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Dear Dave,

Neither Lang nor I have heard from you for some time. I hope all is going well with you.

Dad, I and Lang met and discussed various possible ways to attempt to get Lang's family out of Vietnam. The three of us decided that we would look into the following possibilities. To begin with, Lang is going to correspond with his brother in France who, as you may know, is a French citizen and has lived there for a number of years. It is Lang's opinion that there are some French companies who are doing business in Saigon. The hope would be that we could locate some French businessmen or families who live in Saigon and have them perhaps hire Lang's family as domestic help and then attempt to get them out of Vietnam to France.

The next possibility is for Dad to contact a good friend of his, Ambassador Lane Kirkland, who is the Deputy United Nations Ambassador. We could have him explore the possibility on an unofficial basis of approaching the Vietnamese representative of the United Nations to see whether on a friend-to-friend basis if it would be possible for Lang's family members to leave Vietnam to come to the States.

The third possibility, and the reason I am writing you, is the idea that you could possibly write Henry Kissinger and find out from him whether he would be willing to explore contacts that he has made in the past with the Vietnamese to see whether or not he could attempt to negotiate getting Lang's family out.

As you know, the escape which Lang and his sons made is full of potential dangers for his wife and younger children. Apparently the Thai pirates are going all along the coast raping, killing and robbing refugees in their boats.

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Please find enclosed some photocopies of information which Lang has provided me indicating all names and addresses of his family. The first series in Section I is his wife and three children. Section II is his mother and sister.

Please let me know what you think of the approach on Henry and, in addition, please let us know of any ideas you might have.

At this time, Lang has worked for approximately three weeks with the Public Works Commission. He is a water meter repairman. As coincidence would have it, because of his past technical experience, he was familiar with the work he is currently doing.

I am hopeful that within the next two or three weeks, I will have his older son employed by a large factory here in town by the name of Fasco. His younger son is at the Fayetteville Technical Institute studying to get his high school diploma.

I am hoping that once his older son is employed, they will both be financially independent. Right now, Dad and the Catholic Relief Organization are basically supporting the family.

Please send me a line letting me know any ideas you have in regard to getting Lang's family out.

I hope all is going well in your law practice and with you personally. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure