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HO 11 (One list only)

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VNamese go works on the flight schedules.

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once a month. due to embargo. NO can take ODP cases direct from VN. but can't take peo from US back to VN.  
no Aug. Sept. **E.** What is the current situation in the SEA refugee camps?

Suppose N. VN am peo flee to HK: based on news camp in Kunming still screening. takes a long time - but moving faster now

**F.** Political Prisoners who were arrested after 1975 by the anti-Communist Government, are they to be considered in the same status as prisoners before 1975 in terms of qualifications to emigrate to the United States?

10000 interviewed per month.

2000 interviewed in a month

interviews fam. coming more so they are out of the way

1992 will be the last yr for Amerasians. so get them here as fast as we can.

& USA who has one parent in resettled country can join the overseas parent.

20% screened in } 25,000 screened in HK  
20,000 in other camps

over 9,000 voluntary to repatriate

no discrimination.

interview # incl:

1st Asylum w. ODP. so which one is low the other be higher.



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- DOS sends monitoring teams out to check on certain areas - can be slaughtered up if things go wrong*
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*Take up at monitoring trips.*

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- only those DOS thinks with higher priority.*
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*parents of us citizens will be current by the end of 91 will interview if their names appear in the VX-lists.*



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