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January 13, 1996

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Nguyen Quynh Giao was out of the country on travel and unable to attend the meeting, however, she gave her consent to the meeting decisions in advance.

In opening the meeting, Khuc Minh Tho, the President, reported on the activities which the Association undertook in 1995. These included:

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- o simplified and expedited departure procedures for the former political prisoners
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Khuc Minh Tho opened the meeting for discussion and election of new officers. In light of the continuing programs and negotiations concerning issues related to the former political prisoners, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the Board of Directors and Executive Board members be reappointed for another term.

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during the war era and author of the recent book "Secret War, Secret Army." Mr. Tourison is collecting all the documentation for the lost commandos both in Vietnam and the United States and coordinating with our Association in helping the lost commandos and their widows still behind in Vietnam. The second is Mr. Robert Zimmerman, a Vietnam veteran, who will help handicapped and disabled former prisoners, as he has done with Mr. Phuoc Ngoc Ho, who needs full nursing home care at the Leewood Nursing Home in Annandale, Virginia.

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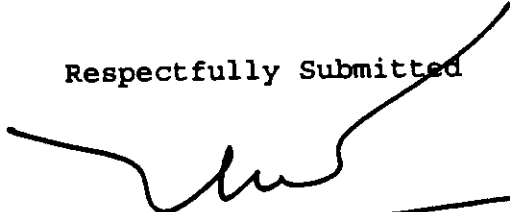
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Respectfully Submitted



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- 2917-101 - Dieu Van - Will move 2/2/96-2911-102
- 2917-102 - Toa Thuong - Will move 1/31-2907-201
- 2913-102 - Thuc Kuc, Canh Tran Signed agreement will move 1/31
- 6133-1 - Has given no notice, will probably move in February

FEBRUARY 30 DAY NOTICES

- 6135-101 - Tan Van Nguyen
- 6135-201 - Sanh Cong Huynh (gave notice to move 2/3/96)
- 6141-102 - Khai The Nguyen
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