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June 4, 1975

MEMO

To: Roger Semerad, Executive Director, President's Advisory Committee

From: Ashby Boyle

Re: Role of American Youth Organizations in Vietnamese

Resettlement.

Dear Roger,

The attached is sent for your information and comment. Anxious to hear from you your thoughts on the idea.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PAM POWELL

FROM:

TED MARRS

SUBJECT:

Youth Involvement in Refugee

Resettlement

See handwritten note, and then please contact Roger Semerad for distribution material and move out to your agencies and activities.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DR. THEODORE MARRS

FROM:

ROGER D. SEMERAD

SUBJECT:

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN REFUGEE

RESETTLEMENT

PROJECT FRIENDSHIP. Ashby Boyle, member of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, and David Morin, White House Summer Intern, have come up with an idea for youth involvement in the resettlement of the refugees. It involves facilitating and encouraging the use of youth organizations in further assisting the cultural assimilation of the refugee youth.

I think this idea has merit if a way to activate it quickly can be developed. Your advice and comments will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Jami duk findin dui I winduply Tem "Sixty-five percent of those who are coming are children . . . They deserve the warmth and the friendship which is typical of America."

President Gerald Ford on the occasion of signing the Executive Order establishing the President's Advisory Committee.

Project FRIENDSHIP, a cooperative national project of the President's Advisory Committee on Vietnamese Refugees and various national youth leaders of America is the channel through which the young people of America can help President Ford in

- 1.) easing the cultural adjustments the Vietnamese refugees between the ages of 11 and 24 will need help in making, and
- 2.) assisting overall the general well-being of young resettled refugees as they leave the camps to join their new American communities.

The machinery for the resettlement and sponsorship of Vietnamese refugees has already been constructed. But get refugees out of camps is only our first step. Once establin communities the refugees will still need support before they can effect the goal of their assimilation into the mainstream of American life.

By extending understanding hearts and particularly gracceptance, the youth groups of America such as the Boy Scouts, the Future Business Leaders of America, and other organizations -religious, service, and social in nature—cagive the newly settled young Vietnamese a sense of belonging Such organizations can also provide a circle of friends and acquaintances that Vietnamese youth will need for navigating their way into the culture of young America.

PROJECT
friendship:

the role of american youth in the Vietnamese resettlement. Project FRIENDSHIP: General Comments

I. Subjective support of the President.

In addition to the two functions listed on the preceding page, Project FRIENDSHIP has great potential in regard to national input on a public relations level. The coalition of several national youth groups as proposed would produce a list of American youth involved reaching -easily- into the hundreds of thousands, probably millions. Hence, the public announcement of Project FRIENDSHIP -and subsequent press coverage- would be a visible and valuable source of support to the President. And it would be a source of support not commonly brought to the public' attention: the young people of America.

II. How the project would work.

Those national youth chairmen supportive of Project FRIENDSHIP would be expected to see that the state and local chapters of their organization were extending a hand of fellows to young Vietnamese refugees settled within the chapter's local geographic jurisdiction. Expected in said hand of fellowship would be cordial invitation of membership into the parts organization and to attempt to assess the needs of the refugee and to, obviously, use the gresources towards meeting those needs.

It is not intended that Project FRIENDSHIP assist in sponsorship or any other concerns of an economic nature. What we are striving for is social and cultural assistance to the refugee youth.

III. The need for advice from some of those young Vietnamese already established in the United States.

As Ms. Julie Taft, head of the Task Force said at the first briefing of the President' Advisory Committee, "We don't know all the social service needs of the Vietnamese. We will need help in developing concepts for social service." Project FRIENDSHIP should seek the advice of those Vietnamese youth who have already adjusted to the culture of America.

This was done quickly - any quistions you have still unconsidered, Not he happy to answer.

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Dear Mr. Schauer:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 1975, outlining the planned participation of the Church World Service in the refugee resettlement effort.

Your active support of this most worthy humantarian effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Marrs Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John W. Schauer Director Immigration and Refugee Program Church World Service 475 Riverside Drive New York, New York 10027



YOU are the link





CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

475 Riverside Drive New York, New York 10027

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Some new arrivals would like to attend your church, especially if it may be the only Protestant church in



the vicinity. Take them with you. Invite them to group meetings at church. They may feel too shy at first to attend by themselves.

If they are members of a church not your own, make a definite appointment to take them to their own church. They should feel free to join the church of their own choice.

LEGAL FACTORS

The newcomers need to know their rights, privileges, and obligations, and how and when they may become citizens.



They have been furnished some information about their responsibilities to report addresses, register for the draft, carry alien registration cards if over 18 years. In routine matters, the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U.S. Department of Justice may be consulted. Wherever helpful, suggest that people consult an immigrant welfare agency, like International Institutes, Foreign Secretaries of YWCA's or YMCA's, or write to your denominational headquarters which will consult with Church World Service. Explain our tax laws and procedures. There are laws in many states restricting aliens' rights to certain kinds of employment or public assistance. But, in many places, public spirited groups have worked to secure equal rights for citizens and aliens alike. We suggest you secure a copy of "How to Become a Citizen of the United States," American Council for Nationalities Service, 20 West 40 Street, New York, New York 10018.

SOCIAL SERVICES

If problems emerge, we suggest you consult your minister, or your Council of Churches, or Council of Social Welfare Agencies about local or nearby organizations which offer guidance and help to new arrivals.

Explain about medical services in the community and about health and hospitalization insurance.

EDUCATION

Help your new people enter the children at school; explain about school lunches. Help the adults find opportunity to learn English or improve their knowledge of it. Your public schools, YWCA or YMCA, or International Institute probably have classes. Your State University sometimes has correspondence courses in citizenship. And, of course, they should learn about libraries, museums, free lectures, etc. You will want to counsel and cooperate with your people about educational and vocational training, and other ways of improving themselves in this new land of freedom and opportunity.

Many sponsors and churches have found that working with and for a newcomer has brought real blessings and a broadening experience to the church and to the community. We are confident it will to you.



SPONSORS, your refugees look to you-

You are the link for them between their old life and their new.

Your Christian concern makes it possible for them to come.

WHO ARE THE REFUGEES?

They represent all types of people from all walks of life. Many of them are victims of oppression or calamity—who, like our own ancestors, seek a new life of freedom, opportunity and purpose in America.

SELECTION

Your church is represented through Church World Service and the World Council of Churches in a score of overseas countries where there are refugees with but one hope: a permanent home. Competent World Council of Churches staff members counsel these refugees and, where possible, help them prepare the considerable documentation required by our government from prospective immigrants. The CWS office in New York receives a dossier with background information and photograph on each applicant. These dossiers are carefully distributed among our cooperating national Protestant and Eastern Orthodox resettlement offices, which, in turn, arrange local sponsorships across the U.S.A. Each denominational resettlement office or its regional branch renders the very personal service which the "matching" of refugee and sponsor entails.

DO ENOUGH BUT NOT TOO MUCH

Once you know that a refugee or refugee family will be coming through your sponsorship, the biggest thing you can do is to help these people become established again so they can make their own decisions, make their own way, and make their own contribution in their new community.

THEY ARE PEOPLE OF DIGNITY AND WORTH

You can find at your public library books on the achievements, the heroes, the customs, the literature,

the religious practices of the heritage to which your new arrivals belong. They, too, have been reading about life in the United States, our climate, geography, customs and churches.

Both you and they will be making realistic adjustments in the expectations of each other based on what you thought in advance and what they had dreamed about for so many years. With vision, imagination, strength, and patience you will achieve mutual understanding which is the key to successful resettlement.

PLANS FOR ARRIVAL

You will receive notice from CWS or your denominational headquarters giving expected date of arrival



at port of entry and asking for inland transportation funds to be advanced at that time in order that all arrangements for their transportation can be made before they arrive. This notice usually reaches you two to four weeks in advance. Sometimes the refugees may write the good news to you before CWS is able to get it to you.

CWS will meet your people at the port of arrival (usually New York City for those coming from Europe and San Francisco for those coming from the Far East). Plan to meet them at your own local station. The arrivals from Europe usually speak their own language and frequently some German and a little English. If you can take someone with you to the station who can speak their native language, so much the better. Watch for their CWS badge. Learn to greet them by their names.

Boats and planes usually land in the morning. It often takes half the day to complete immigration formalities. If possible, CWS will put your new arrival on the train or bus the same day. To avoid an expensive stopover in New York, you therefore may be inconvenienced by an early morning or late night arrival.

SOMETHING OLD - SOMETHING NEW

New arrivals generally are mature people with considerable successful experience. They bring with them quite firm ideas about satisfying life's daily needs. You, too, know a great deal about meeting the problems of daily life in this country. Maybe all the solutions the new arrivals bring along are not appropriate or practical for new conditions in this country. In the main, it is wise to let them find this out for themselves. Encourage them to weigh and test. Maybe you, too, will learn new ways to do things, how to cook a tasty dish, or how to decorate a room with charm. They may at first appear to be "slow" only because of a language barrier.

LET THEM CONTRIBUTE

Your newcomers will have really "arrived" only when they have begun to contribute themselves. This



means not only in their jobs, but also in the community. Find out if they have talents to use in a folk festival, a holiday celebration, a musical, dancing, culinary skills, arts and crafts, the life of the church.

HUMAN FACTORS

Sometimes, although not often, sponsors find that some advance information on their case was in error. This probably happened only because someone unintentionally misinterpreted what was said overseas.

Occasionally a newcomer family may wish to go to another city to be with relatives or friends. There is no way, of course, in which they can be held against their will. The sponsorship accepted by them is not a contract. But before encouraging them to move, it will be well for you to cooperate with them by finding out from a minister, a family service agency, or a Council of Churches in that locality whether there really is a place and a job for them. If they go to a new sponsor, you are immediately relieved of your own responsibilities. We suggest that if you are able to do more, you offer to take a substitute from your denominational refugee committee. Make the adjustment in a way fair to yourself as well as to your refugees.

Keep your temper, your humor, your love!

EMPLOYMENT

Help your new arrivals get their Social Security numbers. The address of your nearest Social Secur-



ity office can be secured from the Post Office, or from the telephone book under: "U.S. Government, Department of Health, Education and Welfare."

Go with them, by public transportation, to their new jobs, explaining carefully and slowly about bus names, numbers, and letters, fares and transfers, starting and stopping points both coming and going. Write down on a slip of paper the location of job, bus route, address and phone where you can be reached.

Explain carefully their duties, hours, wages, paydays, pay roll deductions, and everything pertinent to the job. They will want to know if they can join a company health insurance plan.

JOB PROMISE IS NOT A CONTRACT

Your new refugees have accepted the moral obligation to try their best to fulfill the jobs found for them. But they are free, by law, to improve their lot by accepting more favorable employment. Employers, too, by law, are free to hire or fire new arrivals under exactly the same conditions as any other employee.

Persons or congregations desiring further information or wishing to explore the possibility of undertaking sponsorship of refugees should communicate with their National Denominational Resettlement Office.



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Paul F. McCleary, Executive Director

Immigration and Refugee Program

John W. Schauer

Director

May 27, 1975



Mr. Theodore Marrs The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Marrs:

Church World Service at a special meeting of the Immigration and Refugee Program Operating Committee on April 24, passed the following resolutions:

Cambodian Refugees:
"In view of the urgent request from the United States
Government directed to the U.S. voluntary agencies to
assist in the immediate resettlement of approximately
1500 Cambodian evacuees (refugees) now in Thailand, and

Whereas Church World Service expressed its unwillingness to take action in this matter so long as only former U.S. Government employees and dependents were involved, and

In keeping with the Christian imperative upon the Immigration and Refugee Operating Committee of Church World Service to assist refugees in need regardless of faith, race or political persuasion,

The Immigration and Refugee Program Operating Committee of Church World Service resolves to assist in the orderly and responsible resettlement of at least 250 Cambodian evacuees (refugees) now in Thailand."

2. Vietnamese Refugees:
"In view of the continuing concern of Church World Service for the displaced and refugees on all sides of

the battle lines in Indo-China, as expressed particularly in its support of the World Council of Churches Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indo-China, and considering the present needs of the evcuees (refugees) from Vietnam and in keeping with the Christian imperative upon the Immigration and Refugee Program Operating Committee of Church World Service to assist refugees regardless of faith, race or political persuasion,

The Immigration and Refugee Operating Committee of Church World Service resolves to assist in the orderly and responsible resettlement of Vietnamese evacuees (refugees) commensurate with the capability of Church World Service and its member Communions."

"Pursuant to the resolution concerning the Vietnamese evacuees (refugees), the Immigration and Refugee Program Operating Committee authorized the Immigration and Refugee Program director to begin arrangements to resettle 500 - 2,000 untis (10,000 persons)."

I have sent under separate cover copies of "The Link" which explains the policy and resettlement program of Church World Service. This has been distributed by the denominations to their local church pastors, committees, and sponsors.

Attached is a list of the cooperating denominational resettlement offices who are actively arranging with their local congregations to sponsor Vietnamese Refugees.

Church World Service has staff in Pendleton, Chafee, and Eglin. Church World Service will begin operations at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation on Monday June 2.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

I deeply appreciate the support that you are giving to Vietnamese Refugees, the voluntary agencies and especially Church World Service through the President's Advisory Commission on Refugees.

Sincerely

John W. Schauer

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Dr. Theodore Marrs
The White House
Washington, D.C.





House Resolution

Refuge File



Mr. Speaker:

We have authorized nearly \$500 million dollars for the resettlement of the Indochina refugees. That was a necessary step in healing the wounds of the Vietnam war. It was a step consistent with our tradition of providing refuge for the homeless, and help for the helpless. It was a step motivated by compassion and a step motivated by respect for gallant allies. But it was not the only step we need to take.

I am aware of the great problems before this House. Compared to the question of the economy, compared to the question of unemployment, of the energy problem, of the Middle East and so forth, the fate of 150,000 people may seem inconsequential.

But in a very real sense, our attitude toward those 150,000 people will be a measure, and will be seen around the world as a measure, of the vitality of our basic American beliefs. The tragedy of Vietnam, culminating on the eve of our Bicentennial provides an unsurpassed opportunity for those redemptive acts of commitment to our fellow human beings which has for two centuries marked our progress as a nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that each of us, Representatives of a great people, might urge our constituents to open their hands and their hearts and their homes to the refugees of Indochina, that we might urge the assistance of those volunteer groups, churches, and civic organizations whose energies and abilities have astonished observers of the American scene all the way back to de Togueville, that we might urge, as appropriate, the assistance of State and local governments in this task.

The fact is that this is not a problem of overwhelming dimensions. Nor is it a problem that in its resolution will impact adversely on such areas of our life as the employment scene. We are talking about some 35 thousand families. We are talking about a group composed, in the majority, of children. I am not prepared to believe that there are not 35 thousand jobs of some useful and productive nature available in this nation. I cannot believe that there are not sufficient resources among us to absorb 35 thousand new families. If that were true, it would be a sad indictment of our nation as it prepares to celebrate its 200th birthday. But it is not true.

The job can be done. The problem is one of time. It must be done soon. It must be done now, so that we do not have over an extended period of time large numbers of people, homeless, rootless, and bewildered in refugee camps. We need action now. The President's Advisory Committee is working on this. The President's Task Force is working on this. The Congress has set aside the money for it.

Now the people, the American people, must play their part.

Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today the following resolution:

Whereas, the United States of America has from its earliest days been a haven and a refuge for the poor, the oppressed, the dispossessed, and those seeking to lead a life of independence in a land of liberty; and,

Whereas, the United States is now host to the tragic remnants of the long struggle for freedom in Indochina; and,

Whereas, the task of assisting those refugees is one which cannot be successfully accomplished unless it is broadly attempted by all of our people;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, that it is the sense of the Congress, that every church and civic group, and governments at every level, and each citizen in their individual lives be encouraged to make manifest those qualities of compassion, decency, and generosity toward others which have so long distinguished us as a people, by taking every appropriate and reasonable means at their disposal to assist in the rapid resettlement of the refugees of Indochina.

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June 11, 1975

Senate Resolution

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Mr. President:

As-we all know in April of this year, the U.S. role in Vietnam came to an end. When and under what circumstances a U.S. role in that troubled area will be resumed is questionable. The U.S. obligation to the Vietnamese and the Cambodian refugees who chose life and liberty in America, however, is not questionable.

This Chamber has chosen to appropriate nearly a half-billion dollars for the resettlement of the refugees. But certainly our obligation in this matter is not discharged with a vote on a money bill. The success of the resettlement program will depend ultimately not on how much money we spend, but on how much of ourselves we spend. It will depend upon how much the people of this great nation of immigrants give of themselves in the task of assimilating the refugees into our national life. The members of this Senate are uniquely placed to shape and guide the attitudes of our people as we approach this task together.

We hear doubts from some quarters about the wisdom and the rightness of bringing these refugees to our shores. There are some who worry that jobs will be lost to refugees. There are others who fear the influence of alien views and culture in this neighborhoods. And there are those who resent them simply because they are Vietnamese and Cambodians, and thus a part of a traumatic experience which scarred our national life for more than a decade.

Such doubts and fears are understandable, perhaps. But I believe that finally, such doubts and fears are beneath a people who are themselves descendents of refugees. And I believe that when asked, Americans will respond to the need to move over and make room for these people. We did not become great by being selfish, or by being frightened of the new and different, or by turning our backs on those in need. So I am confident for the future.

For now, however, the great task is to get the refugees out of the refugee camps. This will require sponsors. It will require the assistance of government at the State and local levels. It will require the assistance of civic and church groups.

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I am sure you are supportive of the resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees. If we are to quickly assimilate those refugees into the American community, our National resettlement program will require the cooperation and assistance of organizations such as yours.

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Your support of this important effort is appreciated. If you wish to serve in a more definitive way in the resettlement effort, please contact the Interagency Task Force on Vietnam, Operations Center, Department of State, Room 7516, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Theodore C. Marrs The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Marrs:

The last time we met, I discussed USO's involvement in the Refugee Program. thought you'd be interested in the enclosed two pieces of correspondence, which show our involvement in the program in Guadam and the encouragement of our staff of volunteers in one hundred thirty centers.

Also, we have been working unofficially with many of our professional staff who served in Vietnam and have great empathy for the people there and in sponsoring individuals who were employed by USO throughout our involvement there.

Best regards,

MEM: RK encs;

ichael E. Menster

Sincerely,



UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INC. BOX 21 COMNAVMAR, FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96630 CLUB AND BEACH ON GUAM, M.I.

June 6, 1975

Ms. Denise Weicher
USO Public Relations Dept.
237 East 52nd Street
New York, New York 10022

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Dear Denise:

The Vietnam evacuee project "Operation New Life" on Guam was almost totally a military project. The bulk of the real work was done by the military, the Red Cross, and the Government of Guam. Our part was minimal, and it would be inappropriate to report otherwise. However, we were able to provide the following services:

USO provided a group of Palauan dancers that happened to be available, to a nearby refugee camp, and they performed for about 2000 evacuees. Color slides were taken of this and were sent off for developing. As soon as they are returned, Marilyn Wotton will air mail them to you.

We offered our USO grounds as an area to set up tents for military support troops. The Navy decided against this, desiring to keep us operating as a recreation facility for military and dependents. We experienced less usage than expected because all the military were working 12 to 16 hours per day.

We offered our services to Navy Consolidated Recreation Office, which was officially tasked with the job of providing recreation for the evacuees. We made several contacts with musical groups for them, but they handled most of the programming themselves, in spite of several offers. They have 11 very qualified recreation staff who devoted much time and effort to the project.

At the request of the Navy, we transported one busload of evacuees between camps, due to a heavy transportation load.

We provided shuttlebus service to Navy ship's personnel on six occasions, when they were cut off from their normal transportation resources.

Made eight trips to refugee camps to take clothing, toys, water containers, and assist two families of former Vietnam employees. Mike Menster has the information on this.

We are providing twice weekly color slide recreation briefings and tours to Army support troops as part of our regular program. Additional support troops have begun to use our beach and facilities, as their heavy work load slacks off.

Hope this helps.

Sincerely,

William E. Scofield

CC: M. Henster, A. Kassin, W.C. Garrett

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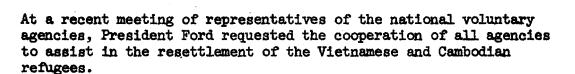
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FROM

Agency Advisory Council

SUBJECT

Vietnamese Refugees



Several of the member agencies of USO are officially designated to work with sponsors for the refugees and to coordinate recreational programs for the refugees who are still in camps. Other major concerns are getting the accurate information about the refugees to the general public and assisting the refugees in re-establishing normal lives.

Your cooperation with agencies in your community who are actively engaged in the resettlement program, is encouraged.

We would be interested to hear if USO is involved in the Refugee Program in your community and what is being done.

Please direct your reports to the Director of Field Services, National USO Headquarters.





Someone You Know Needs USO



Dr. Theodore C.Marrs
The White House
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Dr. Marrs:

Bill Whyte (a close friend of the President's) from U. S. Steel, called Mr. Baroody to arrange an appointment for Mr. William Seebeck of the Peter Grace Organization re refugees.

Loraine asked me to have him meet with you, and I arranged a meeting for 4:00 p.m.

Peter Grace is head of 91 corporate foundations. Mr. Seebeck works for the Grace organization. He wants to know what they can do to help resettle the refugees.

Thanks.

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Dear Malcolm:

For your information.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Marrs Special Assistant to the President

Dr. Malcolm Todd President American Medical Association 1776 KStreet, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20006

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May 14, 1975

Dear Dr. Marrs:

Thank you for your phone conversation.

I do hope that we can contact our friends in Saigon at some time. Dr. Nguyen Buu Trung who was one of our trainees in hand surgery is now in Camp Pendleton with his wife and four children. I understand there are forty other doctors in that camp.

Most of the refugee physicians have the problem of certification of their medical training in order to take the E.C.M.F.G. Exam which is a requirement for their applying for one year of hospital training necessary in most states for medical licensure.

Special consideration has been given medical physician refugees in the past because of their medical education. This is an obvious need at the present time. It seems to me the E.C.M.F.G. Exam is their big hurdle. Many of them will require language training and tutoring to pass it. Once they get into the hospital training system, individual effort should handle the problem as it did with the Cubans. The professionals need to be identified, some of the ordinary red tape fractionated so that they can get out of these camps and into some kind of a program which will have an end-point.

Dr. Isaiah Jackson of the Indo China Disaster Relief Desk has had much to do with the Vietnamese Physicians and is very eager to help, and we who have been involved can also be depended upon to assist where necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred B. Swanson, M. D. Charrman, American Society for Surgery of the Hand Volunteers for Vietnam

Theodore C. Marrs, M. D. Special Assistant to the President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.

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Dear Doctor Swanson :

I wait until today to write to you for since the beginning of the Communist offensive I have believed that sooner or later a political solution could be found and the US will not let all SVN fall into the VC hands and 18 millions of SVN people fall into Communist slaughtering and slavery. But now the communists tanks are onlyone hour drive from Saigon, the city is really in danger and no political settlement is yet in sight. The army can not stop the VC drive, the govt of SVN does not grant any passport to the people to leave the country, while the foreign embassies have, one after another, evacuated their personel including Vietnamese without authorization from SVN govt. The US/DAO has also started to evacuate their VN employees. Saigon could be overrun in a matter of days and we want desperately to be away when the communists take over the city.

I ask for your help. Being a refugee from North VN in 1954, being in the army and having cooperated in many ways with Americans, I have so many reasons to be at the first firing squad when they come to Saigon. Maybe I don't mind about death, but my wife and my children...

Please help us . I don't know how but I imagine that you can write to your representatives, your senated or better to your Embassy at Saigon to help us to leave my country in case of Communist takeover . You can also try to ask the Hand Society, the AMA to come to help. Right now I want to ask you to send me a certificate of sponsorship (a standard form soculd be obtained at the Immigration Service, I guess) so if possible We will sell the house and every thing we own to buy our departure from Saigon and try to go to the US in our way to Europa where we have many relatives .

I am very ashamed to write this letter but I hope you will understand and will try to help us before it is too late. I Don't know how long Saigon can stand against the VC offensive but if this letter should be the last time you hear from us, all you can do is to pray for us.

Very sincerely,

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June 20, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR

DR. MARRS

FROM

CAPTAIN KOLLMORGEN

SUBJECT

Refugee Resettlement Centers

Video tapes, slides, and associated materials dealing with refugee resettlement may be obtained through direct coordination with the following individuals of the Army Audio Visual Agency, phone 697 3350 or 695 4357.

Primary Point of Contact - Mrs. Martha Dutcher

Alternate Point of Contact - Major Ralph K. Anderson

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Theodore C. Marre Special Assistant to the President

The Honorable Wendell R. Anderson
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State of Minnesota
St. Paul

Dear Governor Anderson:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding our men who are still missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. The President shares your concern about this serious problem and wishes it were in his power to account for all our missing men, including the 28 from Minnesota.

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Sincerely,

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March 27, 1975

President Gerald Ford The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Official observances are being held today in the Minnesota State Capitol in recognition of the fact that many Americans are still in a Missing-in-Action status as a result of the Vietnam conflict. At least twenty-eight of these men are from the State of Minnesota.

Their fate is of the deepest concern to our people.

I respectfully urge that you respond immediately to the many expressions of support you have had for the establishment of a special Commission to investigate matters relating to men missing in action, or prisoners of war, in Southeast Asia.

Such a Commission, Mr. President, is urgently needed: It would help to allay the anguish of so many families who have lived through long years of uncertainty concerning the fate of their loved ones. It could also help our government to explore other avenues of obtaining information on America's POWs and MIAs.

I recognize the grave difficulties involved in securing such information. But I also believe we must remain steadfast in our commitment to ascertain whatever facts may be available on every American serviceman, still unaccounted for, who loyally served his country in that tragic war.

With my warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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At the suggestion of Mr. Theodore C. Marrs, Special Assistant to the President, and Mr. Roger Semerad, Executive Director, President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, I am contacting you with an offer to serve in the resettlement effort of Southeast Asian refugees.

The National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers has member agencies in 80 cities and 30 states which operate 360 centers. Our agencies, however, serve the poor and near poor and are seriously under-funded. The national office, likewise, has operated under a deficit for the past six years. Consequently, while there is no hesitancy in our willingness to be of service, we are forced, however, to ask whether or not funds are available to support such efforts through settlements and neighborhood centers.

I would be most pleased to discuss the matter with you at a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Smart

Executive Director

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ccs: Mr. Theodore C. Marrs
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Mr. Theodore C. Marrs Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

June 26, 1975 Dear George and Louise: It was a delightful surprise to see young George and an honor to hear from you two wonderful people. The national response to refugee needs - despite superficial media comments - has been an outpouring of humane consideration. This and many other exciting areas fall in my range. Saw Willard and Mary a couple of weeks ago. Except for a "tic" he is doing well. Annette is past five years following the mastectomy now working with Anna Chennault. By the way, we are planning a trip to Brazil this summer as tourists. Pinally, I will try to find a way to support Mrs. Coker. She sounds like quite a person. Sincerely, Theodore C. Marrs Special Assistant to the President how to you linth Mr. & Mrs. George Leiby 907 Honeysuckle Lane Albermarle, North Carolina 28001

20 fune 1975 Wear Tecl George brought by your hand written card. I was threlled to learn of your current assegn-Other than this expression of affrecention of a M.S. Cetizen for your accepting this respusebilities I would like to call your alterities to a remarkable South Carolina lady who deserves some of your Confassionate ruffort. She, Mrs Wavid R. Coker, is the daughter of Vaired Ropes, Secretary & connerse dierrica Roosevelto administration. I well recall Horvard Reesk description I y rer vretslanding management 2 alabamas Criffle Childrens Program. Miss mae "is curretilly heroically retrabilitating herself following a I

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DR. WILLIAM T. LIU - NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR HEADING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE RESEARCH CENTER EFFORTS

Dr. William T. Liu has been appointed the Director of the Asian American Mental Health Research Center (AAMHRC) by the AAMHRC Community Advisory Board. Dr. Liu, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Study of Man in Comtemporary Society at the University of Notre Dame, is also the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Dr. Liu has conducted numerous sociological studies among Asian Americans and Asians in China and the Philippines.

Dr. Liu, will be involved in providing administrative leadership to meet the objectives of the Research Center as Director of Research and Development. The Center is a five-year research and development project funded since July, 1974 by the Center for Minority Group Mental Health Programs of the National Institute of Mental Health to establish a national center for community-based research for Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans.

The first year objectives of the Asian American Mental Health Research Center are the following: 1) Under the direction of Candace Yamagawa, Regional Research Assistants and Associates will conduct systematic review and document regional research needs; assess the availability of research personnel, and make contacts with regional funding sources; 2) Under the direction of Dr. Liu, a national research design will be developed involving four priority areas, namely Aging, Employment Discrimination During Recession, Effect of the Perpetuation of Negative Stereotypes, and New Immigration; 3) Under the direction of Carolyn Yee, Operation Resource and Development will attempt to identify funding sources at the local, state, regional, and federal levels. Information will be collected and placed in the R & D clearinghouse; and 4) Under the direction of Dan Watanabe, mini-contracts of \$3,000 - \$5,000 will be let against acceptable proposals related to local research priorities.

While all objectives continue to be pursued without let up, on May 1, with the Vietnamese Refugee issue becoming a reality, the AAMHRC initiated exploration to determine how the Research Center could assist in the resettlement program.

A letter was sent to President Gerald M. Ford, informing him of the AAMHRC concern on May 6. Excerpt of letter:

"Fully recognizing the complex philosophical and political issues relative to the process by which thousands of Southeast Asians have come to our nation, the Asian American Mental Health Research Center assumes the position that the people now here face monumental barriers to readjustment towards securing the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter, and specialized needs in the areas of education, health and mental health care, employment and full participation in our democratic society.

Local and national organizations and citizen groups in the public and voluntary sectors have begun to work together towards a peaceful resolution of these problems, understanding that this process, not unknown to our country, will not be resolved in a matter of days, weeks or even months, but in reality will take a process of many years to come.

Important policy deliberations, we believe, must be based on the very best information available. The basis of delivering effective material, medical and social services is predicated upon good information, preferably determined and provided by the Southeast Asians themselves. It would appear incumbent, therefore, that the Asian American Mental Health Research Center, with its national multi-ethnic Community Advisory Board composed of broadly represented Pacific and Asian Americans, and a national core staff strategically based currently in the Southern California area and with its national research priorities...can do no less than to extend and to begin with our limited resources to assist in a program of sound information gathering, requesting and making known that additional resource will be needed immediately to maintain the kind of sustained effort and viability to the issue which we have initiated...

Staff specialists are currently being recruited to gather pertinent information which will hopefully enhance and assist local officials and organizations and national policymakers who will have the difficult decision-making responsibilities regarding this issue for our nation.

The Center for Minority Group Mental Health Programs, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Mental Health Administration are to be commended for their foresight in conceptualizing and establishing research and development centers of national significance, for one, in the Pacific/Asian communities so that at times like this, it can help in effectively mounting programs of research and community development. We will continue to work towards carrying out our responsibilities and stand ready to assist in whatever appropriate manner relative to the current situation. Knowing that the tasks ahead are difficult and will be especially difficult for the refugees themselves who must, ultimately as individuals and groups, cope with the many adversities foremost amongst which is being victims of an unpopular war, we do ask for and count on your support."

Letters were also sent to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State; James T. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense; Edward H. Levi, Attorney General of the United States; Casper Weinberger, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; and legislators who had expressed concern over the Vietnamese Refugee issue.

Since San Diego and Los Angeles are in proximity to Camp Pendleton, individuals and organizations concerned with the refugee issue were contacted within the first week in both areas as well as across the country. On May 4, Research Center staff contacted Asian groups, including Vietnamese students, concerned with the refugee issue in San Diego. The Vietnamese Refugee issue being a national issue with refugee camps in Florida, Arkansas, California, and Guam, it was agreed that the San Diego group concerned primarily with the Vietnamese in Camp Pendleton would continue to work toward establishing an Asian Resource Center within Camp Pendleton. In turn, the Research Center would continue to try and get entry into all camps by working at the

national level. It was agreed that each group would try to aid the other, cooperatively, but separately, to get an official entry on an ongoing basis so that more community groups could assist in the refugee programs.

It was learned that Dr. Bertrand Brown, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health was attending the May 4 American Psychiatric Association Conference in Anaheim, California. Research Center staff, on their return trip to Los Angeles from San Diego, took the opportunity to meet and discuss the Vietnamese Refugee issue with him. Dr. Brown concurred with the Research Center's concern and extended his help. Mr. Patrick Okura, of NIMH, was also supportive of the Center's concern in taking the initiative to provide Asian input.

On May 6-8, the Community Advisory Board met in San Francisco. The Board approved the initiative taken by the Research Center regarding the Vietnamese Refugee issue and affirmed its action as in keeping with the first-year program objectives.

Dr. Liu was able to obtain an authorization from Dean Brown of the State Department to enter Camp Pendleton. On May 12, a site visit was made to Camp Pendleton by Dr. William Liu, George Nishinaka, and Beverly Yip. During the site visit, contacts were primarily made with the personnel involved with the sponsorship programs.

On May 15, George Nishinaka met with Joe Maldonado, NEW Director of Region IX, which covers Guam and California. HEW had 120 staff members at Camp Pendleton and was in the process of hiring 30 additional staff persons. A recommendation was made regarding the importance of hiring as many Asians as possible, especially Southeast Asians. Information was provided relative to the availability of Vietnamese students. It was further noted that the involvement of these students would provide an important critical contribution which they alone could make at this time. They have the cultural background, the bilingual capability, and the experience gained from the opportunity they have had of acculturating to our American institutions and way of life which they uniquely can convey to the Vietnamese Refugees.

On May 21, a group composed of Dr. William Liu, George Nishinaka, Tuan Pham, Faye Munoz, Kathy Do, and Elena Yu met in Bethesda, Maryland to discuss the Vietnamese Refugee situation and to brainstorm alternative plans for consideration as to how the Research Center could assist in planning and information gathering which could ultimately enable effective delivery of services by public, private, national and local agencies and organizations.

On May 30, Dr. William Liu, George Nishinaka, Tuan Pham, Elena Yu met with the National Institute of Mental Health staff, namely Dr. Bertrand Brown, Dr. Julius Segal, Lee Dickson, Dr. Tom Plaut, Pat Okura, and Dr. Ford Kuramoto, who provided technical assistance relative to preliminary conceptualization of an effort that the Research Center could undertake to enhance the effectiveness of the Vietnamese Refugee program.

On June 16, Dr. William Liu, George Nishinaka, Elena Yu, Daniel Le, Kathy Do, Dr. Tom Sasaki, Shinya Ono, Lieu Ngoc Kien, Do Thai Huong, Tuan Quang Pham, Jerry Adams, Truong Van Luu, and Candace Yamagawa met in Los Angeles. It was reported that under the direction of Dr. William Liu, a National Research Design to explore the relationship between the Vietnamese Refugee experience of stress and their health condition, which includes mental health and adjustment, was being developed and tested. Clinical

interviews will examine the Vietnamese Refugees' immediate experience prior, during, and after their arrival to Camp Pendleton. The detailed interview areas are:

1) Changes of family relations and their attitude of relocation and camp life;

2) Inventory of physical and mental health; 3) Specific emotional problems of adolescents ranging in age from 9 - 16 years old; and 4) Inventory of life change. The purpose of the collection of data is: 1) To pretest the schedule; and 2) To followup in the community after discharge. Dr. William Liu and Neil Tashima are acting as Social Science Consultants to Navy Health Officers under Dr. Tran Minh Tung, a volunteer Vietnamese psychiatrist at Camp Pendleton.

Under the supervision of Tuan Pham, Research Assistant, there are six interviewers, namely Huong Thu Tran, Thi Minh Chau Tran, Thi Thanh Thuy Nguyen, Long Son Nguyen, Kim Viet An, and Vy Quang Pham; and two translators, namely Thuat Thien Vu and Vuong Minh Quoc; and four volunteers, namely Kien Ngoc Lieu, Trung Duy Lieu, Hung Quy Phan, and Huong Thai Do, involved in the process of interviewing and translating which began on June 15 and will continue until August 15.

It is hoped that during the month of July a proposal regarding the Vietnamese Refugees can be developed and reviewed by the Community Advisory Board taking into account regional input, and then be submitted to appropriate funding sources for their consideration.

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AAMHRC ENTERS SECOND YEAR OF OPERATION WITH FULL-TIME DIRECTOR

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO RESOLVE ASIAN CONCERNS IN MENTAL HEALTH

Asian American Mental Health Research Center (AAMHRC) completed the first quarter of its second year of operation as this bulletin goes to press. Although barely a year old the Research Center has a historical genesis traceable to: (1) Development of the Asian American National Mental Health Coalition, renamed Pacific/Asian Coalition (PAC); (2) Implementation of the first National Conference on Asian American Mental Health, held in San Francisco April, 1972; (3) Creation of the Asian American Social Workers (AASW), the first national Asian organization of its kind; and (4) Manifestation of the many previous endeavors of organizations and individuals dedicated to the resolution of Asian concerns in the broad field of mental health.

AAMHRC has a nationally active Community Advisory Board (CAB). It consists of twelve Asians bringing together input from the varied ethnic and geographical areas embracing the more than two million Asians in the United States. Following a concerted nationwide canvas, CAB selected Dr. William T. Liu to take over full directorship on September 1 of the Research Center (AAMHRC Bulletin, July, 1975).

CAB's ongoing program includes: (1) Operation Resource and Development (R & D); (2) Regional Technical Assistance; (3) Mini-Contract; and (4) National Research Design. The latter program includes the four priorities of (a) aging, (b) immigration, (c) stereotype, and (d) economic recession. Because of the implications of the current Southeast Asian refugee situation, as it relates to the aforementioned, Dr. Liu, on a part-time basis, took on the development of a Southeast Asian Refugee proposal as his initial program.

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As for myself, in closing out the initial shakedown phase of the Research Center, and as outgoing Acting Principal Investigator, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the interim staff and CAB Members. During this most difficult organizational period, their support and assistance in the development of the Research Center has been invaluable. I wish to extend my continued support to Dr. Liu and the Board and look forward to the future when AAMHRC will become an effective and viable ongoing national research center for the Asian American community - George M. Nishinaka.

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and classified . - Dorin Lock.

Asians for Unity (MATU)

REGIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES/ASSISTANTS - Thirteen regional research associates and assistants have been employed on a temporary basis. Their areas of responsibility included: (1) A systematic review and summary of regional research needs; (2) Survey and assessment of available research personnel in their respective regions; (3) Identification and contact of possible funding sources; and (4) Assistance in organizing mini-conferences between community and research personnel for research development. Based on Progress Reports submitted by the regional associates and assistants, the following is a review of the programs conducted/completed to date - Candace Yamagawa.

Region IV (Southern California) - An "Asian Immigrant's Handbook" is being developed, designed to be a practical guide for all Asian immigrants in the area. The publication will be geared toward providing a general, informative orientation to life in Southern California. It will cover the important areas of employment, housing and education as well as availability of social services, counseling and geographic location of specific ethnic groups. The handbook, which could be translated into the various Asian and Pacific Island languages, should prove to be invaluable to public and private agencies - Adrienne Cedro Hament.

Barriers and obstacles to the organization of a viable coalition of Pacific and Asian Americans in the Los Angeles area are also being identified and analyzed. The feasibility and objective necessary for a coalition are being examined as well as what the community would gain. The initial preliminary findings incorporate past experiences, present conditions, and foreseeable developments, and can be utilized by community groups and individuals seeking to organize around a variety of actions - Lillian Fabros.

An inquiry into the institutional barriers encountered by Pacific/Asian students resulting in drop outs is being conducted at San Diego State University. The research deals primarily with the nature and extent of inadequate teaching, poor counseling, lack of resource information and financial drawbacks. The collected data will be used to develop guidelines to assist Pilipino/Guamanian Education Center and the Educational Opportunity Program as well as improving the counseling and recruitment efforts for Pacific/Asian students - Ronald Joseph Cepeda.

Region VI (Midwest) - Research needs of the Midwest region will be discussed

September 12-14 by the North Central Research Committee in conjunction with the

Midwest Asians for Unity (MAFU). Funding sources are being identified and canvassed in the area as well as providing technical assistance to community groups or
individuals regarding mini-contracts. A manual on funding sources for programs and
community-based research is also being compiled - Fattie Tom.

Region VII (Mountain States) - The population characteristics and problem areas affecting Asian American groups is being researched in Mountain and South West Central regions. An outreach project identifying regional funding sources, regional research/resource personnel and assessment of social needs is being conducted - Judy Kawamoto, Jeanne Nozawa, Shirley Fujikawa.

Region I (Pacific Northwest) - Socio-demographic and client-descriptive information regarding the nature and severity of behavioral problems among Northwest Region Asian Americans is being researched. An intensive study of 164 interviews conducted by the Asian Counseling and Referral Service of Seattle is being analyzed and classified - Doris Lock.

community - Ceprge M. Mishinaka.

Region IX (New England) - A research design has been established to assess the needs of Asians in the New England area and to identify areas of research priorities. The project is also involved in identifying and coordinating individuals and organizations associated with research on Asians and Pacific Islanders. This research information and other available resource material will be collected and maintained in a central resource center - Doris Y. Chin and April Y. Tang.

MINI-CONTRACTS - The Mini-Contract program is one of several special programs established by the AAMHRC Community Advisory Board. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be made from a current \$50,000 budget. A total of 105 proposals have been received nationwide dealing with issues of regional concern.

If you would like to be placed in the Data Buth and included on the mailing list,

The Proposal Review Committee of AAMHRC CAB met June 28 to review and study the varied proposals. Six of the nine regions were represented when the initial recommendations were made. (The remaining three areas were considered at a later date). The Committee, guided by recommendations from regional research committees, based its review according to the following criteria: (1) Express community need regional considerations; (2) Generative capacity - demonstration project and "seed money" concepts; (3) Equity - distribution of resources by region, ethnicity, problem area; (4) Technological soundness - feasibility, capability, appropriateness of goals; (5) Utility - community improvement. The Community Advisory Board is currently engaged in final review of recommended proposals. Notices of selection will be sent to successful applicants - Dan Watanabe.

The Asian American Mental Health Research Center submitted on August 11, 1975, its Southeast Asian Refugee Proposal to the National Institute of Mental Health.

OPERATION RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT - Information from more than 125 individuals and 90 departments and agencies in Washington, D.C. is being analyzed and collated into a funding resource clearinghouse for use by Pacific and Asian American communities. Nine technical assistants were temporarily hired by AANHRC during the week of June 9 - 13 to obtain information regarding: (1) Possible resource agency contacts; (2) Funding history of resource; (3) Timetable for grants and applications; and (4) Procedure for securing funds; and (5) Review processes. Assisting in the wide and varied research were Huldan T. But; Region I, Robert W. S. Chang; Region II, Charles William Cheng; Region IX, Mukul K. Dey; Region VIII, George K. Igi; Region IV, Yoon H. Kim; Region V, Patricio R. Mamot; Region VI, Stanley Sue; Region I, and Terushi Tomita; Region V - Carolyn M. Yee.

DATA BANK - The AAMHRC Data Bank is a nationwide compilation of professional Asian and Pacific researchers and persons interested in research. With more than 600 currently listed, field of endeavor and disciplines include: Anthropologists; 22, Community Workers; 41, Doctors; 22, Psychiatric Nurses; 5, Psychiatrists; 11, Psychologists; 189; Public Health Workers; 24, Social Workers; 121, Sociologists; 125, and Others; 195. Of the total, 164 are women.

If you would like to be placed in the Data Bank and included on the mailing list, please contact Ms. Bernadette Tanita, 2400 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90018, or call 213/731-8861. (The Data Bank, at present, is used as in-house communication, but consideration of its future/broader use will be given by the CAB at a later time.)

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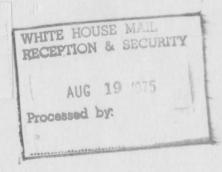
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Dr. Ted Marrs Special Asst. to the President The White House Office 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

TED MARRS MANS

SUBJECT:

Response to Letter

Attached is a draft letter for your editing, ? reade for signature (autopen) and dispatch.

Thank you.

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Spoor:

I have recently learned the details of The Pillsbury Company Refugee Aid program. I am very pleased that you and your company have undertaken such a worthy task. The generosity and determination that have been displayed are examples of the "greatness of spirit" that still thrives in the United States.

I understand that your free food plan, your bonus plan for employees who sponsor a refugee and your employment opportunity program for refugees have enjoyed marked success.

I am happy to congratulate you and all the fine men and women at Pillsbury for a fine contribution to the resettlement program. I would urge even greater efforts and trust that your example will be a model for others.

Sincerely,

GRF

Mr. William S. Spoor Chairman of the Board The Pillsbury Company 608 2nd Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

THE PILLSBURY COMPANY

608 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55402

EARLE G. BROOKS

June 3, 1975

Dr. Theodore Marrs The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Marrs:

I am greatful to Roy Popkin, Assistant National Director of Disaster Services for the Red Cross, for delivering to you background materials describing The Pillsbury Company Refugee Aid program. I hope this material will be helpful to you in the development of a letter of recognition from the President.

The response thus far to our assistance program has been overwhelming. The story has been used by major media across the country. Because of this exposure, we have become a focal point for many who have wanted to respond to the needs of the refugees but were not certain of the action they should take. In addition, we have answered hundreds of calls concerning sponsorship of refugees or aid to refugees already located. We have had a most heartwarming response from Pillsbury employees across the country who have expressed interest in sponsoring a family.

We have also received a number of letters from members of Congress thanking us for taking a leadership role during this difficult time. It is for this reason that we feel it would be of great encouragement and satisfaction to the 26,000 Pillsbury employees to receive recognition from the President himself for their part in support of the Company's refugee aid program. This project has drawn together our employees on a national issue in a most positive way and recognition of this cooperation now, we believe, would encourage future response to the President's call for help from the American public. The President's letter will be used in our employee publications which are circulated to approximately 26,000 employees across the country.

Dr. Marrs Page Two

Because of the most difficult schedule under which you operate, we will honor whatever time schedule fits your needs. It must be said in ending that it was clearly the President's call for help and his original disappointment in the public's response that led to the initiation of the Pillsbury program.

Thank you again for your cooperation and help.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Brooks

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Date



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FROM: DR. THEODORE C.	MARRS
For your signature	
For your coordination	
For your information	
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URGENT IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT ABOUT 150 VIETNAMESE REPATRIATES WILL SOON BE MOVED FROM U. S. MAINLAND CAMPS TO GUAM. FROM THE BEGINNING, THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE ACCEPTED WITH PRIDE THEIR SHARE AND CONTRIBUTION TO OPERATION NEW LIFE AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM DESPITE CRITICALLY LIMITED AND FAST DEPLETING RESOURCES. TO PERMIT, HOWEVER, TRANSFER OF THESE REPATRIATES TO SHAM WILL DO GREAT INJUSTICE AND DISSERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE AND A BETRAYAL OF THAT SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY AND GENEROSITY WHICH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE UNSELFISHLY DISPLAYED TOWARDS VIETNAMESE EVACUATION EFFORT. I MUST, THEREFORE, REGISTER STRONG AND UNQUALIFIED OBJECTION TO THE PRESENCE OF THESE REPATRIATES IN OUR TERRITORY. IN ADDITION, SUCH A MOVE WOULD DESTROY THE ONLY VIABLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY CURRENTLY SUSTAINING OUR ISLAND, OUR TOURIST INDUSTRY. GUAM CANNOT AFFORD SUCH NEGATIVE IMAGE. GUAM STILL ACCOMMODATES ABOUT NINE THOUSAND BONA FIDE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT THIS TIME AND WE LEARN THAT THOUSANDS MORE MAY STILL COME FROM OTHER AREAS IN THE PACIFIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND DUR FULLEST COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO THIS PROGRAM. #923/34, I SUGGEST THAT REPATRIATES BEING RECOMMENDED FOR GUAM BE RELOCATED AT WAKE ISLAND OR ANY OTHER AREA WHERE THE IMPACT OR CONSEQUENCE IS MINIMAL AS A RESULT OF ANY LOUD PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION BY THE REPATRIATES, AGAIN, I ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER ANY EARLIER DECISION TO RELOCATE THESE UNWELCOMED REPUGEES IN OUR TERRITORY.

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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June 27, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB WOLTHUIS

FROM:

TED MARRS

SUBJECT:

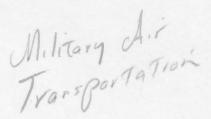
Paper by Le Thi Anh

Bob, thanks for the memo on Mrs. Anh. She is an impressive woman and I have benefited from talking with her and reading her paper. In fact, we had her in for visits with the staff of the President's Advisory Committee.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

9 July 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. Theodore C. Marrs

Special Assistant to the President

The White House

THRU: Captain Leland S. Kollmorgen, US

Military Assistant to the President

SUBJECT:

Request for Military Air Transportation to Fort Indiantown Gap,

Pennsylvania

In accordance with established procedures for processing requests for Presidentially directed missions, the DoD receives direction to provide such flights from the Office of the Military Assistant to the President.

While the attached request was forwarded through the Military Assistant's office, we have yet to receive notification from that office that the President has directed these flights. In order to comply with the request, this office needs such a notification from the Military Assistant's office.

The Special Assistant

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. THOMAS K. LATIMER

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTA SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THRU: CAPTAIN LELAND S. KOLLMORGEN

Subject: Request for Military Air Transportation to Fort Indiantown

Gap, Pennsylvania

The President is asking the Governors of the several States for their assistance in resettling refugees in communities throughout the country, and will inform the Governors that representatives of the Federal Regional Councils will assist them in the development of new resettlement programs.

The Chairmen of the ten Federal Regional Councils must be briefed on their new responsibilities in Washington, D. C. and at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. In recognition of the importance of the briefings, the President requests the Department of Defense to provide military air transportation from Washington, D. C. to Fort Indiantown Gap and return to Washington, D. C. on July 11. There will be sixteen people in the party, which should leave from the Pentagon at 11:00 AM and return at 4:30 PM.

Theodore C. Marrs

Special Assistant to the President

cc: John Marsh Paul O'Neill



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July 10, 1975

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld Asst. to President White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

Early in May of this year, B'nai B'rith pledged its support of the President's efforts to resettle Vietnamese refugees. We are enclosing for your information copy of a letter sent by the President of B'nai B'rith to that effect.

As a follow through of that commitment, our agency has been involved in trying to be helpful. We have channelled our efforts through the Inter Agency Task Force, the President's Advisory Committee and HIAS, plugging into local community efforts.

While we have been able to offer a number of related services, our experience and observations seem to point to the need for additional sponsors as the most pressing problem. With that in mind, we are puzzled that we have seen no public relations effort to bring this need to the attention of the American public. Would it not be desirable and possible for a crash program to be instituted through the media of television to call attention to the need for sponsors, provide local and/or free nationwide phones to call in order to help motivate potential sponsors and get them over the initial hurdle of acting on their initial motivation?

We do hope something can be done. Meanwhile, we shall continue our efforts and stand ready to be helpful.

SSC:dg

cc: Hon. Theodore C. Maris
Mrs. Julia Taft
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1640 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036





Honorable Theodore C. Maris Special Asst. to President for Human Resources White House Washington, D.C. 20500

California State University, Fullerton

Fullerton, California 92634

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Mr. Ted C. Marrs
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

July 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Marrs:

Thank you for your recent letter in response to mine before the fall of Saigon. It seems difficult even now to believe that the collapse of South Vietnam happened so swiftly as it did. In any case, it did occur.

Enclosed is Feiffer's most recent trenchant cartoon (LA Times, July 5). Sometimes I feel like the "professor of history" in Feiffer's piece.

Respect to the Philippines, I do hope that State will send some really know-ledgable people out to Manila to negotiate over the bases, etc. But I am discouraged when one desk officer asked me for the best books to read on US-Philippine relations. It was flattering considering my several dozen articles and four studies on the subject but annoying to think that State has people less than expert on duty. Marcos is going to squeeze the last ounce of juice from us.

Again, may I urge restoration of relations with Cambodia? Continuation of relations with Laos is a must if we are to keep Indochina from becoming a solid Hanoi bloc.

Finally, as a Republican, I wish the President well in his campaigning.

Sincerely,

Michael Paul Onorato Professor of History

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JULES FEIFFER

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IN 1965 I DENOUNCED
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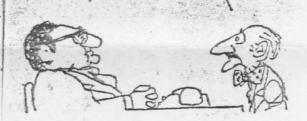


INVADING CAMBODIA COULD ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER.



IM SORRY, YOU ARE NOT GUALIFIED FOR THE STATE DEPT.

BUT I'VE BEEN RIGHT SINCE 1954!



RIGHT AND WRONG IS FOR HISTORIANS. YOU DO NOT FIT IN WITH THE TEAM.

