

**MINUTES OF THE
FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION (FVPPA)
MEETING WITH THE
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA (NCVA) AND THE
WASHINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATIONS (LVA)**

**Sunday, February 4, 1996
11:00 A.M.**

(Resettlement Assistance for the Special Commandos)

Present: Le Van Ba
Nguyen Ngoc Bich
Khuc Minh Tho
Le Tho Trung
Tran Ngoc Thach

1. Orientation, Welfare and Employment: Mrs. Tho has had a meeting with the Diocese of Arlington Office of Resettlement (USCC) to secure the latter's help with the coming resettlement of special forces commandos. By a letter of January 24, 1996, Mr. David Herrmann agreed to help in the following areas:

- Provide help in processing any paperwork in regards to each case before arrival.
- Provide maximum funding available for each case.
- Provide Newcomers to America Orientation Program to each refugee family the next week after arrival.
- Provide referral services to all required agencies.

In terms of employment, we have assurances of Fairfax, Arlington County Employment Services and other local employment agencies to "enroll employable refugees in employment search programs." As far as welfare benefits are concerned, there is no indication that they are changing from the current provisions.

2. Airport Meet and Assist: NCVA and the Washington Area League of Vietnamese Associations will enlist the cooperation of local Vietnamese American associations to welcome the newcomers on arrival.

3. Housing and Furnishings: Vista Gardens will make a number of apartments available to newcomers and their families. Various churches have promised to help with furniture and household utensils.

4. Initial Food Provisions: FVPPA and friends will make sure as part of the initial welcome that each newcomer family will be provided with enough food provisions to tide the families over from the time of their arrival to the time when USCC provides them with the initial check.

5. Miscellaneous Items/Issues: A Task Force, coordinated by FVPPA, will be formed to split responsibilities and take care of the following issues for the newcomers:

- Social Security Numbers
- County Social Services Appointments
- Transportation
- School Enrollment/ESL Training
- Health Screening and Care

6. Job Training and Job Placement: The newcomers will be placed in those programs available in Arlington and Fairfax (a joint responsibility of USCC and FVPPA).

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

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RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMANDOS

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- Airport Meet and Assist. Immigration and Customs Formalities
- Housing and Furnishings
- Initial Food Provisions
- Clothing
- Social Security Administration. SSN #
- ~~State and~~ County Social Service Agency Appointments
- Transportation
- ~~High~~ School Enrollment. ESL Training.
- Health Department*