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AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ TO DISCUSS ISSUES CONCERNING THE RE-EDUCATION CENTER DETAINEES

1. Request assistance from Congressman Solarz to apply pressure to the Vietnamese Government in order to encourage them to release all political detainees.
2. Request that a joint delegation be formed between the offices of Congressman Solarz, Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association and the Federation of Former Political Prisoners in order to visit re-education camps in Vietnam, Southeast Asia refugee camps, and ODP, to intervene on their behalf.
3. Mr. Nguyen Co Thach, Foreign Minister of Vietnam, announced in New York that the Republic Socialist of Vietnam will release the remaining political prisoners. The Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association is requesting the assistance of Congressman Solarz to encourage other Congressmen and Senators to apply pressure on the Vietnamese government to get all of the detainees released, and permit them to emigrate to countries of their choice. This can be done by encouraging the Senators and Congressmen to write to Mr. Nguyen Co Thach before TET (Vietnamese New Year, February 16, 1991) and plead with him to do the humanitarian act that would exemplify peace and good will.
4. Request that Congressman Solarz address the issue with Congress to amend the Refugee Act to allow all detainees and their families to receive benefits under the Refugee Services, regardless of their status; or at least provide them with medical assistance during the first year.
5. We would like to request that all deceased detainees' families, after being released, and having spent three (3) years or more in re-education camps, be granted admission to the United States as refugees in the same status as those of living detainees' families.
6. Request that the remaining family members of detainees already resettled in the United States be included in the detainees' program.

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7. We would like for you to propose to your fellow Congressmen that they increase the quota for political prisoners, as well as additional funding for resettlement. The resettlement funds will greatly assist the political prisoners to adjust and overcome barriers in their new environment at a much faster rate. Further details of these concerns can be addressed.
8. We would like to request that discussion be given to the issues concerning detainees in Southeast Asian Refugee Camps.
9. We would also like to request that some discussion be given to issues concerning the resettlement problems of detainees currently in the United States.

Mr. Solarz, we are families of Vietnamese political prisoners who remain detainees in Vietnam; and our fate, and the fate of our loved ones, remains the same as that of the families of the MIAs.

As U.S. citizens it is our hope that Congress will work collaboratively with other governmental agencies to assure that the Vietnamese political prisoners are included in the process towards full diplomatic relations with Vietnam. We have been waiting for nearly 16 years to be reunited with our loved ones, and we feel that it is imperative that their fate also be included in any formal discussions.