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Colonel Noboru Masuoka, USAF (Ret)

Dear Colonel Masuoka

Thank you for your 15 November letter concerning military airlift for Major An Quy Nguyen and his daughter. I was pleased to note that the Immigration Service decided to grant them a humanitarian parole to come to the United States.

The DoD regulations that address this situation are rather strict, but do allow military aircraft travel by "distinguished foreign nationals invited by the SECDEF or designee." As a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross whose exploits have been highly publicized, Major Nguyen may qualify as a distinguished foreign national, although such travel must be approved by the Secretary or his designee. I have asked DoD's Regional Affairs people to seek that approval. Once approved for travel, the US Air Force can coordinate specific arrangements to have Major Nguyen and his daughter flown from Vietnam into Travis AFB, California.

I commend your efforts to assist An and his daughter in their quest for freedom. I know this is a just cause that is worthy of our effort.

Sincerely

CHARLES A. HORNER
General, USAF
Commander in Chief