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**PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING BETWEEN
OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE
POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION AND
OF FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS**

July 23, 1993

This meeting has two purposes: first, it will give representatives of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association and of former political prisoners the opportunity to express their acknowledgement of the very active assistance provided by various branches of the United States Government in obtaining the release of the latter from 're-education camps' and their emigration to the United States; secondly, the meeting will also provide the forum in which to raise a number of important issues regarding the emigration of former political prisoners and their family members to the United States.

We wish to discuss the following issues:

1. To obtain the release of the three (3) political prisoners who were interned since 1975, but had subsequently been reclassified without due trial, as common law offenders (list attached).
2. In cases where the political prisoners have died in the camps and their spouses have also passed away or are missing, to allow their children to emigrate to the United States under the provisions applicable to children of deceased political prisoners, but whose spouses are alive. From information provided to us, these circumstances apply to Ms. Doan Thi Thanh My (IV #61155; both parents are dead) and to Mr. Nguyen Phat Khoi (IV #116466, father dead; mother missing).
3. To allow former political prisoners who have legally remarried since 1990 to leave under the H.O. Program. A letter on that matter, which was addressed to Senator Kennedy, is attached for your information.

4. The children of former political prisoners who, without being legally married, have children of their own, have been refused admission to the United States under the program even after having submitted legal proof and documentation of separation from their common law spouses. To allow these single parents to emigrate to the United States under the same conditions applying to unmarried children of former political refugees.

5. To allow unmarried children of former political prisoners, who for various reasons, such as work, now live separately from their parents, to emigrate together with their parents.

6. To allow married children of prisoners to emigrate to the United States as immigrants or parolees. This would provide for complete reunification of political prisoners and their close relatives after many years of long separation.

7. To pursue the resettlement program for former political prisoners even after the normalization of relations between Vietnam and the United States either through reunification or free cases.

8. Accept for resettlement relatives (wives and children) of former political prisoners who meet the ODP conditions for resettlement, but have since died.

9. Accept for resettlement former political detainees who were captured before 1975 and count time spent in jail before 1975 towards the three years required by ODP for priority eligibility, such as the case of Nguyen Van Thanh (IV #252961).

10. There are unconfirmed reports that the United States will plan an orientation for former political prisoners to be held in Vietnam prior to their departure. Could you enlighten us on the philosophy and concept behind this idea.

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AND
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Friday, July 23, 1993

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We recognize that during those years you spent numerous hours providing assistance to our Association. Specifically, we recall the Hearing on Capitol Hill that you facilitated in order to address the issue of allowing the wives and children of political prisoners who had died in re-education camps to be admitted to the United States.

It is through your many efforts that we proudly acknowledge the presence of some of the longest held political prisoners, who have most recently arrived in the United States, and some who are here with us today. I would like to give them an opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation at this time.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL PRESENT THEIR CONCERNS:

- We would like to inquire about the status and condition of three political prisoners who still remain in re-education and have been there since 1975.
- We have presented the case of Mr. Tran Trung Dung and asked for intervention in order to expedite his departure from Vietnam to be reunited with his children in the United States.
- We are also concerned about the political prisoners in Southeast refugee camps. After 3-4 years the prisoners are allowed to come to the United States; however, because their wives and children are in other refugee camps they are denied screening to be allowed to join their spouses.

We are aware of the recent visit to Vietnam and would appreciate an update on the condition and status of the country and the people, specifically the political prisoners. In addition, we are agreeable to providing assistance in any manner deemed necessary and would welcome suggestions and comments on how we can function as an organization to ensure more expeditious processing of those persons desiring to come to the United States.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity afforded us today and welcome and appreciate the open exchange of dialogue that has taken place. We remain grateful for the many humanitarian acts of kindness that have been bestowed upon our families and loved ones and cherish the many friendships that we have come to love and respect. Please feel free to call upon us if we can be of assistance.



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PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND MEETING WITH Mr. Eric Schwartz Director of Refugee Programs National Security Council

Friday, July 23, 1993 - 10:00 a.m.

*Chinh Khắc Nguyen	DOB: 6/11/22,	Lawyer
*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.