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~~The advisory~~ <sup>PAC</sup> group will  
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~~In accord with the~~  
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The chairman of this  
group will have direct  
access to Ambassador Brown  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



CHARTER

President's Advisory Committee on Refugees

Purpose

Executive Order 11860, dated May 19, 1975, established the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees for the purpose of advising the President and the heads of appropriate Federal agencies concerning the expeditious and coordinated resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia.

Authority

Executive Order 11860, dated May 19, 1975. The Committee is governed by the provisions of 5 USC Appendix I, which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Function

The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees shall advise the President and the heads of appropriate Federal agencies on the full range of the study directed by the Executive Order, including:

- (a) health and environmental matters related to resettlement;
- (b) the interrelationship of the governmental and volunteer roles in the resettlement;
- (c) educational and cultural adjustments required by these efforts;



- (d) the general well-being of resettled refugees and their families in their new American communities; and
- (e) such other related concerns as the President may, from time to time, specify.

The Committee shall also seek to facilitate the location, solicitation and channeling of private resources for these resettlement efforts, and to establish lines of communication with all concerned governmental agencies, relevant voluntary agencies, the Vietnamese-American community and the American public at large.

### Structure

The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees shall be composed of such citizens from private life as the President may, from time to time, appoint. The President shall designate one member of the Committee to serve as chairman. Members shall be invited to serve for the duration of the Committee. The chairman will designate a full-time federal employee to serve as executive ~~secretary~~.

*Drew*

### Meetings

Meetings shall be held as often as necessary at the call of the chairman, with the advance approval of a Government official. A Government official shall be present at all meetings. Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept as required by applicable laws.

### Compensation

Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation from the United States by reason of service on the Committee but may, to the extent permitted by law, be allowed travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 USC 5703).

Annual Cost Estimate

Estimated annual cost for operating the Committee, including travel expenses for members, is \$50,000. Estimate of annual manyears of staff support required is 2.0 at an estimated annual cost of \$46,388.

Reports

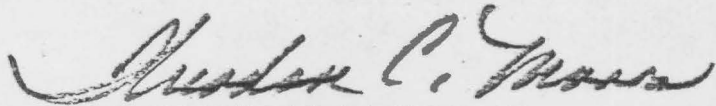
In addition to such other reports as the President may require, the Committee shall submit to the President prior to its expiration a written report which shall contain as a minimum a list of members and their business addresses, the Committee's functions, dates and places of meetings, and a summary of the Committee's activities and recommendations. A copy of all reports shall be provided to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Termination

The Committee will terminate no later than May 18, 1976.

May 22, 1975

Date



Dr. Theodore C. Marrs  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Background  
Material



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WASHINGTON

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MFR:

Run Rourke call 5/2 a.m.

President told Jack Marsh

Re-REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

+ INSURE AFL/CIO support

+ Someone from AFL/CIO on  
committee

IN COORDINATION WITH JACK, you are  
to accomplish the above.

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F.Y.I.

Your name came up repetitively  
this a.m. at highest levels

re-responsibility in this area.

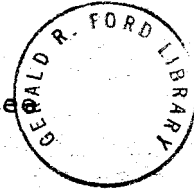
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THEODORE MARRS *SM*  
BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*  
JOHN MARSH *JM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Committee  
on Refugees



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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve concept as presented in Tab A \_\_\_\_\_

Approve concept with modification \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

If the concept of the President's Committee on Refugees is approved there should be a prompt announcement of a chairperson. That person will then, in consultation with us, select other members of the committee.

The following names (in alphabetical order) are suggested for your consideration as chairperson:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Harper	_____	_____
<del>Lee</del>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reed Kirkland	_____	_____
John Love	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eugene McCarthy	_____	_____
Ross Perot	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sargent Shriver	_____	_____

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May 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: TED HARRS 151

Consistent with your comments in your May 1 Memorandum, the reworked memorandum is submitted, attached.

Enclosure



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May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

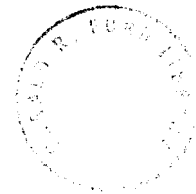
TED MARRS

FROM:

JERRY H. ~~SONES~~

Attached is your memorandum to the President regarding a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees and OMB's comments on the subject. You should get together with General Scowcroft and Jack Marsh and incorporate OMB's suggestions in your memorandum to the President.

Thank you.



Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

Purpose: To advise and ~~assist~~ <sup>regard to</sup> in an expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia.

Composition: Leaders from the private sector including representation from labor and business; religion; law and medicine; the Vietnamese-American community. *This role will be one of facilitating and consulting to insure obtaining resources not otherwise available, overcoming legal & governmental barriers and providing general backup support.*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAY 1 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JERRY H. JONES, STAFF SECRETARY

Subject: Advisory Committee on Refugees

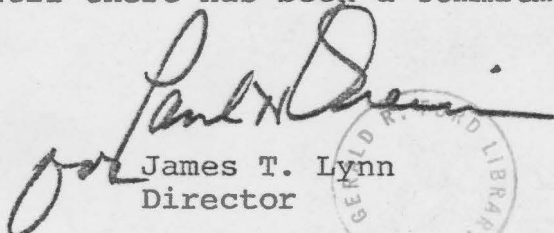
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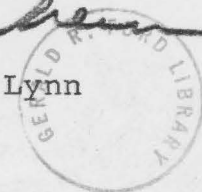
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- By not stressing the availability of crucial private resources and roles in the assistance which will be required, the U.S. Government might have to assume full financial and program responsibility.

We have prepared an alternative concept paper, attached.

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Attachment



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These efforts would be designed to marshal available resources to provide general resettlement assistance, employment opportunities, scholarships, and other social services that will be required by these refugees.

*will*  
The Committee ~~should~~ be chaired by a private American citizen with ~~international~~ prestige, ~~who would be the President's personal representative.~~ *will* He would be assisted by a group of about twenty ~~similarly~~ well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, ~~voluntary organizations~~, civil rights leaders, and private citizens. *including members of the Vietnamese/American community* An executive staff would be established to facilitate the operations of the Committee and to supervise the allocation of resources to reception sites located in the United States.

*James #1*



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The U.S. Government would have representatives on the Committee, but its primary role would be to provide resources otherwise unobtainable, overcome legal and governmental barriers, and provide general backup support where required.

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The Committee should call upon all Americans to contribute time, money, and resources to this effort. The Committee would not be designed to coordinate evacuation and resettlement activities, but would act only to locate and elicit and help distribute the private resources which will be available to assist Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in this country, to assist the activities of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and to provide advice and guidance on refugee resettlement matters generally.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

[May 1975?]

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: National Committee for Vietnamese  
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Suggested categories could include the following:

Education  
Business  
Labor  
Civil Rights  
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[May 1975]

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



MEMORANDUM FOR: Henry A. Kissinger  
FROM : L. Dean ~~Brown~~, Inter-Agency Task Force  
SUBJECT : Proposal for a President's Committee  
for Vietnamese and Cambodian Refugee  
Relief

I am attaching a proposal for the establishment of a Presidential committee composed of private citizens to mobilize and focus popular support for the resettlement in the U.S. of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia. This proposal has my support. If it is accepted, the Office of the Chairman should be housed in the White House, but elsewhere than within the NSC structure. The staff office for the Committee would be located in a private office building elsewhere in the Washington area.

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Memorandum for the President

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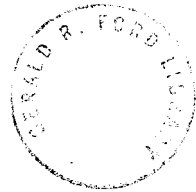
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Delivered by hand

May 2, 1975

Mr. Roger Semerad  
Staff Assistant to the President  
Domestic Council

Re: James J. Delaney, II



With regard to my conversation of this afternoon in reference to the current organization problems at Camp Pendelton, attached is a resume of Delaney. It is my impression that he would be of particular help to Marrs as a result of his recognized organizational and administrative ability and his long experience in the Social and Rehabilitation Service of DHEW. Of tremendous help, also, would be the fact that he speaks Vietnamese and French and is currently responsible for the coordination of much of the refugee activity at DOD.

The refugee problem, I know, calls for unusually fast action and decision making, and my checking indicates that Delaney certainly fits the category and would be of immediate assistance. It is also my understanding that he would be prepared to "answer the call" and immediately undertake whatever task is deemed appropriate in seeking solutions to the problems.

attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: JERRY JONES  
SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory  
Committee on Refugees



The President has reviewed your memorandum of May 2nd on the above subject. He approved the concept of your memo as presented at Tab A. He also initialed the approve line by the following names suggested for his consideration as chairperson.

Anne Armstrong  
Peter Frelinghuysen  
John Harper  
*same* ~~REC~~ Kirkland  
Eugene McCarthy  
Sargent Shriver

Finally, he made the following notation:

-- I have approved above (names), not as Chairperson, but as members. (Chairperson) Should be "male and female" Co-Ch./ Dem and G.O.P. Also, Business, Labor, etc. on Committee. Bess Myerson could be potential.

cc: ~~Theodore~~ Marris  
Brent Scowcroft  
Donald Rumsfeld  
William Walker

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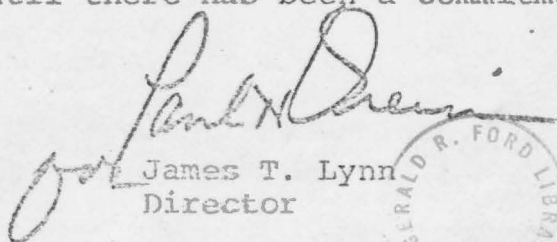
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY  
FROM: RON NESSEN *RNN*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

I don't have any particular recommendation on the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. I do feel that the President should do something or say something almost immediately to turn off what I believe to be a growing public and Congressional opinion that few if any refugees should be taken into the United States.

I get a number of questions at my briefing each day and I see comments from the public and from politicians suggesting that the United States does not have the resources, housing, jobs, or support money to take care of Vietnamese refugees.

I believe a strong Presidential statement recalling America's tradition of compassion for the helpless victims of war would help turn around this growing public opposition to take in the refugees.





May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES  
FROM: TED MARRS  
SUBJECT: Funding

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*Refugees*

May 5, 1975

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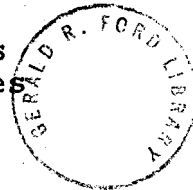
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MEDIA

- Helen Copley, Owner, San Diego Union
- Frank Murphy, President, Times Mirror Corporation (Los Angeles)
- \*Ernesta Procope, Amsterdam News (Black Newspaper, NYC)
- \*Frank Stanton, formerly CBS, presently President, Red Cross

MEDICAL

- \*Dr. Kazumi Kasuga, Director, Indian Health Service (Albuquerque)  
(experienced in refugee matters)
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Q Who are the members of the Advisory Committee on Refugees?

A The members are in the process of being selected and will represent a broad spectrum of this country's interests.



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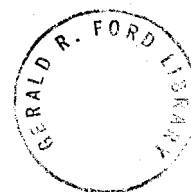
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Q Will you allow people who have second thoughts to return to Vietnam?

A Yes.



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Economics/DmC

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A In this nation of 215 million the addition of these refugees from Vietnam, of whom a fifth are estimated to be job seekers, will not seriously damage our economy.



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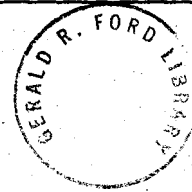
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Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

**Purpose:** To advise in regard to an expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia. This role will be one of facilitating and convening to insure obtaining resources not otherwise available, overcoming legal and governmental barriers and providing general backup support.

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**Scope:** Will give consideration to the following:

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2. Economic impacts.
3. Community reaction to the refugees and refugee reaction to the community.
4. Food--adequacy and appropriateness.
5. Transport and geography of resettlement.
6. Social and traditional factors.
7. Health and environmental matters.
8. Interrelationship of governmental and volunteer roles.
9. Education - bilingual, work oriented and other.



10. Housing -- temporary and permanent.
11. Cultural understanding.

The Committee should call upon all Americans to contribute time, money, and resources to this effort. The Committee would not be designed to coordinate evacuation and resettlement activities, but would act only to locate and elicit and help distribute the private resources which will be available to assist Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in this country, to assist the activities of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and to provide advice and guidance on refugee resettlement matters generally.

Administration: Meetings to be arranged through Office of Public Liaison.

"Up front" administrative support from OMB and other White House offices should be directed to insure the prompt development needed for effectiveness. Staff office should be in EOB.

Financing for this Committee is expected to be provided with funds appropriated under the Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act of 1975.

Meetings will be in accord with legal requirements for advisory groups and Counsel will provide a specific point of contact.

Public understanding will be supported by keeping the White House Press and Congressional Liaison offices informed as well as by contact with civic and other private associations.



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May 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES  
FROM: TED NARRS

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To insure adequate support for this committee to function effectively, these actions should be accomplished this week since the committee will start functioning May 19.

**Note:** While the people are needed immediately there are technical details being worked between Counsel and OMB which might change structure somewhat. This is coord. with Counsel.

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May 9, 1975

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TELEGRAM

Name

Address

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The President is scheduled to address the gathering and Ambassador Dean Brown will discuss the current refugee situation and resettlement activities. The session will conclude by 2:30 PM.

Entrance to the White House will be through the northwest gate beginning at 11:30 AM, and from there you will be directed to the North Portico.

Please confirm attendance by Saturday, May 17, to Miss Mary Featherall at (202) 456-2349 or 456-7004. At that time it will be necessary to have the Name, Social Security Number, Date and Place of Birth of the person attending the meeting.

Theodore C. Marrs  
Special Assistant to the President

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BOOK TELEGRAM (see attached list).



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EXECUTIVE ORDER



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ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY  
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For many South Vietnamese who stood by America as an ally and who have lost everything in the tragic developments of the past few weeks, America offers a last, best hope upon which they can build new lives. We are a big country and their numbers are proportionately small. We must open our doors and our hearts.

The arrival of thousands of refugees, mostly children, from a far-off country will require many adjustments on their part and considerable assistance on ours. But it is in our best interest as well as that of the South Vietnamese to make this transition as gracious and efficient as humanly possible.

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I have, therefore, determined that it would be in the public interest to establish an advisory committee to the President on the resettlement in the United States of refugees from Indochina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, and as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of a Presidential Advisory Committee.

There is hereby established the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. The Committee shall be composed of two chairpersons, to be designated by the President, and such other members as the President may, from time to time, appoint.

Section 2. Functions of the Advisory Committee. The Committee shall study and advise the President and the President's Interdepartmental Task Force in regard to the expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia. The Committee shall include in its study consideration of the following areas:

- (a) The economic and social impact on the United States of the resettlement;
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- (c) The adequacy and appropriateness of the housing and food supplies available for these refugees;
- (d) Health and environmental matters related to resettlement;
- (e) The interrelationship of the governmental and volunteer roles in the resettlement;
- (f) Educational and cultural adjustments required by these efforts; and
- (g) Such other related concerns as the President or the Task Force may, from time to time, specify.

The Committee shall also seek to locate and utilize private resources which would otherwise not be available for these resettlement efforts, and to establish lines of communication with all concerned governmental agencies, relevant voluntary agencies, the Vietnamese-American community and the American public at large.

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a member of the Committee, but such members may be allowed such travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as may be authorized by law.

Section 5. Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Department of State shall perform such functions with respect to the administration of this order as may be required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. I.).

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 12, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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TED MARRS

FROM:

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Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld  
Phil Buchen  
Jack Marsh  
Brent Scowcroft  
Bill Baroody  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 9, 1975



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FROM: TED MARRS *JEM*

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on Refugees

The President has agreed to form an Advisory Committee on Refugees. Staff deliberations have resulted in the formation of a concept that a group of about 150 citizens representing a cross-section of America should be invited to the White House for an East Room briefing on welcoming refugees, announcement of the Advisory Committee with signing of the Executive Order, and a reception. This group would serve as a resource magnet to attract private sector support and encourage a positive, national mental attitude toward refugees from Southeast Asia. The representative 20 member Advisory Committee would be the focal point for their efforts.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

(Buchen, Marsh, Baroody, NSC, Cavanaugh, Marrs, Woods,  
Ambassador Brown, Concur)

The Advisory Committee developed with Personnel will number about 20. The list, with alternates, is attached (TAB A).

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

A staff of three professionals and secretarial assistants will be required to staff the Committee operation. Authorization is requested to detail or, as necessary, hire this staff.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Lady Bird Johnson  
John Eisenhower

MEMBERS

Mayor Joseph Alioto (D - San Francisco)  
Governor Reubin Askew (D - Florida)  
Archbishop Joseph Bernardine, United States Catholic Conference  
Asby Boyle, National Youth Chairman, March of Dimes  
Reverend W. Sterling Cary, President, National Council of Churches  
Gaetana Enders, wife of Assistant Secretary of State  
Governor Dan Evans (R - Washington)  
Mayor Maurice Ferre (D - Miami)  
Marshall Field, President, Field Enterprises (Chicago)  
Edgar Kaiser, Chairman of the Board, Kaiser Industries  
Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL/CIO  
William J. Kuhfuss, President of the American Fram Bureau  
Ellie Peterson  
David Riesman  
Dr. Malcolm Todd, President, AMA, Long Beach, California  
Elder A. Theodore Tuttle, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints



ALTERNATES

John Denver, popular singer  
Minor George, prominent heritage leader  
Ethel Kennedy  
John McCormack, former Speaker of the House  
Richard Meiling, past President, Ohio State Medical School  
Clarke Reed, Republican National Chairman, Mississippi  
Mayor Carlos Romaro-Barcelo (R - San Juan); President, National League  
of Cities  
Walter Wriston, Chairman of the Board, CITICORP