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## PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Friday, July 23, 1993 - 3:00 p.m.

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*Tat Duy Pham	DOB: 8/07/34	General
*Cua Van Nguyen (California)	DOB: 12/19/31	Colonel
*Hop Bui (Massachusetts)	DOB: 11/20/29	Colonel
Phan Van Tran	DOB: 7/24/31	Colonel
Nguu Van Nguyen	DOB: 5/29/28	Lt. Colonel
Binh Van Dao (California) (Federation of Associations of Former Political Prisoners of Communist Vietnam)	DOB: 8/08/41	Chairman
Xuan Lan Nguyen (Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association)	DOB: 12/7/32	Advisor
Minh-Tho Khuc (Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association)	DOB: 1/12/39	President

**NOTE: Asterisk (\*) indicates that this person is one of the 100 political prisoners released in 1992.**



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June 15, 1993

The Honorable Winston Lord  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Lord:

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association we would like to request a meeting with you preferably on Friday, July 23, 1993 in the afternoon.

We will be celebrating our Annual Freedom Reunion Picnic on Sunday, July 25, 1993 and will host political prisoners and their families from California, Massachusetts and Virginia. Many of those in attendance represent 100 of the longest held political prisoners, who were released last year.

At our meeting with you some of the political prisoners would like to express their grateful appreciation for the continued support and interest in resettlement efforts on their behalf; as well as to articulate issues and concerns of this population, specifically as they relate to the political prisoners still in the camps.

Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience to let me know if the afternoon of July 23 is agreeable with your schedule.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho  
President

## ĐỀ NGHỊ

Trình dẫu bên vực quyền lợi cho cựu tù nhân  
chống tư Việt NAM.

### I. Trường hợp các cựu tù nhân chính trị đang ở VN.

Yêu cầu chính quyền Việt Nam:

1) Tiếp tục cho những người đã được xếp vào danh sách  
HO đi Mỹ càng sớm càng tốt.

2) Xúc tiến việc lập danh sách HO cho những người  
cũ tù di tản - kiện. ~~Không~~ <sup>không</sup> ~~được~~ <sup>được</sup> bỏ công  
tính này). Đủ điều kiện 3 năm coi tạo.

3) Xúc tiến cho những người xin đi các quốc gia khác  
theo chương trình ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM  
(ODP). Họ không xin đi theo chương trình HO vì có  
thân nhân ở các quốc gia khác bảo lãnh.

4) Không sách nhiễu (harassment), không trả thù  
(retaliation), không kỳ thị (discrimination) đối  
với các người đi chèo bịt hoặc bị rút thành lập  
(screening out) ở các trại ~~trại~~ Tam Đung Đung  
Nam Á và bị hồi hương (repatriation). Họ phải  
được sớm tái nhập vào xã hội (reintegration in  
the society).

5) Không tách rời và kỳ thị đối với các cựu tù nhân  
chống tư tù ở địa Việt Nam (ví dụ đơn yêu, báo cáo...)  
hoặc không có đủ điều kiện đi hưởng các chương trình HO  
hay ODP về các vấn đề sau đây: a) Giữ tù (kò kềm),

b) Theo phôi, c) Việc làm, d) Học hành cho con  
cái (education), e) Di cư.

II - Trường hợp những cựu tù nhân chính trị hoặc các  
cựu quân nhân VNCH (không có đi đi cái - tạo) đang  
ở các trại Tam Động Đông Nam Á (First Asylum Seekers).

1. Xúc tiến cho đi định cư những người đã được thanh  
lọc (screening in).

2. Xúc tiến thủ tục thanh lọc và chấp thuận cho những  
cựu tù nhân chính trị đi định cư ở Mỹ và các  
quốc gia tự do khác.

3. Đối với các cựu quân nhân hay công chức VNCH  
không có bị bắt đi cái tạo (ví như tránh hay may  
mắn) thì nên đề nghị việc thanh lọc, không nên  
bắt buộc điều kiện có đi cái tạo. Vì họ là những  
người đã phục vụ chế độ cũ này, nếu ở Việt Nam  
thì chắc chắn sẽ bị bắt quyền CS. Theo dõi, xử lý  
như với Mỹ thì.

III - Trường hợp các cựu tù nhân chính trị đang ở Mỹ  
hoặc sống ở Mỹ theo chương trình HO.

1. Tăng thời gian hỗ trợ tài trợ.

2. Giúp đỡ ổn định đời sống: a) Thuê nhà, b) Khai  
đào tạc, quên áo, dụng cụ nấu nướng, vật dụng cần thiết.  
c) Tìm việc làm, d) Học Anh ngữ, e) Khám Nghề,  
f) Giúp cho con cái học hành ...

1-2-1994 Huỳnh Thành Hưng



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January 23, 1993

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Dear Mr. Lord:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association.

Since we last communicated with you in July 1993 a number of issues and concerns have arisen that required our attention. Currently, we are trying to deal with the rumors abounding in the Vietnamese community regarding the United States lifting the embargo and contemplating diplomatic relations with Vietnam in the near future.

It is our hope that we will soon have an opportunity to meet with you so that you can share with us valuable information that you have about Vietnam and to discuss the issues and situations of the political prisoners in Vietnam. In addition, we would like to review with you the status and progress of former political prisoners, who are now in the United States.

As we prepare to celebrate our Vietnamese New Year (Tet, which is February 10, 1994), we would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year filled with prosperity, love, and peace.

Sincerely,

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**FAX COVER SHEET**

**DATE:** January 23, 1994

**TO :** Andy Rothman  
Department of State

**FAX #:** 202-647-3069

**FROM:** Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association

**NO. OF PAGES** include cover sheet: 3

**SUBJECT:** Request for meeting with Assistant Secretary Winston Lord

Dear Andy,

On behalf of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association I would like to ask that you submit this letter to the Honorable Winston Lord so that we can begin to make mutual preparations for our meeting.

I will contact you to follow-up on this matter.

Tho  
703-358-5154



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Dear :

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association is planning to purchase an automobile with the aim of helping former political prisoners who resettle in Virginia and the Washington metropolitan area to solve their transportation and other related problems. The automobile will be used in the following activities.

1. Pick up former political prisoners when they arrive here;
2. Provide transportation to newcomers to various agencies for resettlement processing, applying for public assistance, medical examination, etc.
3. Train at least one person per family how to drive and get their driver's license;
4. Provide transportation in case of emergencies.

In order to show our special concern and care to these newcomers, we wholeheartedly call for your contributions to implement this project.

We will prepare a list of the philanthropists who donate money to get the "Car of Love" which will be published in Vietnamese newspapers. Your contribution will be handed to the Representatives of the former political prisoners who are living in the Seven Corners area.

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association sincerely thank our benefactors who have been helping our Association, and we hope that you will help us once again in rendering other means and experience to the former political prisoners who have gone through a lot of suffering and losses to rebuild their new lives in their adopted country.

Please send your correspondence and donation to the above address. Your donation will be tax deductible.

Sincerely,

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### FREEDOM REUNION CELEBRATION OF FORMER VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

#### COMMEMORATING THE

#### FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC U.S.-VIETNAMESE AGREEMENT OF JULY 30, 1989 FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### P L A N N I N G

The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association are in the planning stages of the events scheduled for the Fifth Anniversary of the Historic U.S.-Vietnamese Agreement of July 30, 1989 for the Resettlement of Vietnamese Political Prisoners in the United States of America.

The following events are now in the beginning stages of planning. It is anticipated that approximately 400 to 500 people will attend; especially the 100 former political prisoners released in 1992 who will be coming from other states in addition to those living in the Virginia area.

- **ANNUAL FREEDOM REUNION CELEBRATION PICNIC** to be held on **Saturday, July 23, 1994**. This will be a reunion for all former political prisoners in Virginia as well as those in other states and from other countries.
- **MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL** in **Washington, D.C.** to be held on **Sunday, July 24, 1994**. United States and Vietnam veterans will gather to salute the 57,000 Americans who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of Vietnam. This will also serve as a reunion of United States veterans and Vietnamese veterans of the Vietnam war.

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- **APPRECIATION DAY/RECEPTION AT SENATE RUSSELL CAUCUS #SR 325 on Tuesday, July 26, 1994** will serve as an appreciation to members of the Senate, Congress, Administration and Media who supported our cause and helped to make our dreams come true. Thousands of former political prisoners and their families were reunited with their loved ones because of efforts fought off the battlefield by people who exemplified the true humanitarian spirit of those in a free society.

We are receptive to any ideas/suggestions you may have that would enhance the events planned. In addition, please feel free to submit the names of individuals and/or organizations whom you feel should be extended a personal invitation to these events.