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JOINT VOLUNTARY AGENCY FOR U.S. ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM, AMERICAN EMBASSY
127 PANJABHUM BUILDING, SATHORN TAI ROAD, BANGKOK 10120 TEL. 282-8040 EXT. 009

12 January 1990

TO: Anita Botti

FM: Joe Langlois

RE: Reed Cases Interviewed in December

NOTE: A partial listing of those cases interviewed in December has already been presented. The number presented here reflects the total interviewed. Please disregard the previous numbers.

Total number of Reed cases interviewed in DEC 235.

Computer records indicate 215 cases have landed in the U.S.

Breakdown by State of Anchor addresses

AK	0	MT	0
AL	2	NC	3
AR	0	ND	0
AZ	3	NH	0
CA	89	NJ	2
CO	1	NM	1
CT	2	NV	0
DC	0	NY	5
DE	0	OH	2
FL	9	OK	4
GA	3	OR	5
GU	0	PA	3
HI	4	PR	0
IA	0	RI	0
ID	1	SC	1
IL	4	SD	0
IN	1	TN	1
KS	2	TX	25
KY	0	UT	0
LA	1	VA	13
MA	5	VT	0
MD	4	WA	9
ME	1	WI	0
MI	3	WV	0
MN	2	WY	0
MO	2		
MS	2		

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10 October 1989

TO: Anita Botti

PM: Joe Langlois

RE: Reed Cases Proposed for November Interview Round

Total number of Reed cases to be interviewed in NOV - 215

Computer records indicate 109 cases have anchors in the U.S.

Breakdown by State of Anchor addresses:

AK	0	MT	0
AL	0	NC	1 (Fayettesville)
AR	1 (Fort Smith)	ND	0
AZ	1 (Tucson)	NB	0
* CA	50	NH	0
CO	1 (Aurora)	NJ	1 (Summit)
CT	3 (Hartford, Clinton, Enfield)	NM	1 (Rochester)
DC	0	NV	1 (Las Vegas)
DE	0 (Dover City, Wilmington, Newark, Bear)	NY	2 (Bronx, Bronx/Rochester, Genesee)
FL	3 (Orlando, Tampa Bay, Daytona Beach)	OR	1 (Foster River)
GA	2 (Athens, Atlanta)	OK	3 (Norman, Ok, Tulsa)
GU	0	OR	4 (Portland, Corvallis, Corvallis, Gresham)
HI	1 (Honolulu)	PA	4 (Pittsburgh, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre)
IA	0	PR	0
ID	0	RI	0
IL	2 (Downers Grove)	SC	0
IN	1 (Elkhart)	SD	0
KS	1 (Emporia)	TN	0
KY	0	TX	4 (Arlington (2), Austin)
LA	1 (Tulane Range)	UT	3 (Brigham, Provo)
MA	0	VA	3 (Seattle (2), Renton, Seattle)
MD	3 (Baltimore, Silver Spring)	VT	0
ME	0	WA	4 (Seattle (2), Renton, Seattle)
MI	1 (Niles)	WI	0
MN	2 (Duluth, St. Paul)	WV	0
MO	1 (Springfield)	WY	0
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 Norwalk 11
 Santa Clara 1111
 Sunnyvale 1
 Orange 1
 Hayward 1
 Niles 1

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 San Jose 11
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6 October 1989

TO: Anita Botti

PM: Joe Langlois

RE: Reed Cases Proposed for October Interview Round

Total number of Reed cases to be interviewed in OCT - 258

Computer records indicate 237 cases have anchors in the U.S.

Breakdown by State of Anchor addresses:

AK	0	MT	0
AL	0	NC	1 (Raleigh)
AR	0	ND	0
AZ	4 (Phoenix, Show Low)	NE	0
CA	131 (next page)	NH	0
CO	1 (Denver)	NJ	2 (Jersey City, Williamsbr)
CT	2 (Gulfport, East Hartford)	NM	0
DC	1 (Gulfport, East Hartford)	NV	1 (Las Vegas)
DE	0	NY	6 (Albany, Long Is., Good
FL	4 (Ft. Orange, Sunrise, Ft. Lauderdale)	OH	6 (Akron, Queens, Brooklyn, By
GA	2 (Savannah)	OK	4 (Oklahoma, Euclid, Kettering)
GU	0	OR	1 (Salem)
HI	4 (Honolulu)	PA	4 (Harrisburg, Hershey)
IA	0	PR	0
ID	0	RI	0
IL	1 (Rockford)	SC	1
IN	1 (Carmel)	SD	0 (Sioux City, Sisseton)
KS	3 (Wichita, Lawrence, Phillipsburg)	TN	1 (Bristol, Duling, Whitehouse)
KY	3	TX	17 (Amarillo (2), Ft Worth (6), El
LA	4 (Baton Rouge, Shreveport)	UT	1 (West Jordan)
MA	3 (Boston, Brockton, Worcester)	VA	10 (Alex (3), Alexandria (3), Falls
MD	8 (Baltimore, Catonsville, Gaithersburg, Rockville (2))	VT	0
ME	0	WA	6 (Kurt, Tacoma (3), Fed. Way, Lynn)
MI	4 (Farm Hills, Dearborn, Grand Rapids (2))	WI	2 (Madison)
MN	3 (St. Paul, St. Paul, Little Canada)	WY	0
MO	0		+ Bill
MS	1 (Benton Sp.)		

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Long Beach 11
San Diego PW 1
Bakersfield 1
Berkeley 1
El Taro 11
Santa Ana PW
Anaheim 111
Cudahy Cane PW 11
Los Angeles 111
Van Nuys 11
Norwalk 111
Palms 1
Whitier 1
Glendale 1111
San Leandro 1
Riverside 1
Milpitas 11
Alta Loma 1
Sacramento PW 1111
Napa 1
Marin Valley 1
Modesto 1
Fremont 1
Huntington Beach 1111
Albion 1
Burbank 1
Walnut Creek 11
Escondido 1
Pomona 1
Mar Vista 1
Mission Viejo 1
Fountain Valley 11
Irvine 11
South Glendale 1
Union City 1
Rosemead 1
Sun Valley 11
Hawthorne 1

6 October 1989

TO: Anita Botti

PM: Joe Langlois

RE: Reed Cases Proposed for October Interview Round

Total number of Reed cases to be interviewed in OCT - 250

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AK	0	MT	0
AL	0	NC	1 (Raleigh)
AR	0	ND	0
AZ	4 (Phoenix, Show Low)	NE	0
CA	131 (next page)	NH	0
CO	1 (Denver)	NJ	2 (Jersey City, Williamsburg)
CT	2 (Gulfport, East Hartford)	NM	0
DC	1	NV	1 (Las Vegas)
DE	0	NY	6 (Adams, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, Staten Island, Queens)
FL	4 (Pt. Orange, Sunrise, Ft. Lauderdale)	OR	3 (Akron, Euclid, Kettering)
GA	2 (Savannah)	OK	4 (Sperry, Tulsa; Ok. City(5))
GU	0	OR	1 (Salem)
HI	4 (Honolulu)	PA	4 (Harrisburg, Latrobe)
IA	0	PR	0
ID	0	RI	0
IL	1 (Rockford)	SC	1
IN	1 (Carmel)	SD	0
KS	3 (Wichita, Lawrence, Phillipsburg)	TN	1 (Brentwood(8), Ft. Worth(5))
KY	3	TX	1 (Houston(8), Ft. Worth(5))
LA	4 (Baton Rouge, Shreveport)	UT	1 (West Jordan)
MA	3 (Boston, Brookline, Somerville)	VA	10 (Alex(6), Alexandria(3), Fairfax(3))
MD	8 (Silver Spring(2), Gaithersburg, Bethesda, Rockville(5))	VT	0
ME	0 (Wiscasset, Calais)	WA	6 (Kent, Tacoma(2), Ed. Way, Long Beach(2))
MI	4 (Farmington Hills, Detroit, Grand Rapids(5))	WI	2 (Madison)
MN	3 (St. Paul, St. Paul, Little Canada)	WV	0
MO	0	WY	0
MS	1 (Benton, S.)		+ Bell

Ms. Anita Botti
Acting Director of Reception & Placement
Bureau for Refugee Programs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Anita,

We would like to inform you that the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, with headquarters in Virginia, and the Federation of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners, which has chapters in Texas and California, have now established a number of affiliates in various states. The purpose of forming such coordinating committees is to have them ready to welcome and help the former re-education camp detainees and their families when they arrive in the US.

In order for us all to do this job, we need some help from the Bureau, namely, to know where and when they are coming. Therefore, we ask that the Bureau request the National Voluntary Agencies and their resettlement offices in the local areas, to inform our respective affiliates when they receive a former re-education camp detainee's case, at the same time that they notify sponsors of these cases.

7101 COPPERWOOD CT.
ROCKVILLE, MD 20855
January 7th, 1990

MR. ROBERT FUNSETH
SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BUREAU FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

REF: HOANG PHUNG VO

Dear Mr Funseth:

I would like to write a few lines to you to express my deep admiration and gratitude for everything you and your staff have done for the Vietnamese political prisoners and their families.

My brother-in-law, HOANG PHUNG VO, political prisoner for more than five years, my sister BAO SON and their two children will be arriving in Maryland in the next few days to be reunited with me after nearly fifteen years of separation. It would be the happiest day of my life and I particularly owe this moment of happiness to you and your staff who devoted so much effort and long hours of hard work to make this miracle happen.

I am especially touched and impressed not only by your success in bringing the Vietnamese political prisoners to join their families in the United States but ^{also} by the total commitment and warm feelings you and your staff demonstrated to the Vietnamese people while carrying out your noble mission.

It would be a great pleasure and exceptional honor for me if you could join me in welcoming my relatives at the airport the day of their arrival. My relatives would definitely wish to meet you to personally thank you for everything you did for them.

As a sister and ^{also} a sponsor, I am committing myself to fully support them mentally and financially as long as they need to start a new free life.

Your humanitarian task of bringing political prisoners to be reunited with their families will not be a vain task for I assure you that the Vietnamese people, known as hard working people, will in a very short time contribute efficiently to the progress and economy of this country.

Once again, please accept my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,

BaoKinhDuong

Mrs. BAOKINH DUONG

CỦA TÙ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ CỘNG SẢN VIỆT NAM

ĐẦU TIÊN ĐẾN HOA KỲ

Thỏa Hiệp ký kết ngày 30-7-89 giữa Chính Phủ Mỹ và Chính Phủ Việt Nam cho phép trên 3000 tù nhân cải tạo và gia đình của họ sang định cư tại Hoa Kỳ, ^{đợt đầu tiên} trong chương trình ODP đã và đang thực hiện

Chiều ngày thứ sáu 15-12-89, Bà Khúc Minh Thỏ Hội Trưởng Hội Gia Định Cửu Tù Nhân Chính Trị VN. và Ông Robert L. Funseth Phụ Tá đặc trách Ty Nạn cho Ngoại Trưởng Hoa Kỳ đã thông báo cho ông Trưởng Khánh Tạo, Giám Đốc Trung Tâm Tỵ Nạn và Trưởng Ban Đón Tiếp Cửu Tù Nhân Chính Trị Cộng Sản VN. tại Oklahoma biết là Cửu Tù Nhân Cải Tả đầu tiên sang định cư tại Hoa Kỳ sẽ đến Okla. City ngày 16-12-89.

Được tin này Ông Trưởng Khánh Tạo liên lạc với Văn Phòng Hội Thiên Nguyên Church Wourld Services để biết rõ chi tiết đồng thời báo cho ông Chủ Tịch Ban Điều Hợp Cộng Đồng VN OKLa. để mời Ông bà VN. ra nhà trưởng đón tiếp và yểm trợ.

Ngày 26-12-1989

đến Mỹ này là Mục-Sư Lê

ig, cùng đi với vợ và 2

Gởi đến Chị vài hình ảnh và tin tức
mới nhất tại Oklahoma

Kính thư



Nguyễn Văn Sang

1989, 12-26

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Ra đón tiếp tại phi trường Will Roger Okla. City, có khoảng 40 người vừa VN. vừa Mỹ trong số đó có ông Tú Văn Bé Chủ Tịch Ban Điều Hợp Cộng Đồng Lâm Thời Oklahoma, Ông Trưởng Khánh Tạo, Trưởng Ban Đón Tiếp Cửu Tù Nhân Chính Trị Cộng Sản VN của Cộng Đồng VN OK. Ông Bà BS. Vũ Văn Dzi đại diện OK. Việt Báo, Mục Sư Lê Quyết, Mục Sư và Bà David Warren, Mục Sư Dun Kuncan, Mục Sư Kirk Goss và đặc biệt Bà Kitty Allen cùng chồng và các con đại diện cho nhà thờ Trinity Baptist tại Yukon, nhà thờ bảo trợ cho gia đình Mục Sư Dũng. Bà Aller đã sôi sùng lo liệu thu xếp cho gia đình Mục Sư Dũng rất chu đáo.

CƯU TÙ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ CỘNG SẢN VIỆT NAM

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Người Cứu Tù Nhân Chính Trị đầu tiên đến Mỹ này là Mục-Sư Lê Thiện Dũng, 40 tuổi, sinh trưởng tại Đà Nẵng, cùng đi với vợ và 2 con, một trai 6 tuổi và một gái 8 tuổi.

Mục Sư Dũng bị bắt từ tháng 4-1984 về tội tuyên truyền phản cách mạng trong khi ông đang diễn giảng tại Hội Thánh Tin Lành An-Đông, Saigon. Việt Cộng đã kết án ông 5 năm tù khổ sai và đã giam ông tại các trại tù Chí Hòa, trại tù Phạm Đăng Lưu thuộc tỉnh Bình Thạnh và đưa ông lao động tại Sông Bé. Sau 5 năm tù, nhiều gian lao các khía Mục Sư Dũng được phong thích vào tháng 4-1989.

Nhó sú can thiệp của chính phủ Hoa Kỳ và Giáo Hội Tin Lành Mục Sư Dũng và gia đình đã đến Okla. City, trong lúc mưa tuyết đang rơi, 10 giờ đêm 16-12-89 trên chuyến bay số 912 của Hàng Delta Air Lines.

Ra đón tiếp tại phi trường Will Roger Okla. City, có khoảng 40 người vừa VN. vừa Mỹ trong số đó có Ông Tú Văn Bé Chủ Tịch Ban Điều Hợp Cộng Đồng Lâm Thời Oklahoma, Ông Trưởng Khánh Tạo, Trưởng Ban Đón Tiếp Cứu Tù Nhân Chính Trị Cộng Sản VN của Cộng Đồng VN OK. Ông Bà BS. Vũ Văn Dzi đại diện OK. Việt Báo, Mục Sư Lê Quyền, Mục Sư và Bà David Warren, Mục Sư Dun Kuncan, Mục Sư Kirk Goss và đặc biệt Bà Kitty Allen cùng chồng và các con đại diện cho nhà thờ Trinity Baptist tại Yukon, nhà thờ bảo trợ cho gia đình Mục Sư Dũng. Bà Allen đã sốt sắng lo liệu thu xếp cho gia đình Mục Sư Dũng rất chu đáo.

Mục Sư Lê Thiên Dũng và gia đình đã hết sức cảm động về sự ân cẩn dòn tiếp, thăm hỏi của đồng bào Việt Nam và sự giúp đỡ tân tinh của Hội Thánh. Qua lời phát biểu cảm tưởng Mục Sư Dũng đã run run xúc động bấy to long tri ân của ông và gia đình đối với đồng bào VN. và Hội Thánh Bao Trợ, đã dành cho gia đình ông sự giúp đỡ tân tinh và cảm tinh nồng hậu. Ông còn cho biết sau ông sẽ có thêm một số mục sư và cầu từ nhân chinh trị công sản VN. sang Mỹ.

Trung Tâm Ty Nan đang sát cánh với Trinity Baptist Church và Bà Allen để giúp đỡ gia đình ông các thủ tục định cư và có vấn hoi nhập xã hội mới. Ban Điều Hợp Công Đồng VN. MK. cũng sẵn sàng yểm trợ cho gia đình Mục Sư Dũng và các gia đình khác sắp tới.

Oklahoma City, ngày 19-12-89



FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1990

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Khuc Minh Tho hugs sister Thuy Le-Tran as sister Nhung Dang and her husband, Cao Anh Thy, wait their turn.

Vietnamese Arrivals Greeted With Joy

Vietnamese Reeducation Camp Victims Embark for U.S.

By Murray Hiebert
Special to The Washington Post



1102 N. Mills Ave. Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 894-8703

Orlando, ngày 19-10-1989

Kính gửi :

BÀ KHÚC MINH THƠ
Chủ tịch hội Gia Định Tù Nhàn
Chính Trị Việt Nam.

Kính thưa Bà,

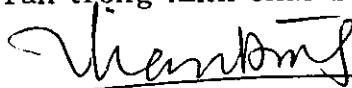
Đại diện cho Nguyệt san ĐẤT HƯA phát hành mỗi tháng tại Orlando, Florida và chúng tôi cũng sẽ có một chương trình phát hình bằng tiếng VN trên đài Truyền hình số 24 của Hoa Kỳ. Theo dự định sẽ phát hình vào dịp lễ Thanksgiving Day. Mọi chương trình kéo dài một tiếng đồng hồ. Dùi chủ đề của hiệu đài là "TIẾNG NƯỚC TÔI". Trong các tiết mục đa diện chúng tôi có mục "NGƯỜI DÂN MUÔN BIỆT". Vây để thông báo cho bà cũng như quý Hội cung cấp cho chúng tôi, các tin tức liên quan đến vấn đề TÙ NHAN CHÍNH TRỊ để có cơ sở quang bá rộng rãi.

Trong thời gian qua chúng tôi cũng đã phổ biến nhiều tin tức liên quan đến "HỘI GIA ĐÌNH TÙ NHAN CHÍNH TRỊ" trên báo ĐẤT HƯA. Đồng thời cũng qua người đại diện cộng đồng miền đồng Hoa Kỳ là bà TUYẾT LÊ đã cung cấp cho chúng tôi một số mẫu đơn và các văn thư để phổ biến cho các thành nhân của các câu lạc bộ nhân chính trị. Nhưng rất tiếc rằng chúng tôi chỉ có một số mẫu đơn giới hạn mà số người, đại hội quá nhiều. Chính vì vậy chúng tôi đã đăng mẫu đơn do len bao số 9 phát hành trong trung tuần tháng 10.

Để tạo một sự truyền thông rộng rãi kính xin bà nếu có thể xin liên lạc với chúng tôi trên bình diện thông tin các tin tức mỗi mẹ và quyết định về vấn đề liên quan đến vấn đề tù nhân, chính trị và các vấn đề hữu ích cho cộng đồng VN trên toàn Mỹ quốc.

Thành thật xin nhận lời Bà và quý hội những nguồn tin xác thực, và thực tế hơn là những tổ chức có tinh cách mẫu mực, đạo đức búa lợn nhưng đều chỉ là trong đánh xô xát khen thối ngục. Chúng tôi tin tưởng việc làm của Bà và quý hội, thật đúng với quan điểm "TÌNH NGƯỜI" như chủ trương của tờ ĐẤT HƯA mà tôi là chủ bút hiện nay.

Trân trọng kính chào bà,



THANH DINH
Chủ bút Nguyệt San ĐẤT HƯA



HỘI GIA ĐÌNH TÙ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ VIỆT NAM
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February 3, 1990

Colonel William F. Paris II
10831 Burr Oak Way
Burke, Virginia 22015

Dear Col. Paris:

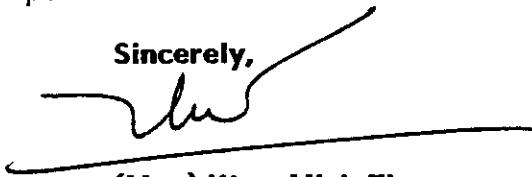
On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for your generous contribution of \$100.00.

We are most pleased that we were able to assist you and your family by providing information on your friend, Tai. And, in addition, it pleases us to know that during February 10-11, 1990 you will actually have an opportunity to visit with Col. Tai's wife, children, sister and other family members in the San Francisco area.

We will continue to keep you informed of our activities and hope that if our Association can be of assistance to you and other Americans who may be interested in the status and location of some of their dear friends. Your support and efforts are the epitome of a good humanitarian, and we have found so many Americans who express feelings such as yourself.

Again, our sincere thanks for your contribution and we hope that you will have a safe, secure and special visit in San Francisco.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President

KMT/lrh

Colonel William F. Paris II
10831 BURR OAK WAY • BURKE, VIRGINIA 22015

1/30/90

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I am enclosing a contribution to your association so that I may feel a part of your dedicated work to helping the political prisoners and their families.

Please add my name and address to your list so that Rosmarie and I may receive your newsletters and other materials and be informed

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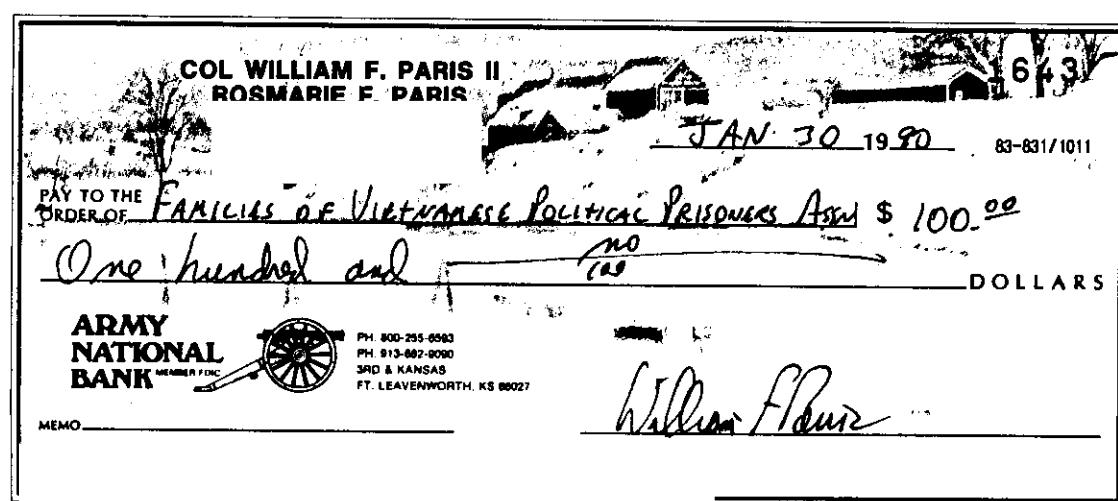
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Additionally, I remain committed to assist you in any capacity you may desire.

I will keep you informed of my progress in finding American officers who would like to contact their Vietnamese friends.

Very respectfully and with
warmest regards,

Rosmarie and Bill



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United States Army
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Day: 876-2524

Home: 250-5370

Be quiet
Jan 7, 1990.

HOI GIADINH TUNHAN CHINHTRI VIETNAM
P.O.BOX 5435
ARLINGTON, CA 22205-0635

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE, FIND ENCLOSED A CLIPPING OF THE "BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN" A LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR THIS CITY OF APPROXIMATELY 110,000 PEOPLE, UNDER THE TITLE " VIETNAMESE ON WAY TO US AFTER LABOR CAMP STINT", SATURDAY JAN 08, 1990.

THE ENTIRE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SO DELIGHTED WITH THE ABOVE NEWS. EVERY FAMILY IS READY TO WELCOME THE FAMILY OF MR NGUYEN CHI PHU, A FORMER GULAG DETAINEE, BUT, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, USCC OF FRESNO HAS DIVERTED HIM AND HIS FAMILY UP TO SAN JOSE, TO THE SURPRISE OF EVERYONE.

AS A MEMBER OF THIS SMALL VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY, AND A FORMER COMMUNIST CONCENTRATION CAMP DETAINEE FOR FOUR FULL YEARS, I HAVE TO CONFESS THAT I MIGHT BE ONE OF THE HAPPIEST ONES BECAUSE THIS IS A "DREAM COMES TRUE" TO US AS THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THOSE LONG DAYS BEHIND BARS WITH ALL THE ORDEALS THAT WE HAVE GONE THROUGH.

TO MY UNDERSTANDING, YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND THOSE SUBLIME ACTS OF YOURS WON'T BE FORGOTTEN. HISTORY WILL BE ON YOUR SIDE.

ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR THE FORMER DETAINEES, I AM ALWAYS READY, AND WILLING.

SINCERELY YOURS,

L.V. Qui

LE VINH QUI
1603 CALIFORNIA AVE, SUITE 101
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
605 321 9901.

A2 Saturday, Jan. 6, 1990

The Bakersfield Californian *

**PEOPLE IN
THE NEWS**

Vietnamese on V

May to U.S. after labor camp stint

7101 COPPERWOOD CT.
ROCKVILLE, MD 20855
January 7th, 1990

MR. ROBERT FUNSETH
SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BUREAU FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

REF: HOANG PHUNG VO

Dear Mr Funseth:

I would like to write a few lines to you to express my deep admiration and gratitude for everything you and your staff have done for the Vietnamese political prisoners and their families.

My brother-in-law, HOANG PHUNG VO, political prisoner for more than five years, my sister BAO SON and their two children will be arriving in Maryland in the next few days to be reunited with me after nearly fifteen years of separation. It would be the happiest day of my life and I particularly owe this moment of happiness to you and your staff who devoted so much effort and long hours of hard work to make this miracle happen.

I am especially touched and impressed not only by your success in bringing the Vietnamese political prisoners to join their families in the United States but ^{also} by the total commitment and warm feelings you and your staff demonstrated to the Vietnamese people while carrying out your noble mission.

It would be a great pleasure and exceptional honor for me if you could join me in welcoming my relatives at the airport the day of their arrival. My relatives would definitely wish to meet you to personally thank you for everything you did for them.

As a sister and ^{also} a sponsor, I am committing myself to fully support them mentally and financially as long as they need to start a new free life.

Your humanitarian task of bringing political prisoners to be reunited with their families will not be a ~~main~~ task for I assure you that the Vietnamese people, known as hard working people, will in a very short time contribute efficiently to the progress and economy of this country.

Once again, please accept my deepest appreciation.

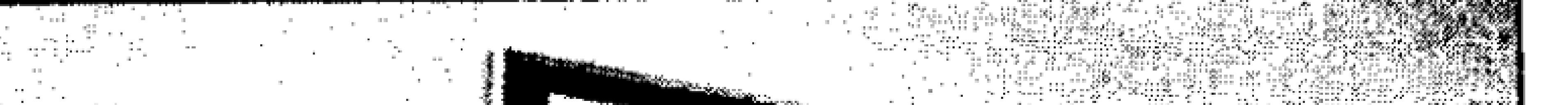
Sincerely,

Baokinh Duong

Mrs. BAOKINH DUONG

Immigrant: a leader, diplomat

By KATHLEEN FADDIS
Staff Writer





1102 N. Mills Ave. Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 894-8703

Orlando, ngày 19-10-1989

Kính gửi :

BÀ KHÚC MINH THƠ
Chủ tịch hội Gia Định Tù Nhàn
Chính Trị Việt Nam.

Kính thưa Bà,

Đại diện cho Nguyệt san ĐẤT HƯA phát hành mỗi tháng tại Orlando, Florida và chúng tôi cũng sẽ có một chương trình phát hình bằng tiếng VN trên đài Truyền hình số 24 của Hoa Kỳ. Theo dự định sẽ phát hình vào dịp lễ Thanksgiving Day. Mọi chương trình kéo dài một tiếng đồng hồ. Dưới chủ đề của hiệu đài là "TIỀNG NƯỚC TÔI". Trong các tiết mục đa diện chúng tôi có mục "NGƯỜI DÂN MUÔN BIỆT". Vậy để thông báo cho bà cũng như quý Hội cung cấp cho chúng tôi, các tin tức liên quan đến vấn đề TÙ NHAN CHÍNH TRỊ để có cơ sở quang bá rộng rãi.

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Trân trọng kính chào bà,

Thanh Định

THANH DINH

Chủ bút Nguyệt San ĐẤT HƯA

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ARRIVAL OF FIRST GROUP OF
FORMER REEDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS GUIDANCE READ BY THE SPOKESMAN
AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING TODAY, DECEMBER
5.

BEGIN TEXT:

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT TWO FLIGHTS ARRIVED
IN BANGKOK TODAY BRING THE FIRST GROUP OF 156 FORMER
REEDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES. THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING
BROUGHT OUT UNDER THE JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND VIETNAM FOR THE RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. OF
FORMER REEDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
A SECOND GROUP OF 151 IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK
TOMORROW.

AT THIS TIME, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE PERSONS WILL
BEGIN TO ARRIVE IN THE U.S. ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 12.

CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR APPROXIMATELY 700 FORMER DETAINEES
AND THEIR FAMILIES TO DEPART VIETNAM DURING THE MONTH
OF JANUARY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

WE HOPE THAT AT LEAST 7000 FORMER DETAINEES AND FAMILY
MEMBERS WILL BE RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER
THIS PROGRAM BY SEPTEMBER 30. THE UNITED STATES HAS
RECORDS OF OVER 100,000 FORMER DETAINEES AND FAMILY
MEMBERS.

END TEXT.

2. THE PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE ALSO INCLUDED THE
FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BEGIN TEXT:

THIS IS THE FIRST FLIGHT UNDER AN AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED
LAST JULY IN HANOI BY MR. ROBERT L. FUNSETH, SENIOR
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS, U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND MR. VU KHON, DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV).

WHILE SOME FORMER RE-EDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES HAD
REACHED THE UNITED STATES EARLIER UNDER THE ORDERLY
DEPARTURE OR OTHER RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS, THIS IS THE
FIRST DEPARTURE UNDER A SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR FORMER
RE-EDUCATION DETAINEES AND THEIR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS.

UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICERS BEGAN INTERVIEWING
FORMER RE-EDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS
IN OCTOBER, 1989, IN HO CHI MINH CITY. ABOUT 1000 PER
MONTH HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED SINCE THEN. UNDER THE
AGREEMENT, MEDICAL SCREENING AND FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS ARE
MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
(IOM). ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES
WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEVERAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (VOLAGS)
AND, IN MANY CASES, FAMILY MEMBERS ALREADY IN THE UNITED
STATES.

Hanoi Allowing 2,000 to Leave

Vietnamese Reeducation Camp Victims Embark for U.S.

By Murray Hiebert
Special to The Washington Post



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February 13, 1990

Honorable Kathryn J. Whitmire
Mayor of the City of Houston
P.O. Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251

Dear Mayor Whitmire:

We would like you to be the first mayor of a major United States city to join the national effort to help former political prisoners who are coming soon from Vietnam to settle in the United States.

A committee of ours in Houston has been instructed to contact and invite you to become an honored advisor for the Houston Branch. Mayors of all large cities will be invited later. Your humanity in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

We have also heard of your being selected as President of the National Committee of Mayors. Congratulations on all of the accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
President

KMT/Irh
Attachment

cc: Committee of Orientation for Vietnamese Political Prisoners at Houston - 719 Anita, Houston, Texas 77006

Committees for the Reception of Political Prisoners in the United States

Feb.
January , 1990

Honorable Kathryn J. Whitmire
Mayor of the City of Houston
P.O. Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251

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~~in the nation's capital~~
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Sincerely,

Thank you.

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho
President

Attachment:

- Xerox of an article pertaining to these prisoners

cc: 1) Mr. Robert L. Funeseth, Asst. Secy. of State

2) Committee of Orientation for Vietnamese Political Prisoners
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Saturday, Jan. 6, 1990

Houston Chronicle

‘Re-educated’ Vietnamese get new start

(Mary Ray speaks)

THE FORMAT FOR TODAY'S HEARING IS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEN WE ANNOUNCED THE HEARING, WE INVITED PEOPLE TO LET US KNOW IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, AND TO SUBMIT ADVANCE STATEMENTS IF POSSIBLE.

TODAY, WE WILL FIRST CALL ON THOSE WHO INDICATED IN ADVANCE THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND WE WILL CALL ON THEM IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY NOTIFIED US.

NEXT, WE WILL CALL ON THOSE WHO, WHEN THEY REGISTERED THIS MORNING, INDICATED THEY WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT. WE WILL CALL ON THEM IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY REGISTERED.

WE HAVE ASKED PERSONS TO LIMIT THEIR STATEMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS WITH A SINGLE STATEMENT; THAT GROUP HAS BEEN ALLOCATED 15 MINUTES).

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT, MS. RAY AND I MAY ASK ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TESTIMONY. WE ARE TAPE RECORDING ALL PROCEEDINGS.

ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONFINE YOUR TESTIMONY TO ISSUES SURROUNDING THE POST-ARRIVAL SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION.

NGHỊ-HỘI TOÀN-QUỐC NGƯỜI VIỆT TẠI HOA-KỲ

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

Founded 1986

NCVA STATEMENT
AT ORR HEARING ON THE VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS PROGRAM
January 31, 1990

The National Congress of Vietnamese in America (NCVA) would like to take this opportunity to express our great appreciation to ORR for organizing this hearing and giving us the floor to floor to address an issue of great concern to all Vietnamese Americans. We would like also to publicly express our deep gratitude to the American Government for having negotiated with Hanoi the agreement for resettlement of those former political prisoners who choose to leave Vietnam for resettlement abroad.

The political prisoners issue is one that NCVA holds dear to our hearts. Since our very founding convention in August 1986 NCVA already made it a priority issue in our work, embodying it in our number 1 resolution for that year. Thereafter, NCVA has worked with the Families of Political Prisoners Association to bring the issue to Congress. At the April 30, 1987, reception on the Hill we managed to convince Senator Robert Dole, then a Presidential candidate, and Senator Edward Kennedy, ranking member of the Democratic Party, of the burning interest of the Vietnamese American community in this issue. The next day, May 1, 1987, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution in favor of the Vietnamese political prisoners asking for their release and being allowed to resettle abroad. The breakthrough came in late summer that year when Hanoi expressed its willingness to go along. In late 1987 and early 1988 Hanoi proceeded to a massive release of reeducation camp inmates, including hundreds of high-ranking former officers and ministers. The issue was pursued by NCVA and allied organizations during 1988 and 1989, which now bears the results that we see.

In lending an ear to our pleas, the U.S. Government has done in our eyes a series of good actions which translate also into good policies:

- 1/ It has shown solicitude to the Vietnamese American community, i.e. to this newest group of American citizens.
- 2/ It has helped resolve one of the great tragedies of the Vietnam War: the fate of political prisoners 15 years after the conclusion of the war.
- 3/ It has provided a concrete alternative to the continuing flow of refugees out of Vietnam. Now that the former political prisoners see an orderly way out of Vietnam it is to be expected that they will not resort to the dangerous alternative of taking out to the seas and risking repatriation back to Vietnam.

Now that the political prisoners are here, and they will be coming at a rate of 9,000 a year for the next several years, it is time that we look at the role that the Vietnamese community throughout the United States can play in their reception and eventual resettlement.

Since at least April 23, 1989, NCVA and four other organizations around the country concerned with the fate of Vietnamese political prisoners (to wit, the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, and the Former Political Prisoners Associations of Texas, North and South California) have formed a Coordinating Committee for the Reception of Vietnamese Political Prisoners. This

national committee has since formed a number of local reception committees across the country, all of which have played a crucial role in going out and meet with the new arrivals. Various activities are also being planned in the community to make the newcomers feel at home and not only accepted but even greatly appreciated for their suffering and sacrifice 15 years after the war.

In the meantime, many Vietnamese MAAs across the nation have formed and grown into very professional organizations, including the field of refugee resettlement. The outstanding characteristic of these MAAs is that they have a very strong community base in the Vietnamese American community, an essential condition for integrating the newcomers into the community. There is a natural link here between the newcomers and their former colleagues in government or comrades-in-arms. To give to the Vietnamese MAAs a prominent role in the reception and resettlement of Vietnamese political prisoners is simply to recognize their growth and increasing efficiency. It is also to build on natural bonds, that promises to make the whole program a success.

The newcomers are here with many strengths but also with many problems specific to their group. Among others, they are the survivors, people steeled in suffering and discipline and people who have since learned other professions in the labor camp, whether it be woodwork or agricultural work, etc. But long stays in camps have isolated them from families and friends and just the outside world. This will mean long years of counseling, of nursing them back to accepting the world as it is. Add to this the difficulties of adjustment to a new world, a new language and customs, to spouses and children which they sometimes do not recognize any more after many years of separation, and it is clear that the re-integration of this group into community will take many more years than the few months allowed for in a regular refugee program. It is for this reason that NCVA is of the opinion that ORR should seriously consider a partnership program with the Vietnamese American community in the resettlement of these newcomers in our nation.

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As feds cut aid, refugees become locals' burden

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I would like to thank the Office of Refugee Resettlement for organizing this information-gathering forum as part of its process to address the resettlement needs of Vietnamese former re-education detainees in the U.S.

Following the issuance of the joint statement by the U.S. Government and Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 30 July 1989, announcing an agreement on the resettlement of former re-education detainees, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which was then ICM, was requested by the USG to handle the medical screening and transportation for those admitted under the program. As IOM is responsible for the medical screening and transportation of persons departing Vietnam under the UNHCR's Orderly Departure Program (ODP), the underlying structure to take on this additional task was already in place. Nevertheless, in order to ensure that departure arrangements could be made for all those admitted to the U.S. under the program in an efficient and effective manner, IOM has considerably increased its staff in Ho Chi Minh City. IOM currently has six full-time international officials in HCMC (3 doctors, 1 nurse, and 2 operations officials) as well as over 20 local employees.

So that the medical processing of the former re-ed population could begin without delay, IOM arranged with the Cho Ray Hospital, where a special medical team does the medical screening for the ODP, to handle the screening of this new group on a temporary basis. Between October 1 and December 31 over 1,500 persons were screened. As the number of departures under the ODP is increasing, and as the USG requested that the screening of the re-ed group be kept separate from other processing, a long-term arrangement was made with the 30th of April Hospital in HCMC, and as of 1 January 1990, re-ed screenings are taking place there under the supervision of the IOM international medical staff. As with ODP, all medical conditions requiring follow-up or special assistance will be notified to U.S. authorities for passing on to sponsoring agencies. Those requiring treatment to be admissible to the U.S. under CDC guidelines (for example, active TB cases) will be treated in Vietnam prior to departure.

It is too early to tell whether this particular group will have medical conditions markedly different from those who have been resettled previously under the ODP. IOM's involvement in the medical screening process in HCMC, however, will allow us to identify patterns and commonalities, which we will report at the earliest possible time to ORR, through the Bangkok office of the U.S. Refugee Coordinator. At the same time we would welcome feedback from ORR as to any special conditions which are identified post admission to the U.S. which might alert our staff in Vietnam to possible future cases.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to provide information on our program for Vietnamese former re-education detainees. I welcome any questions or comments anyone may have at this time, and encourage people to contact our mission office here in Washington, DC, or our headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, with further inquiries.

Testimony
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DEVELOPING A NATIONAL STRATEGY
TO ASSIST FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP DETAINEES
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

I am Dawn T. Calabia, the Associate Director for Refugee Services of Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC).

I want to thank you and your staff for holding this hearing and for inviting such a broad cross section of those concerned about the needs of former reeducation camp detainees to testify today. This hearing offers us not only an opportunity to share our concerns and our expertise but to forge a coalition of interests and activities that will ensure that these brave former reeducation camp detainees will be warmly welcomed and ably assisted in adjusting to new lives in our country.

Over the past decade, USCC has actively worked for the release of Vietnamese citizens held in re-education camp for their roles in South Vietnam prior to 1975, their close ties to the United States or their commitment to freedom and religious liberty. After many false starts, the United States and Vietnam have agreed on a mechanism and program to permit these former detainees and their family members to emigrate to the United States under a special sub-program of the Orderly Departure Program.

USCC remains gravely concerned that because of the very nature of this population, it is essential that this resettlement program be concluded as rapidly as possible. While we are concerned about the need to plan and provide adequately for the

needs of these families as they arrive in our local communities, our overriding concern remains the well-being and safety of these long term detainees while they await interviews in Vietnam. Over the last few months we have heard estimates of the population ranging from 50,000--10,000 long term prisoners and another 40,000 family members-- to 100,000 or more including close family members. Recent Vietnamese history suggests that these former prisoners are unwanted and unpopular. They may even be at risk because of their opposition to the current government and its Marxist policies. During the long negotiations for the release and emigration of this population, these individuals were often referred to as one of the unhealed wounds of the Vietnam war, whose emigration would permit quicker healing both for Vietnamese at home and those abroad.

USCC urges that we all work to increase the pace of the US interview and resettlement process for this group, particularly with regards to the long term prisoners. At current rates of 1,000 interviews per month, those remaining in Vietnam could face 5-10 year waits before being interviewed. This is unacceptable in light of what these men and women and their families have suffered in the last decade.

The US and other resettlement countries should continue to press the Vietnamese government to grant exit permits immediately to all long term prisoners and to place their names on interview lists without delay.

USCC believes that despite tight budgets, ORR should entertain some special service programs for the former re-

education detainees and their families and should, whether through legislation or regulatory changes, consider changing the regulations governing some ORR funded activities so that all family members of a former prisoner can benefit from certain programs and services - particularly employment related programs.

Since current US policy will bring these families into our country with different immigration status--some as refugees, some as immigrants, some as parolees--federally funded resettlement, employment and social services will be limited to certain members, denied to others. The mixed immigration status of these families further complicates the ability of voluntary and government agencies to meet the families' pressing needs and to provide coordinated comprehensive services. We believe that services targeting this group should be available to all family members in the United States under color of law. Our local resettlement agencies, to the extent possible, now try to assist all family members in a refugee type case. It would be helpful to us if the federal government recognized this reality and provided program guidance that took it into account.

USCC believes that the Match Grant program is a good vehicle for providing additional resources, counselling and employment assistance to some of these families. Match Grant requires that local resettlement agencies provide resources that equal those given by the federal government to a maximum of \$957, with at least 20% of this local contribution in cash. The Match Grant offers an existing and proven model that permits resettlement agencies to provide the support and case management services that

could help more re-ed families retain their dignity and exercise more control over their new lives as they achieve early economic self-sufficiency. The President's budget for 1991 requests \$40 million for MATCH, the same level as this year. We would hope that this sum could be increased by at least \$6 million so that this alternative augmented resettlement approach could be used with at least 50% of these families.

Within the Match program, we would like to see ORR make it possible, at least on a "trial or demonstration basis" to put refugees into the Match Grant program within one year of their admission to the United States. It has been our experience, particularly in Los Angeles, that refugees who initially opted for welfare assistance when they could not find a job within their first month in the US or because of some medical or other problem, have returned to us two or three months later asking to go into "Match". They realize that welfare is not what they want. Some say they made a serious mistake, that they didn't understand enough about the US, but now they want the language, skill training and job counselling some of their friends received, so that they too, can become financially self-supporting. Unfortunately, under current guidelines, these people cannot go into the Match grant program.

Another high priority of ORR should be to make special family counselling, mental and physical health, and peer support services available for this population. Long separated families now face difficult familial and cultural adjustments, which many of our Vietnamese colleagues have raised at previous meetings.

Many detainees will need peer support in finding their way in the US, seeking suitable employment, medical care, and even in adapting to grown children and independent spouses who had to assume authority and responsibility in the family while the loved one was in detention or prevented from rejoining them abroad. Unfortunately, few states and localities fund this type of service for refugees, yet we believe that access to such services is money well spent. Preventive health and mental health services, early interventions and building a network of support groups for this population would be a wise and important investment of ORR funds. Early culturally appropriate assistance with former prisoners and their families can prevent more serious consequences, such as severe depression, physical violence, mental collapse or even hospitalization.

To achieve these goals, USCC supports the use of at least \$1 million in ORR discretionary money to fund community-based organizations and Mutual Assistance Organizations to provide appropriate types of services and assistance to former re-ed detainees and their families. Such funding would increase the ability of these organizations to network with voluntary resettlement organizations, government agencies, and the local community to plan for and meet the changing needs of these families. ORR funding of such groups could also foster the development of innovative culturally sensitive approaches that could lessen the stress experienced by these families and help them overcome other barriers to early employment, cultural adjustment and improved physical and mental health. There is

still time to plan and fund such programs this fiscal year; we expect at least some 7,000 re-ed detainees and their families to be admitted by September 30, and hopefully a much larger number could benefit from such programs in fy 1991.

Finally, USCC hopes that by working together in partnership - a partnership including the federal government, local and state government, the voluntary agencies, local Vietnamese community and Mutual Assistance Associations, as well as other interested parties--together we can extend a timely and warm welcome to this population and most importantly bring them here within a more reasonable time frame than 8 years.

By working together to plan and provide services for former re-education detainees and their families, we can demonstrate our nation's appreciation and respect for what they have endured. By working collaboratively with these newest Americans, we can not only attempt to convey our respect and admiration for what they have endured, but also demonstrate how a democratic, multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multi-party system of government and private sector organizations works.

In resettling former detainees we must not forget the enormous personal strength and courage these men and women have shown by enduring so much because of the deep religious, personal and political convictions they held. They have endured the loss of freedom and separation from loved one and we must seek to build on their strengths. We have an opportunity to help them and their children build a new life in freedom, in communities where they will be welcomed and respected, where their past

heroism will not be forgotten, and where new opportunities will be presented for them to become vital and productive members of society. They bring a wealth of courage, convictions, determination, and survival skills. Our nation will be greatly enriched by their presence and by their contributions, far more so than the few dollars we may initially need to spend to help them begin their new lives. It is our responsibility now to see to it that the planning, the programs, and the dollars needed are invested in this important undertaking.