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Agreement Between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and the UNITED NATIONS HIGH  
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Signed at Washington and Geneva  
November 13 and December 2, 1974

*and*

Amending Agreements  
Signed at Geneva December 16, 1974  
And Signed at Geneva February 5 and 10, 1975



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**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES**

**Refugee Relief in South Viet-Nam and Laos**

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December 2, 1974;*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

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Mr. Charles Mace  
Office of the United Nations High  
Commissioner for Refugees  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

Grant No. EAB 1-75  
PIO/T No. 6858400

Dear Mr. Mace:

1). The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ("UNHCR"), with the support of other international donors and the respective host government, has under way in Indochina a program of assistance for displaced and uprooted persons, whom the Government of the United States of America wishes to assist hereby in South Vietnam and in Laos.

2). Pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, <sup>[1]</sup> A.I.D. hereby grants to UNHCR the sum of five hundred thousand United States dollars (\$500,000), to be used for assistance to displaced and uprooted persons in South Vietnam and Laos, with a view to their settlement or resettlement in largely rural, economically viable communities emphasizing self-help by the inhabitants. Such assistance will include, as appropriate, assistance in community development plans and infrastructure; necessary housing, including self-help housing; agricultural development assistance, including self-help agricultural efforts, and rural technical agricultural centers. Funds granted hereunder may be used by Grantee for assistance to displaced and uprooted persons in the area of South Vietnam nominally controlled by the Provisional Revolutionary Government only if such assistance is channeled to such persons other than to or through the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

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<sup>1</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 2151 note.

3). All expenditures by UNHCR of funds granted hereunder must be made no later than July 31, 1975, or such later date as A.I.D. may agree to in writing. Any funds disbursed to but not expended by UNHCR and in the custody of UNHCR at the time of expiration or termination of this Agreement shall be refunded to A.I.D.

4). A. Two English language copies each of the interim, the final and any special reports on this program, prepared by the UNHCR, will be furnished to A.I.D./Washington and to the A.I.D. Missions in South Vietnam and in Laos by UNHCR no later than thirty days following the issuance of such reports.

UNHCR will prepare and submit to A.I.D./Washington quarterly financial reports reflecting the cumulative donations to date by source, and the cumulative expenditures to date by country program and to undistributed, holding or overhead accounts.

UNHCR will mail the first of these financial reports to arrive in A.I.D./Washington no later than January 15, 1975.

B. It is understood that in accordance with the financial regulations and rules of the U.N., these funds will be utilized through a U.N. special account or accounts along with all contributions made by other governments. It is also understood that this account or accounts will be audited in accordance with established procedures under appropriate provisions of the financial regulations and rules of the U.N., and that A.I.D. will be provided with copies of the regular audit reports of the U.N.

C. UNHCR will direct its principal representatives in South Vietnam and in Laos to keep the A.I.D. Missions' Social Welfare Offices informed of all significant developments affecting the execution of UNHCR's program.

5). These funds will be made available through a Federal Reserve Bank Letter of Credit to be drawn down by UNHCR as the need for cash arises. The procedure governing the establishment of the letter of credit and the draw down of funds made available under the letter of credit is outlined in attachment "Disbursement of Funds." A.I.D. may also make disbursements upon such other terms and conditions as may be agreed on in writing between A.I.D. and UNHCR.

6). Please indicate your acceptance of this grant by signing this letter at the appropriate place below and returning it to us.

The United States of America

[<sup>1</sup>]

By: Garnett A. Zimmerly

Title: Acting Assistant Administrator  
Bureau for East Asia  
Agency for International Development

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

[<sup>2</sup>]

By: Charles H. Mace

Title: Deputy  
High Commissioner for Refugees  
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<sup>1</sup> Garnett A. Zimmerly

<sup>2</sup> Charles H. Mace. Signature affixed at Geneva Dec. 2, 1974.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

A. A.I.D. shall open a Federal Reserve Letter of Credit in the amount of this grant against which the Grantee may present payment vouchers. Funds drawn by the Grantee against the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit shall be only in such amounts as may be needed to meet current program expenditures under the grant, and such drawdowns shall be made as close to the day of actual expenditure as is administratively feasible. Within the foregoing ceiling amount, the amount of any payment voucher shall not in any event be less than \$10,000 nor more than \$250,000.

B. In no event shall the accumulated total of all such payment vouchers exceed the amount of the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit.

C. Procedure for Grantee.

1. After arranging with a commercial bank of its choice for operation under this Letter of Credit and obtaining the name and address of the Federal Reserve Bank or branch serving the commercial bank, the Grantee shall deliver to the A.I.D. Office of Financial Management (SER/FM/RSD) three originals of Standard Form 1194, "Authorized Signature Card for Payment Vouchers on Letters of Credit" signed by those official(s) authorized to sign payment vouchers against the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit and by an official of the Grantee who has authorized them to sign.

2. After execution of the grant, the Grantee shall receive one certified copy of the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit.

3. The Grantee shall confirm with its commercial bank that the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit has been opened and is available if funds are needed.

4. To receive payment, the Grantee shall:

(a) Periodically, although normally not during the last five days of the month, prepare payment vouchers (Form TUS 5401) in an original and three copies.

(b) Have the original and two copies of the voucher signed by the authorized official(s) whose signature(s) appear on the Standard Form 1194.

(c) Present the original, duplicate and triplicate copy of the Form TUS 5401 to its commercial bank.

(d) Retain the quadruplicate copy of the voucher.

5. After the first payment voucher (Form TUS 5401) has been processed, succeeding payment vouchers shall not be presented until the existing balance of previous payments has been expended or is insufficient to meet current needs.

6. In preparing the payment voucher, the Grantee shall assign a voucher number in numerical sequence beginning with 1 and continuing in sequence on all subsequent payment vouchers submitted under the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit. The current status of the pertinent Federal Reserve Letter of Credit funds shall be presented on the reverse side of the last two copies of the Form TUS 5401 in the following format:

Cash on hand prior to preceding advance	\$ _____
Plus amount of last advance on TUS 5401 No. _____	_____
Less total payments subsequent to last advance	_____
Equals cash on hand prior to receiving current advance on TUS 5401 No. _____	_____

7. A report of expenditures shall be prepared and submitted semi-annually to A.I.D. Office of Financial Management (SER/FM/RSD). This Report, submitted on Standard Form 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal", shall be supported by certifications, listing of expenditures against withdrawals and documentation as required.

8. Simultaneously with the submission of the report of expenditures the Grantee shall submit to SER/FM/RSD a status report on the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit as of the close of the periods covered by the report of expenditures. The report is prepared in the following format:

Federal Reserve Letter of Credit No. _____	
1. Total amount of Federal Reserve Letter of Credit	_____
2. Payment Vouchers presented against Federal Reserve Letter of Credit	_____

- 3. a. Credited prior to reporting period \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Credit during reporting period  
TUS 5401 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
inclusive \_\_\_\_\_
- \*c. Presented but not credited, TUS  
5401 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
inclusive \_\_\_\_\_

\*Itemize any payment vouchers reported in Item 3c as presented but not credited. [Footnote in the original.]

## [AMENDING AGREEMENTS]



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

December 16, 1974

Mr. Charles Mace  
Office of the United Nations High  
Commissioner for Refugees  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Mace:

I take pleasure in informing you that the Agency for International Development would like, as a further expression of its support of UNHCR's program in South Vietnam and Laos, to increase its grant to UNHCR and extend the expenditure period provided for in that grant, dated November 13, 1974. Subject to your acceptance, we would like to change the terms of the grant as follows:

In the first sentence of paragraph 2, the phrase "the sum of five hundred thousand United States dollars (Dols. 500,000)" is hereby amended to read: "the sum of one million United States dollars (Dols. 1,000,000)."

In the first sentence of paragraph 3, the phrase "no later than July 31, 1975" is hereby amended to read: "no later than August 31, 1975."

Please indicate your acceptance of this amendment to the grant by signing the original and a copy of this letter in the space provided and returning the original to us. The copy is provided for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Francis L. Dale  
Ambassador

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

By: Charles H. Mace

Title: Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

February 5, 1975

Mr. Charles Mace  
Office of the United Nations High  
Commissioner for Refugees  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Mace:

I take pleasure in informing you that the Agency for International Development would like, as a further expression of its support to UNHCR's program in South Vietnam and Laos, to increase its Grant No. EAB 1-75 to UNHCR and extend the expenditure period provided for in that grant, dated November 13, 1974, and subsequently amended on December 16, 1974. Subject to your acceptance, we would like to change the terms of the grant as follows:

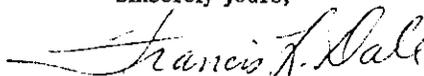
In the first sentence of paragraph 2, the phrase "the sum of one million United States dollars (Dols. 1,000,000)" is hereby amended to read: "the sum of two million United States dollars (Dols. 2,000,000.)"

In the first sentence of paragraph 3, the phrase "no later than August 31, 1975" is hereby amended to read: "no later than December 31, 1975."

In the attachment to the grant "disbursement of funds" in paragraph A the phrase "nor more than Dols. 250,000" is hereby amended to read: "nor more than Dols. 500,000."

Please indicate your acceptance of this amendment to the grant by signing the original and a copy of this letter in the space provided and returning the original to us. The copy is provided for your files.

Sincerely yours,

  
Francis L. Dale  
Ambassador

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

By: Charles H. Mace [1]

Title: Deputy High Commissioner

<sup>1</sup> Signature affixed Feb. 10, 1975.