM, ĐƯỢC PHEP ĐỊNH CƯ TẠI QUỐC GIA NÀY, TÔI XIN THAY MẶT ĐỒNG BAO TỶ NẠN Ở HAI TRẠI NÀY KÊU GỌI SỰ TIẾP TỤC GIUP ĐỠ CỦA QUÝ VI. TÔI XIN CHÂN THÀNH CAM ƠN QUÝ VI.

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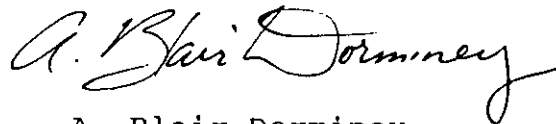
August 10, 1989

Dear Mrs. Tho:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you again for inviting me to participate in a very enjoyable evening with the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association. As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks I delivered.

I wish you and your colleagues Godspeed as you continue your important work on behalf of political prisoners in Vietnam.

Sincerely,



A. Blair Dorminey
Director of Policy Development

Mrs. Kuch Minh Tho
President
Families of Vietnamese Political
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P. O. Box 5435
Arlington, Virginia 22205-0635

POINTS TO BE MADE BY A. BLAIR DORMINEY,
DIRECTOR FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT,
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, TO
THE FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 5, 1989

-- Thank you for the opportunity to speak to this distinguished audience. It is always a privilege to be among Vietnamese-Americans -- I have great respect for the contribution that you are making to the United States. To the former political prisoners who are with us this evening, let me say that I have great sympathy for the ordeal you endured and I am grateful that you are here. I know that you stood firm in the defense of your country, and though the outcome of the war was very tragic, this does not diminish your patriotism or your courage. You have my deepest respect. Finally, let me express my sincere admiration for the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, and particularly Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho, for your commitment and perseverance over the years, on behalf of political prisoners.

-- In view of the full program this evening I will be brief. (Your featured speaker, Mr. Robert Funseth, will report the details of the very promising agreement on political prisoners he concluded in Hanoi, and I look forward to hearing him, as I know you do.) Nonetheless, I want to assure you, on behalf of the White House and the National Security Council, that the fate of political prisoners in

Vietnam remains a matter of particular humanitarian concern to us. Your loved ones, your compatriots, are not forgotten at the White House. We intend to keep this issue at the forefront of our agenda with Vietnam. Specifically, we are continuing to work for the release of every political prisoner still incarcerated. In addition, we will keep faith with the commitment of the previous administration, as expressed by Secretary George Shultz, to be "ready and willing to accept...both former and present prisoners -- and their families for resettlement in the United States as soon as the Vietnamese authorities will allow them to leave." As I am sure former political prisoners can testify, even a few months in the Vietnamese gulag can be a very long time, and the intensity of suffering in many cases and the enduring stigma of incarceration cannot always be fully summed up in calendar days. It is therefore important that we be generous in providing the option of resettlement to former prisoners. Finally, we will work to see that Vietnam respects the human rights of those political prisoners who are released and who choose not to emigrate.

-- As you may observe, there is considerable dynamism in Southeast Asia today. Indications given by Vietnam that it will withdraw its troops from Cambodia and contribute to a reasonable settlement there are encouraging. We also

view positively the willingness of Vietnam to deal with us bilaterally on matters of humanitarian concern, now among these political prisoners. However, as you well know, the situation inside Vietnam remains grim -- politically, socially and economically. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam continues to number among the most systematically repressive of all governments. Unfortunately, there is little to suggest that this will change significantly in the near future. Given this circumstance, we may expect that large numbers of Vietnamese will continue to choose to leave Vietnam -- and who can blame them for leaving a country that offers little except repression and hardship.

-- At the International Conference on Indochinese Refugees recently concluded in Geneva, the United States participated in adopting a Comprehensive Plan of Action, in order to preserve first asylum in Southeast Asia. We also made clear our unyielding opposition to involuntary repatriation to Vietnam, and the U.S. continues to hold the line against mandatory return, even in the face of considerable pressure. As the Secretary of State has made quite clear, we will not capitulate on this point and we are prepared to denounce the actions of those who do.

-- Where does this leave us? For the moment in an uneasy standoff, as we seek to implement the Comprehensive Plan of Action. One hope we have is to expand greatly the regular Orderly Departure Program (for family reunification) as an alternative to clandestine departures, and we are already taking steps to increase the number of ODP interviews. At the same time, we have now seized the opportunity for a special bilateral agreement with Vietnam on political prisoners; if Vietnam's promised cooperation is, in fact, forthcoming, we will soon be able to resettle thousands of political prisoners. We are facing potentially an embarrassment of riches, and greater resettlement obviously means greater expenditure of resources. As you would be the first to understand, it would be a tragedy if resettlement of political prisoners were to mean a reduction or curtailment of regular ODP, or put differently, if Vietnamese refugees of different sorts were to become pawns in a "zero sum" resource game. In the present crisis, it is imperative that all avenues for legal emigration be expanded, and that is indeed the commitment we made in Geneva. No doubt, this will mean a resource challenge, but the U.S. has risen to the occasion before and, indeed, has, comparatively speaking, always been a stalwart in resettlement. Having called upon Vietnam for many years to release its prisoners and its persecuted, we

now have a moral obligation to carry through on our own commitment, lest we sacrifice a part of our honor and hand Vietnam a public relations victory.

-- Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you. I wish your organization the very best as it continues its work. Thank you.

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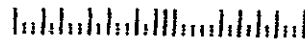
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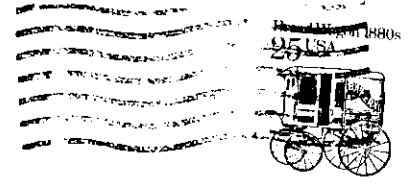
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Ngày 10 Tháng 8, 1989



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August 9, 1989

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho, President
Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
P. O. Box 5435
Arlington, Virginia 22205-0635

Dear Mrs. Tho:

I am glad that we were able to provide the assistance you requested for your dinner on August 5, 1989. Officer Debra Altman indicates that you gave her \$50.00 in cash. Unfortunately, employees of the Arlington County Police Department are not permitted to accept gifts of any kind.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding the \$50.00 that you gave to Officer Altman to HEROES, Inc. I am enclosing a short informational sheet describing the function of HEROES, Inc, that should give you an idea of its benefits to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. I hope you can understand why this money cannot be accepted by this Department.

Sincerely,

William K. Stover
Chief of Police

by

David L. Reiten
Acting Chief of Police

Enclosure

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From: Dang Xue
1208 Magnolia Lane
Herndon, Va. 22070



AUG 23 1989

To: Hội Khúc Mưu Thơ
P.O. Box 5435
Arlington, VA 22205

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August 9, 1989

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho, President
Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
P. O. Box 5435
Arlington, Virginia 22205-0635

Dear Mrs. Tho:

I am glad that we were able to provide the assistance you requested for your dinner on August 5, 1989. Officer Debra Altman indicates that you gave her \$50.00 in cash. Unfortunately, employees of the Arlington County Police Department are not permitted to accept gifts of any kind.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding the \$50.00 that you gave to Officer Altman to HEROES, Inc. I am enclosing a short informational sheet describing the function of HEROES, Inc, that should give you an idea of its benefits to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. I hope you can understand why this money cannot be accepted by this Department.

Sincerely,

William K. Stover
Chief of Police

by

David L. Reiten
Acting Chief of Police

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TAM T. PHAN

118

Aug. 8, 1989

65-2967
550

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Families of U.N. Political Prisoners Association \$ 25.00
Twenty Five and no/100 DOLLARS

Aug 9, 1989



Tam

MEMO

Xin cảm ƠN Quý Hội đã gửi giấy mời để dự bữa cơm "ĐỒNG TÂM". Rất tiếc vì tôi bận đi Canada về quá trễ không thể đến để tham dự với Quý Hội Viên.

Tôi xin gửi kèm theo đây ngân phiếu số 118, ngày 8/8/89, Hai Mươi Lăm Mỹ Kim (\$25.00) để ủng hộ Quý Hội.

Kính chào thân ái.

Tam

Tam T. Phan
3204 Toledo Pl. #203
Hyattsville, MD. 20782

Hyattsville, August 9, 1989

Kính Gởi: Hội Gia Đình Từ Nhân Chính Trị V. N.

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Tam T. Phan
3204 Toledo Pl. #203
Hyattsville, MD. 20782



Houston, August 03/89

Chị Chị Chị,

Thưa Chị Chị Chị

Em đã dự định lên chị để bữa
 cơm 2. hôm nay rất tiếc là giờ
 chót, Em reser. vé máy bay tất
 cả sẵn sàng thì thấy cháu Em
 phải đi gấp lên S. Antonio thành ra
 Em không lên thăm chị được. Mong chị
 thứ lỗi cho Em, nhưng Em tin rằng
 sẽ gặp chị trong những ngày tới.
 Tên đây Em xin gửi phần đóng
 góp phụ với chị gọi là chút ít thôi.
 Sorry! Chị Chị Chị nhé.
 Cảm ơn Chị nhiều -

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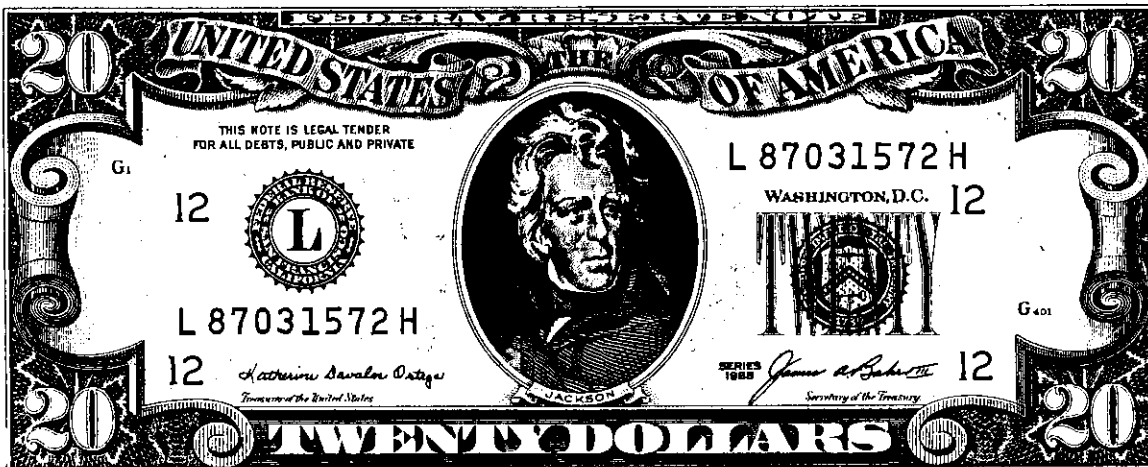
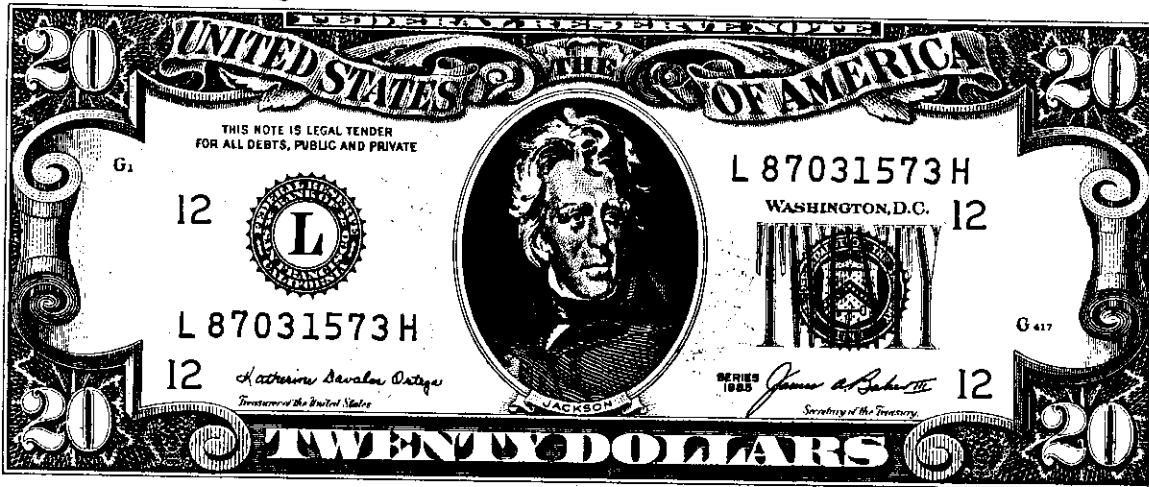
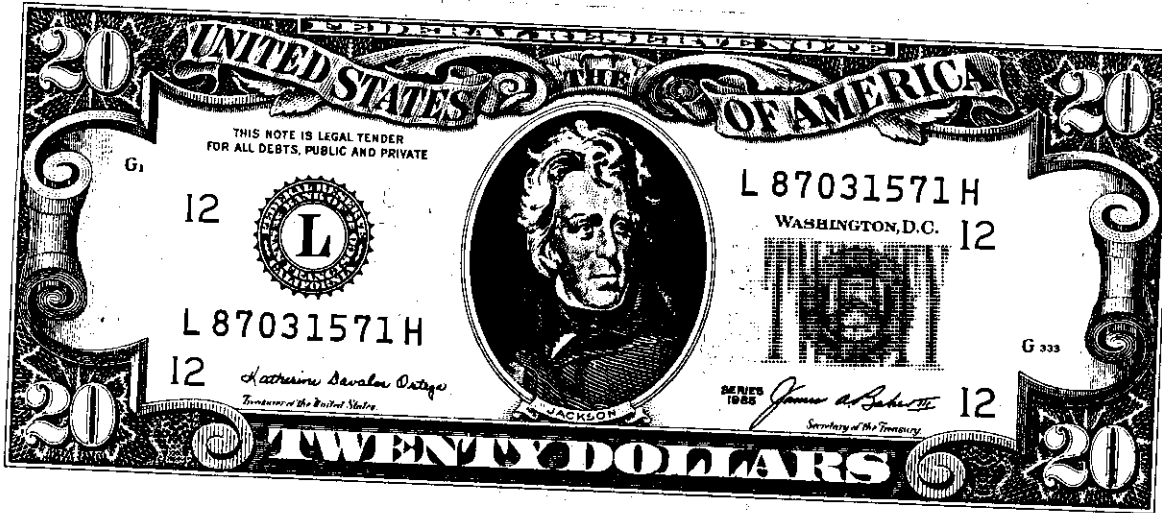
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THU B. NGUYEN
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312

8/5 19 89

68-11147
560

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Assoc. \$ 50.⁰⁰

Fifty

DOLLARS



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Thu B. Nguyen



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July 31 19 89

68-408475
560

Pay to the order of Families of VN Political Prisoners' Association \$ 250.00

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Dollars

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Vien Quang Linh

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2174

July 27, 19 89

75-148/819

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DOLLARS



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Two hundred and 20/100 DOLLARS

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AUG. 5, 1989 68-7267 2560

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FORESTVILLE, MARYLAND 20747

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Hoi Tu Nhan Chinh Tri \$ 50.00
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TO THE ORDER OF FPPVA \$ 25.00

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8-5-1989 68-947 219

TO THE ORDER OF Family of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Assn \$ 25.00

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PAUL-LON V. PHAM
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Pay to the order of Hoi Tu Binh \$ 50.00

Fifty only _____ Dollars

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Sovran Bank, N.A., Alexandria, Virginia

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KIM-THI BUI 2-88

1281

8/5/89 68-7198 2550

TO THE ORDER OF the Family of Vietnamese Political Prisoner Association \$ 250.00

Two hundred fifty and 00/100 _____ Dollars

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A FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Pham

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TO THE ORDER OF FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

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NGOC M. NGUYEN 5-88 219

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Assoc \$ 30.00

Thirty and 00/100 DOLLARS

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8/5/1987 68-424-068
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TRUC NUONG BROWN 410

Aug 5 1989 68-7237-2650

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association \$ 75.00

Seventy five and 00/100 DOLLARS

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BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 30706

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Pay to the order of \$ 50.00

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MCLEAN, VIRGINIA 22102

Nguyen An

AUGUSTINE H. VINH 309

8-3-1989 68-106-560

PAY TO THE ORDER OF FAMILY OF VHT POL. PRS. \$ 50.00

Fifty (50.00) DOLLARS

Bank of America
Bank of America, N.A.
Alexandria, Va.

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DAVID V. DANG 12-84
NGUYEN-GIAO DANG

1850

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

68-11142
560

One hundred and ~~no~~ ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

\$ 100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

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ANH-THUY NGUYEN-LONG
JOHN-HUY NGUYEN-LONG

July 16 19 89 497

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Families of VN Political Prisoners ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ \$ 50

Fifty

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VIENNA, VA 22180

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Anthuy Long

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CENTER-CDI

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313

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

VN Political Prisoners ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ \$ 50

Fifty dollars and no cents

DOLLARS



Dauphin Deposit Bank
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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105

MEMO

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July 14 19 89 445

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Pay to the order of

Mrs. NGUYEN XUAN LAN \$ 50.00

Fifty only

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MEMO \$ 50.00

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CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

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TONY MACNGUYEN
DOAN T. NGUYEN

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July 12 19 1989 68-11135
560

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Families of VN Political Prisoners Ass. \$ 25.00

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FIRST VIRGINIA BANK
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FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22046

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THOMAS TRAN 6-88
BACH-TUYET TRAN

383

7-16-19 89 65-7198/2550

Pay To The Order Of Families of VN Political Prisoners Ass \$ 50.00

Fifty and 00/100 Dollars

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CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

For Families of VN Pol Pris Ass. *each Receipts Assoc*

THUAN-ANH NGUYEN, D.D.S.
ARNO WONG, D.D.S.

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July 18 19 89 7-163 520

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Silver Spring, MD Maryland

FOR Donation

Thu-Anh Nguyen



XUANLAN NGUYEN

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Montgomery County Teachers
Federal Credit Union
Kensington, MD 20895

Memo

William

*Kim Dung
Cash 50 \$*

KIM DUNG THI TRAN

128

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FVPPA

July 28 1989

68-7278/2560

50⁰⁰/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

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THE SUPER S&L DOMINION FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION
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Order Mrs. Khue Minh Tho

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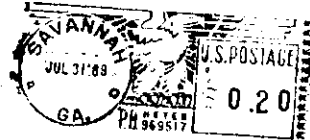


(09) 1083

3 phần cơm đông tâm.

Bui Thu Huynh

Mrs. Thu Huynh Bui
P.O. Box 3561
Savannah, GA 31414



To: Mrs. Khue Minh Tho

P.O. Box 5435

ington, Va - 22205-0635.

Write Qu!

Chi Thu,

Em gửi chị 60\$ để đặt thêm 3 phần ăn cho 3 bà bạn người Mỹ của em ở Savannah.

Em đã liên lạc được người bạn đi em tâm 1 đêm thì 7 rồi. Chị yên tâm khỏi lo việc này.

Em cũng kèm theo 2 tờ x/cảnh của Ba má em mà em vừa nhận được.

Xin chị giúp gửi luôn. Em cảm ơn chị nhiều. Hẹn gặp chị ngày 5-8-89.

Lần đầu tiên em tham dự đám tiệc nên em cũng



Đính thừa chi Hauh

Chi Thọ giao cho em 20 vé ăn cơm
mà em bán được có 16 vé thôi. Còn lại
4 vé em gửi lại chi và cái check tiền
của 16 vé mà em đã bán rồi.

$$16 \times 25 = 400.00$$

Quê chi và gia đình có mạnh
o? em gửi lời thăm tất cả
Sẽ gặp lại chi ngày hôm tới

Kính chào
em Hauh

LOI VAN PHAM
HANH THI HUYNH PHAM

July 31st 1989 4182

66-101 1822
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Pay to the order of Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners \$ 400.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ /
Four hundred only Dollars

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Sovran Bank, N.A., Arlington, Virginia

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DANIEL N. HUYNH
HANH T. VO
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ROCKVILLE, MD 20853

July 28 19 89 2229

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550

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\$ 50.00 / 100

FIFTY and NO CENTS

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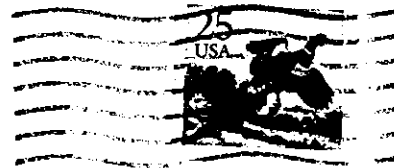
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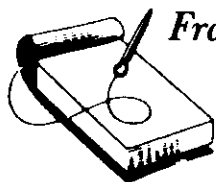
MEMO _____

Daniel N. Huynh

Huynh Ngọc Diệp
5004 Adrian St.
Rockville, MD. 20853



Ms. KHUC MINH THO
7813 Marthas Lane
Falls Church, Virginia
22403



From the desk of

DIEP N. HUYNH

Ngày 28 tháng 7, 1989

Kính thưa Chị Thơ,

Chúng tôi cảm ơn Chị đã
gởi thiệp mời tham dự bữa cơm
Đồng Tâm.

Chúng tôi sẽ cố gắng đến
đúng giờ. Nói cố gắng, vì tôi
phải làm việc vào ngày thứ bảy
8/5. Thường thường công việc vào
ngày thứ bảy rất nhiều, mệt lắm
và ra mồ hôi.

Xin Chị vui lòng chuyển cho
quí Hội tâm chi phiếu 50% kèm
theo đây.

Chúc Chị mạnh và thành công.

T.B. Tôi đã có điện thoại cho
đt 534.0206 báo rằng chúng tôi sẽ đến. Huyền Ngọc Diệp

Dinh

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NGA KIEU NGO 10-83

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Hoi Gia Dinh Tu Nhan

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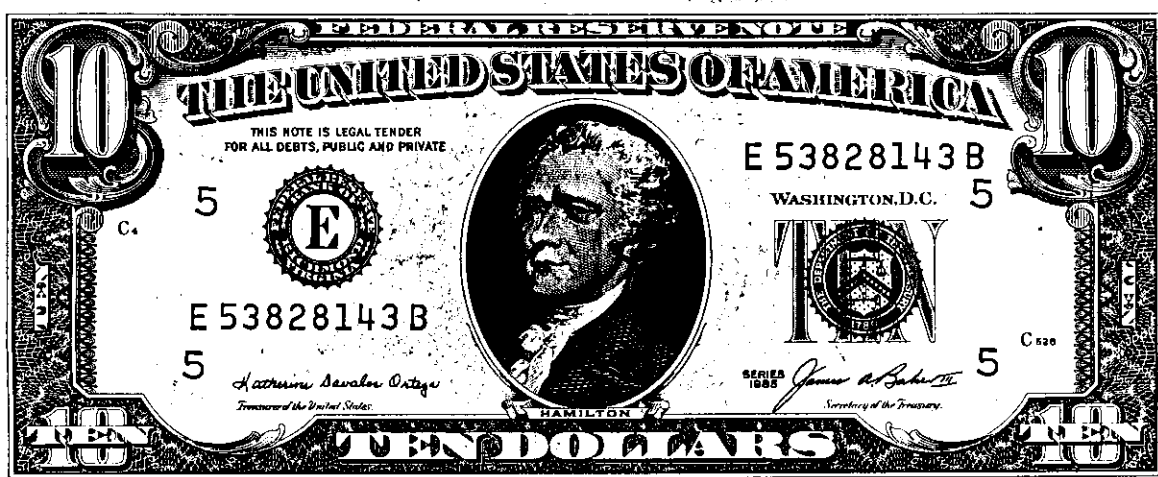
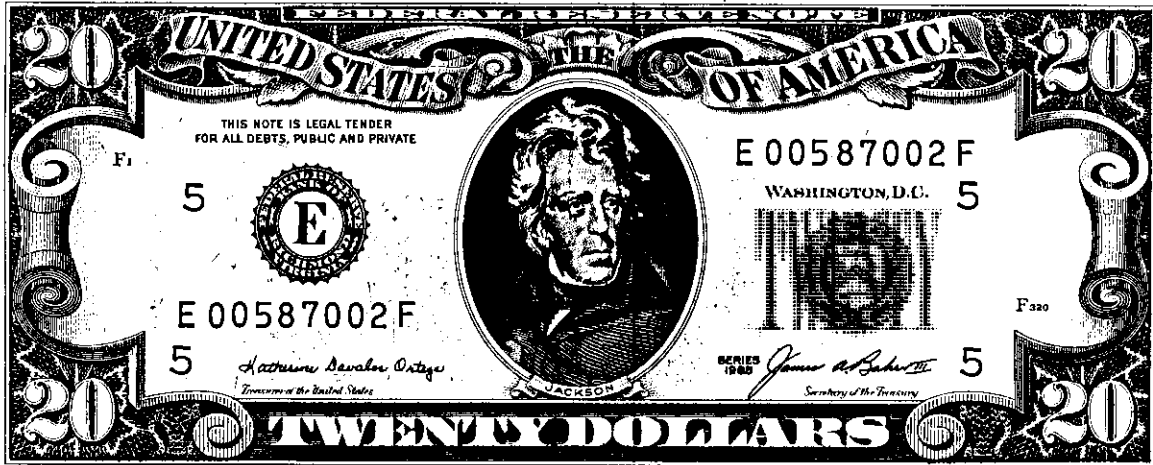
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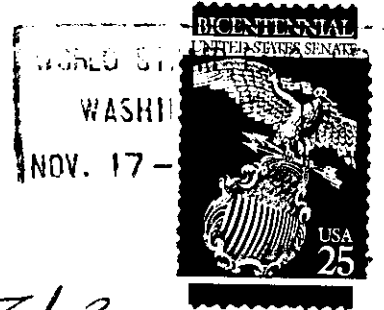
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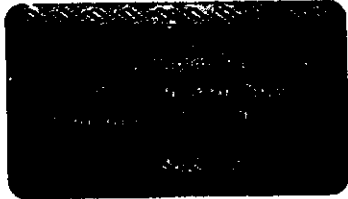
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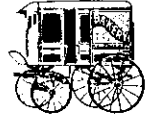
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Report on the 1989 Hanoi Negotiations
for the Resettlement of the
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RESETTLEMENT OF RELEASED REEDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES IN THE UNITED STATES

Representatives of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at a meeting in Hanoi July 27-29, 1989, announced that they hope to commence by October 1989 a program for the resettlement in the United States of released reeducation center detainees and their close family members who wish to emigrate to the United States. The Vietnamese delegation was led by Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Vu Khoan. The U.S. delegation was led by Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert L. Funseth, Acting Director of the Bureau for Refugee Programs.

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The United States delegation declared 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 U.S. delegation reaffirmed 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 -- and that the United States will accept these persons solely for humanitarian reasons and not for any hostile actions against Vietnam. The Vietnamese delegation also reaffirmed that Vietnam has not and will not encourage or use released detainees to engage in illegal actions hostile or harmful to the United States.

The two sides drew up a draft agreement which included a technical annex, and agreed to establish a joint working group to coordinate implementation of the program. The two sides agreed that the program would be in addition to the existing Amerasian and Orderly Departure Programs.

The two sides expressed great satisfaction with the results achieved and expressed hope that the first group of 3,000 persons for resettlement in the United States under this agreement will depart Vietnam before the end of the year after processing is completed.

Hanoi, July 30, 1989

ANNOUNCEMENT

U.S. MEETING WITH VIETNAMESE RED CROSS

The Vietnamese Red Cross has accepted a U.S. proposal to receive a second consignment of gift packages for detainees in reeducation centers in Vietnam from their relatives in the United States with the assistance of the American Red Cross.

This agreement was reached during a meeting on July 26, 1989 between Dr. Doan Xuan Muou, Secretary General and Vice President of the Vietnamese Red Cross, and Mr. Robert Funseth, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Funseth was in Hanoi leading a U.S. delegation for meetings with representatives of the Vietnamese government for the resettlement of released reeducation center detainees and their families in the United States.

During the meeting, which took place at the Headquarters of the Vietnamese Red Cross, officials of that organization briefed Mr. Funseth on their newly created tracing service which is assisting overseas Vietnamese in locating their relatives in Vietnam for whom they have lost contact since the war. This tracing service was created with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr. Funseth praised the humanitarian efforts of the Vietnamese Red Cross in helping families reestablish contact with their missing relatives and their willingness to once again deliver gift packages to persons still detained in Vietnam's reeducation centers.

Also attending the meeting was Dr. Do Duc Duong, Vice-General Secretary of the Red Cross.

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U.S. - VIETNAM MEETING ON EXPANDING THE
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During a meeting in Hanoi on July 28 Robert L. Funseth, Acting Director of the Bureau for Refugee Programs and Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Nguyen Can, Director of Immigration, Ministry of Interior, discussed ways to promote the Comprehensive Plan of Action adopted last month in Geneva at the U.N. International Conference on Indochinese Refugees and to discourage clandestine departures by boat by significantly expanding the Orderly Departure Program.

Mr. Funseth noted that the United States has available for Vietnam an annual quota of 20,000 immigrant visas for admission to the United States of close relatives of Vietnamese already residing there and that during this year about 8,000 of those visas will be used. Mr. Funseth urged the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to expand issuance of exit permits to those persons eligible for immigrant visas so that the full quota of 20,000 per year will be reached, for at least each of the next five years. Mr. Funseth observed that admission to the United States of 100,000 immigrants from Vietnam to seek this route of emigration, rather than clandestine departures by boat.

Mr. Can took note of these views. They both agreed that the two sides will endeavor to promote the expansion of the Orderly Departure Program.

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HOPE AND CHALLENGE

Report on the 1989 Hanoi Negotiations for the Resettlement of the Vietnamese Reeducation Center Detainees

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You honor me once more by inviting me to share this evening with you -- to share another meal together -- that most spiritual and symbolic experience of sharing in the human family. You must have sensed this when you decided to call yourself "Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners."

A week ago today, in Hanoi on Saturday, July 29, 1989, the United States and Vietnamese delegations reached what I hope will come to be seen as an historic and humanitarian agreement to bring about the long awaited and long overdue reunification and resettlement of reeducation center detainees with their families and friends in the United States.

As a new dawn was bringing light to a new day across the United States, on Sunday morning, July 30, 1989, the United States and Vietnam released the following Joint Statement, announcing the success of our negotiations. (What a wonderful coincidence that it was on a Sunday -- that most special day of the week -- that this good news could be revealed.)

The text reads:

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The United States delegation declared 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 delegation reaffirmed 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 any such activities -- and that the United States will accept these persons solely for humanitarian reasons and not for any hostile actions against Vietnam. The Vietnamese delegation also reaffirmed that Vietnam has not and will not encourage or use released detainees to engage in illegal actions hostile or harmful to the United States.

The two sides drew up a draft agreement which included a technical annex, and agreed to establish a joint working group to coordinate implementation of the program. The two sides agreed that the program would be in addition to the existing Amerasian and Orderly Departure Programs.

The two sides expressed great satisfaction with the results achieved and expressed hope that the first group of 3,000 persons for resettlement in the United States under this agreement will depart Vietnam before the end of the year after

processing is completed. Hanoi, July 30, 1989. END QUOTE and the text of the Joint Statement

First U.S. List

At the conclusion of the negotiations, I presented to the Vietnamese delegation the first U.S. list of 3,500 persons consisting of former reeducation center detainees and their families who are all beneficiaries of approved U.S. immigrant visa petitions. I requested that these persons be processed for emigration to the United States as soon as possible and hopefully by the end of the 1989 calendar year.

At the negotiating meetings with the Vietnamese delegation, I also requested that Vietnam release all remaining persons detained in reeducation centers, including writers and religious leaders.

I urged that these persons once released should be allowed, if they wish, to emigrate to any country which will admit them.

I also requested that the basic civil rights of former reeducation detainees and their families be fully restored, including the lifting of any existing discrimination against these persons, including for example, any restrictions on food rations, or education and employment opportunities.

In addition to the Joint Statement, two other important statements were made in Hanoi: The first concerns the Vietnamese Red Cross and the second calls for expanding the Orderly Departure Program.

Vietnamese Red Cross

A few hours after my arrival in Hanoi, on Wednesday, July 26, I had a meeting -- at my request -- with officials of the Vietnamese Red Cross. You will recall it was through the Vietnamese Red Cross that we were able to arrange the first ever direct shipment of Tet gift packages earlier this year to persons who continued to be detained in reeducation.

The Vietnamese Red Cross accepted my proposal to receive a second consignment of gift packages for detainees in reeducation centers in Vietnam from their relatives in the United States with the assistance of the American Red Cross as soon as such a shipment can be arranged.

During this meeting, which took place at the Headquarters of the Vietnamese Red Cross, officials of that organization also briefed me on their newly created tracing service which is assisting overseas Vietnamese in locating their relatives in Vietnam with whom they have lost contact since the war. This tracing service was created with the support of the

International Committee of the Red Cross. They said they would be pleased to receive any requests for this service from Vietnamese in the United States.

Orderly Departure Program

The second separate meeting I had in Hanoi was on July 28 with Mr. Nguyen Can, the Director of Immigration of the Ministry of Interior.

During this meeting, Mr. Nguyen Can and I discussed ways to promote the Comprehensive Plan of Action adopted last month in Geneva at the U.N. International Conference on Indochinese Refugees and to discourage clandestine departures by boat by significantly expanding the Orderly Departure Program.

In this meeting, I noted that the United States has available for Vietnam an annual quota of 20,000 immigrant visas for admission to the United States of close relatives of Vietnamese already residing here -- in addition to an unlimited number of visas for immediate relatives -- and that during this year about 8,000 Vietnamese with visas had received exit permits. I urged Vietnam to expand issuance of exit permits to those persons eligible for immigrant visas so that the full quota of 20,000 per year will be reached, for at least each of the next five years. I observed that admission to the United

States of 100,000 immigrants from Vietnam over the next five years would encourage more Vietnamese to seek this route of emigration, rather than clandestine departures by boat and contribute to the success of the Comprehensive Plan of Action.

Mr. Can took note of these views. We both agreed that the United States and Vietnam will endeavor to promote the expansion of the Orderly Departure Program.

History of the Negotiations

But how did we get there? What happened during these past seven years to bring us finally to reach an agreement in Hanoi last week?

First and foremost, your steadfast support encouraged me to persist in these negotiations until we reached our goal.

Before leaving for Hanoi I received letters of support from Vietnamese American Associations. I want each of you who wrote me to know that I carried your letters with me to Hanoi. I read them during the long flight out and carried them with me to the negotiating table. And I read them again with a grateful heart on the return flight home three days ago, on Wednesday (August 2). Your welcome on arrival at the airport

at the end of a 24-hour journey was heartwarming and unforgettable.

Last Seven Years

Let us recall briefly the last seven years. After two years of behind the scenes diplomatic effort with Vietnam with little success -- that is in 1982 and 1983 -- Secretary Shultz in 1984 made the public pronouncement, on behalf of President Reagan, of the American humanitarian initiative to bring about the release of all reeducation camp prisoners and their close family members for emigration to the United States. There followed new U.S. diplomatic actions using all available channels to bring about its successful implementation -- bilateral, multilateral, and private, non-governmental. I had the honor to present this Presidential initiative to Vietnam in Geneva in October 1984.

Since then we have welcomed the release of almost all of those in detention, although the number still detained is uncertain. We have been disappointed, however, by how few of the released detainees were allowed to resettle -- about 3,000 persons, including 600 detainees.

With still no positive response, however, from the Vietnamese to begin formal negotiations, then Secretary of

State Shultz wrote in April 1988 to Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach urging that the Vietnamese meet with us to discuss the issue of resettling former reeducation center detainees. This resulted in a meeting in June 1988 in New York City between Foreign Minister Thach, Presidential Special Envoy General John Vessey, and myself when it was agreed to begin negotiations in Hanoi for a resettlement program.

July 1988 Negotiations

I had the honor to lead the U.S. delegation to the first negotiations in Hanoi in July 1988 at which time we reached an agreement in principle to resettle the former reeducation center detainees and their close family members in the United States with unresolved issues to be addressed at a subsequent meeting which was to be held in Hanoi in September 1988. However, before this could take place, you will recall that on August 3, Vietnam announced a "temporary suspension" on a range of humanitarian issues, including continued negotiations for the resettlement of the detainees.

International Conference

From that date until June 1989, the Vietnamese did not respond to our repeated requests for a resumption of negotiations. Meanwhile, the diplomatic process leading up to the U.N. International Conference on Indochinese Refugees was underway. The United States and Vietnam agreed that the

Comprehensive Plan of Action to be adopted at that Conference should include reference to the inclusion of former reeducation center detainees and their close family members in an expanded Orderly Departure Program. This was a very encouraging and positive development. At the Geneva Conference, Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger on June 13 reaffirmed on behalf of President Bush, the U.S. commitment to resettle the reeducation center detainees and their families in the United States and urged Vietnam to resume negotiations, looking toward the day when these persons would be allowed to emigrate. At a bilateral meeting with us in Geneva, June 14, Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach accepted the U.S. proposal for the meetings which have just taken place in Hanoi July 26-30, 1989.

Support of Vietnamese Americans

Throughout these seven long years of negotiations, we have been helped by the strong support of the Vietnamese-American community. I wish to pay tribute this evening to three of these organizations whose dedication to community service represent the best of what is possible for new citizens working in a democracy. They are: (1) The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, (2) The Indochina Resource Action Center and (3) The Overseas Vietnamese Church Conference.

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners

As all of you will remember, "The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association" was founded in 1977 as a support group to alleviate the plight of detainees and to provide assistance to their families in the United States. The Association's membership now includes about 2,000 people. Over the years, the Association has persistently pursued its goals to: 1) work actively toward the release of all Vietnamese reeducation center prisoners, 2) inform the public about the plight of those imprisoned and 3) assist relatives to prepare documents required for resettlement.

Over the years this Association, under the dedicated leadership of Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho, has provided an important service for families who are trying to bring their relatives to the United States from Vietnam. They maintain files on some 10,000 people in Vietnam, including about 7,000 reeducation center detainees and several thousand Amerasians. Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho and her friends meet with my staff every week in the evening to review individual cases. I know that Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho and her staff sometimes work until 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning in order to prepare for these weekly meetings. Thank you Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho.

Indochina Resource Action Center

The Indochina Resource Action Center (IRAC) under the distinguished leadership of its President, Dr. Le Xuan Khoa, representing some 80 Indochinese mutual assistance associations nationwide, demonstrates the important role that the Vietnamese-American community can and should play in U.S. refugee policies and programs - not only in the resettlement program aspects but also the larger issues of refugee rights and protection.

IRAC's efforts on behalf of Indochinese refugees over the past year was a contributing factor to the success of the International Conference on Indochinese Refugees held in Geneva this past summer -- a Conference which Dr. Khoa attended as a representative of the Vietnamese communities in the United States. Another member of the IRAC Board of Directors, Mr. Anthony Vang, served as a member of the U.S. delegation.

Important projects under IRAC's auspices also include community development activities and training programs for Indochinese refugees in the United States, which will take on new importance with the increased arrivals of the former detainees and their families. Thank you Dr. Le Xuan Khoa.

Overseas Vietnamese Church Conference

The Overseas Vietnamese Church Conference and especially its External Affairs Committee under the enlightened leadership of its Chairman, The Reverend Thuan Cong Ly, has been especially helpful. Reverend Ly brought to our attention the plight of pastors detained in reeducation whose release we have sought.

I am pleased to report that each of these pastors have now been interviewed for resettlement and we hope they will soon receive permission to leave so they can join in the important social work of the Vietnamese church in America.

The Conference serves as a catalyst for encouraging Vietnamese churches to participate in refugee resettlement. Many Vietnamese churches act as co-sponsors for Amerasian and family reunification cases. The Conference plans to provide the same assistance to reeducation center detainees when they begin arriving in the United States. Their resettlement planning includes communication with other churches to enlist their assistance on behalf of this population. Thank you Reverend Thuan Cong Ly.

These three organizations are representative of those which provide support and a sense of cohesiveness to the Vietnamese-American communities throughout the country.

A New Challenge

When the former detainees and their families arrive here to begin a new life, the Vietnamese-American community will be called on to meet a new challenge. I am confident you will meet this challenge by opening your hearts and homes to these newcomers from Vietnam as they begin to arrive in your neighborhoods.

They and their families -- both those who accompany them and those with whom they will be reunited with here -- will need all of the help we can provide in the always difficult task of adjusting to a new life in a new land.

Federal, state and local governments provide some financial assistance for the resettlement process. But money cannot buy the love, friendship and good neighborliness which you in the Vietnamese community can and I hope will provide. And not just on arrival or for the first thirty days, but for a lifetime. To enjoy and experience a friendship for a lifetime is a precious human experience.

This evening, I ask each of you to reflect for a moment on your own personal experiences as a newcomer in what was then for you a strange land. Remember those who helped you make this difficult adjustment. Remember what it meant to have the

support of friends in the community. Or, if you did not unfortunately receive the help you needed, you now have an opportunity to make sure these new emigrants receive the help and support you know they need.

I ask you also to keep in mind the Amerasian children and their mothers. Now young adults, many have been outcasts in their native land and some remain strangers here. They and their families also suffered, also came out of the war experience with scars just as you did.

I hope each of you will take an active part in the resettlement of the former detainees and Amerasians: perhaps each family here could pledge to "adopt" one family and help them to adjust to their new lives. Only with your personal support will they truly feel that their journey in search of a homeland has finally ended and that they are truly at home in America.

This evening I will conclude my remarks -- as I did on the first occasion you invited me to address you two years ago -- with excerpts from a beautiful poem published in your Association's 1985 Special Report. It was on the occasion of your 12th Anniversary Commemoration of April 30, 1987 at the United States Capitol. Then and now I invite Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho to read the verses in Vietnamese.

"Living Here, Dreaming There"

The poem by Mac Tran Lan is entitled: "Living Here, Dreaming There."

Being present here, full of bitterness,
Missing country and a peaceful past
Leaving once, thousands of miles apart
Feeling, without life, becomes loneliness

Being here with animated streets
Roaming weekends aimlessly
Being here among the crowd -- feeling lonely
Missing the eyes of my fellowmen

Being present here with distinctive season
(Each as melancholy as a lost soul, without identity)
Daily leaving for work amidst the haze
Seeing future veils with tiresome awe

Being present here, with increasing nostalgia
Friends some gone, some imprisoned
Loving mother's eyes full of tears'
Loving girl's heart full of waiting and hope

Being present here, Dreaming over there,
Bewilderment calling deep inside.

And in Vietnamese this beautiful poem reads:
(Translation in Vietnamese.)

Ở BÊN NÀY MỘNG VỀ BÊN ẤY

Ở bên này xót xa cay đắng
Nhớ quê hương năm tháng bình yên
Xót lần đi nghìn trùng hun hút
Xả em rồi đời bỗng cổ liêu

Ở bên này phố phường huyền ảo
Ngày cuối tuần sống kiếp lang thang
Giữa đám đông (mà) tình người nhỏ hẹp
Thêm vô cùng đời mất đồng hương

Ở bên này buồn mua riêng biệt
(Buồn nào nề như kẻ mất quê hương)
Sáng mù sương âm thầm đến số
Thấy tương lai ngao ngán vô cùng

Ở bên này từng tên góp nhớ
Bạn bè bên kia: xưa mất, xưa từ
Thương mẹ già nhạt nhòa mắt lệ
Thương người yếu vật và mong chờ

Ở bên này mộng về bên ấy
Ngẩn bâng khuâng réo gọi tâm can...

This sad poem will always haunt me. But its heartfelt verses still encourage me to persist in 1989 as they did when I first read them four years ago.

Its message of loneliness and helplessness and bewilderment must not only reinforce our resolve that we will never give up until we have succeeded in reuniting all of you with your loved ones who are in prison or out of prison.

Its message must also commit us never to give up our help to all the Mac Tran Lan's already in our midst and all the Mac Tran Lan's yet to come so that their feelings of loneliness and helplessness and bewilderment will give way to feelings of friendship and hope and confidence.

What I ask of you this evening is to make the newcomers in your midst feel they are no longer strangers -- but neighbors to someone -- someone who will befriend their new neighbors. And through neighborly love and friendship these newcomers from Vietnam will be helped to feel less and less as strangers -- until hopefully there comes that memorable day when they will no longer feel alone or lonesome or bewildered, but will truly feel in their hearts and minds they are at last at home among us and at home and at peace within themselves.

One of the great Apostles of the Christian Church, Saint Paul, had each of us in mind when he said:

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

Thank you.



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Videotape
8/5/89

Ngày

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Thưa Ông/Bà,

Nhằm mục đích vận động sự ủng hộ của chính giới Lập Pháp và Hành Pháp Hoa Kỳ, Hội Gia Đình Từ Nhân Chính Trị Việt Nam sẽ tổ chức một bữa cơm gây quỹ vào hồi 18:30 giờ ngày 5 tháng 8 năm 1989 tại nhà hàng Saigon Palace thuộc quận Arlington, tiểu bang Virginia.

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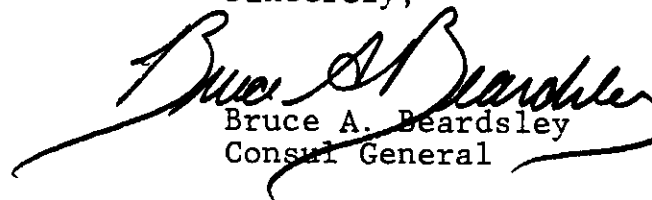
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Dear Mrs. Tho:

Thank you for the kind invitation to attend the Annual Dinner and Cultural Show presented earlier this month by the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association. As I indicated in an earlier letter, and by telephone to one of your colleagues during my brief visit to Washington last month, I was not able to attend as I was then en route to my new assignment in Manila, Philippines.

While I could not be there in person, I was and am with you in spirit, and continue to support efforts to assist those who have suffered due to their beliefs in freedom and their previous association with the United States in Vietnam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bruce A. Beardsley".
Bruce A. Beardsley
Consul General