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FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS ASSOCIATION

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January 11, 1997

10:00 A.M.

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To open the meeting, Khuc Minh Tho, the President of the Association, reported on the following activities accomplished by the Association during 1996:

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provide refugee resettlement for the 100 lost commandos, the special force ARVN troops who parachuted behind enemy lines during the Vietnam War.

O Continued our work with the State Department, INS and Congress to ensure that former political prisoners and their family members who escaped by boat to camps in Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Hong Kong were given full refugee adjudication for resettlement and not forcibly repatriated to Vietnam. In this connection, we actively monitored and critiqued the ROVR (Resettlement Opportunities for Vietnamese Returnees) program to ensure its implementation for those who agreed to return to Vietnam under this program.

O Intervened with the State Department and INS to clarify with ODP in the field the policy for missing documents and documents reissued by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV), including Release Certificates, Marriage and Birth Certificates and Household Registrations.

O Requested Congress and the State Department to reverse the decrease in the ceiling of refugee admission numbers for FY97 and FY98. Work to continue during calendar 1997.

O Worked with State Department to recognize and process for refugee adjudication the approximately 100 cases of former political prisoners who do not fit the traditional processing criteria of the HO subprogram of ODP but who were incarcerated 10 or more year for "counter-revolutionary" view and other related political dissident activities.

O Visited several communities of resettled former political prisoners in Oklahoma, Canada, Texas and California. We continue to find that some of these families experience hardship due to the lack of employment opportunities

O Continued our on-going program to request Congress, and the State Department to intervene with the government of Vietnam to release all political prisoners and to observe international standards of human rights.

O Requested that the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization review the criteria of the HO subprogram (ODP) for the former

Vietnamese political prisoners, particularly to lower the basic threshold of three years of incarceration to two years of incarceration.

O Requested ODP and Congress to examine the implementation of the program for the former employees of the U.S. government with five or more years of service. The rejection rate of these applicants is running at 97%. The U.S. government made the effort an expense to establish this program and now the rejection rate seems to negate the very purpose of the program.

Truong Thi Lang Anh, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Association. The report indicated a current balance of \$110.00. The Treasurer noted the continuing requirement for financial assistance to cover such expenses as postage, photocopying, supplies, printing, utilities, computer equipment, telephone and fax services.

Khuc Minh Tho then opened the meeting for discussion and election of new officers. In light of the ongoing programs from one year to the next and the negotiations/meetings concerning issues related to the processing of the former political prisoners, particularly the implementation of the McCain amendment and the exclusion of the adult children of widow and prisoners resettled as immigrants, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board were unanimously repainted for another one-year term.

The following volunteers agreed to continue their work to assist the President of the Association to disseminate information on issues and concerns to Association members, former political prisoners and the Vietnamese-American community at large, here and abroad:

Four current volunteers of the Association, Ms. Trinh Ngoc-Dung, Mrs. Thanh Hai Reyes, Mr. Pham Thanh Long, and Colonel William F. Parris (Ret), agreed to continue their services as volunteers. Colonel Parris will volunteer as the Employment Coordinator to assist former prisoners and their family members in their job search by contacting companies and employment offices.

The Association also welcomed the following two volunteers: Mr. Sedgwick Tourison, a former U.S. Embassy employee in Vietnam during the war era and the author of the book "Secret War, Secret Army." Mr. Tourison collected the documentation for the lost commandos both in Vietnam and the United States and our association assisted in helping to locate the lost commandos and their

widows still in Vietnam. Mr. Robert Zimmerman will continue his work to aid disabled and handicapped former political prisoners to find nursing home care and other such support.

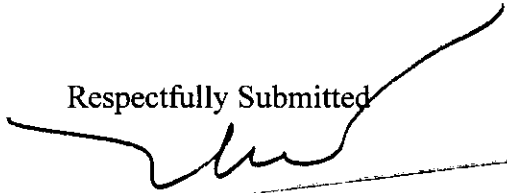
Mr. Thai Quy Toan, Esq, now a practicing immigration attorney in Southern California, continues his volunteer work for the former political prisoners.

After these discussions, members voted on the new Board of Directors and Executive Board. The reelected persons and positions are as follows:

Khuc Minh Tho	President
Nguyen Quynh Giao (absent, but voted by absentee ballot)	Vice President
Nguyen Van Gioi	Secretary-General
Truong Thi Lang Anh	Treasurer
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The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. on January 11, 1997. A list of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board is attached.

Respectfully Submitted



(Mrs.) Khuc Minh Tho
President



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