

Issues Regarding Resettlement Program For Former Political Detainees.

The Office of the State Department has responded to a number of concerned issues being brought up by families of political detainees. They are as follows:

Questions:

- United States will only accept political detainees who had stayed in camp 5 or more years. How will U.S. plan to resolve the situation of those who had less than 5 years?
- Immediate family members (wives & children) of political detainees (5-7 yr. stay) who either deceased or missing - how will they be considered if they wish to resettle abroad?

Answer:

- Currently, the U.S. wants to give priority to those political detainees who have had 5 or more years of camp-term. However, this does not mean the U.S. will not consider those who have less than 5 yr.

- The Vietnamese Government has emphasized that they will approve all as long as their names are on the list and that they were camp detainees since 1975.

- In accordance with the agreement between the two Governments, both sides will continue to discuss to determine the exact number of those political detainees who will be eligible under the quota/criteria. Both Governments in each incremental phase will establish a non-discriminatory list of the eligible candidates who will be considered under the Political Detainee Resettlement Program.

- On September 19-20, 1989, both the U.S. and Vietnam had conferred to discuss in details the technicalities and regulation process of the Resettlement Program. The Vietnamese Government had requested that the U.S. review the same list that Vietnam had prepared, of course, in accordance with all the terms and conditions both had agreed. The U.S. has reviewed the list and will be looking at it in a more detailed manner.

- The Vietnamese Government also proposed that besides the released camp detainees and their families (including all children), the following person should be allowed to accompany the candidate as well:

- a) parents, grandparents, and nieces/nephews that are part of the extended family (living under the same household).
- b) all married children and their families
- c) immediate family members of political detainees who have deceased or missing at camp to be eligible to resettle in U.S.

The proposal also requested that the U.S. simplifies the interviewing and administrative process as to expedite the overall Resettlement process. The U.S. agreed to review on a case by case basis.

The program has started since the beginning of October 1989. All information or question concerning the Resettlement Program should be directed to the State Department. Any information not publicly announced by the State Department will not be in any way reliable nor true.

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