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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 9, 1975

Mr. Theodore Marrs
Special Asssistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Marrs:

Enclosed are copies of two letters sent out today to my Senators. I didn't bother writing Representative Hinshaw. As an indicted man, he is going to do a lot more worrying about himself than worry about the Vietnamese refugees.

You count me among those who are urging money and help to assist the refugees. We have a special obligation toward these people that did not exist with the Hungarians or Cubans.

Finally, it is self-serving for the executive and legislative leaders in Washington to say that we should put Vietnam behind us. The war in all its ramifications foreign and domestic should be examined over and over again. As a professor of Southeast Asian history, I do not intend forgetting it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael Paul Onorato'.

Michael Paul Onorato
Professor

MICHAEL PAUL ONORATO
2808 CHATEAU WAY
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92651

May 8, 1975

V-E Day Thirty Years Ago

Senator Alan Cranston
New Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Senator Cranston:

For the past few years, I watched with appreciation how you made the Vietnam veteran's plight a personal commitment of your own. You raised the issue to the level of consciousness where most Americans understood the complexities of the problem facing many of our veterans.

Can you do the same for the Vietnam and Cambodian refugees? Let us vote the monies desired by the President. Let us, for once, do the job right. And then let us declare a universal amnesty for everyone.

As a professor of Southeast Asian history at California State University, Fullerton, I spoke against our involvement in Vietnam as early as 1961. No one listened. I spoke against the Paris agreement of 1973; and no one listened. And now everyone says that the end of Vietnam will have no effect whatsoever on our allies and the Third World countries. I disagree violently--it will. But no one listens.

I do hope that you will join in any measure to give the President what he needs and fast. Let us regain some of that Honor we tossed aside when we entered Vietnam.

Sincerely,

Michael Paul Onorato

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2808 CHATEAU WAY
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92651

May 8, 1975
V-E Day Thirty Years Ago

Senator John V. Tunney
New Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Senator Tunney:

Thank you for your hard-hitting reflections on the refugee problem. Keep them coming. But how about a little money where your words are: let's vote whatever the President needs and more. Let us, for once, do the job right. And then let us declare a universal amnesty for everyone. And let us also do right by the many tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans who desperately need help.

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Sincerely,

Michael Paul Onorato

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TO: OPERATIONS CENTER/COMMAND POST MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

ATTN: MSGT COLEMAN

FOR: DR. THEODORE C. MARRS

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAJOR JOHN L. BORLING, THE WHITE HOUSE

1. THE PRESIDENT WILL CALL CO-CHAIRPERSONS MONDAY.
2. LIST ATTACHED WITHOUT PHONE NUMBERS AS WHITE HOUSE MUST CALL UNLISTED NUMBER (HOME) FOR YOU. PROCEDURE -- CALL W.H. COLLECT (202-456-1414) AND THEY WILL CONNECT. OPERATORS ARE EXPECTING YOUR CALL.
3. SCHEDULE PROPOSAL DUE MONDAY A.M. AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW EARLY A.M.
4. STATE MUST HIRE STAFF. SUGGEST YOU TOUCH BASE WITH DEAN BROWN THEN CROSS CHECK WITH J. JONES.
5. SUGGEST IN YOUR CALLS - DO NOT COMMIT TO THE PAGE 2 RUEADWW 2518 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ BRIEFING/RECEPTION BUT MENTION THERE IS THAT POSSIBILITY ON FRIDAY 16 MAY, MONDAY 19 MAY OR WEDNESDAY 22 MAY.
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7. MY HOME: 703-536-5382

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A BISHOP JOSEPH BERNARDINE, UNITED STATES CATHOLIC *Bishop's name we accepted 8*

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801-582-6444

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OF CHURCHES (HINSDALE, ILL) 544-2350

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GOVERNOR DAN EVANS (R-WASHINGTON) *accepted 11*

MAYOR MAURICE FERRE (D-MIAMI)

② MARSHALL FIELD, PRESIDENT, FIELD ENTERPRISES (CHICAGO) *NO accepted 14*

EDGAR KAISER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, KAISER INDUSTRIES *accepted 13*

LANE KIRKLAND, SECRETARY-TREASURER, AFL/CIO 637-5000 *accepted 4*

WILLIAM J. KUHFUSS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

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George Meaney

AFL/CIO

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ELLIE PETERSON 797-7800

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DR. MALCOLM TODD, PRESIDENT, AMA, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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DAY SAINTS

will have to clear with last President

ALTERNATES

(1) JOHN DENVER, POPULAR SINGER

303-925-7606 (H)

accepted (14)

(2) MINOR GEORGE, PROMINENT HERITAGE LEADER 216-351-6666

accepted (12)

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JOHN MC CORMACK, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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RICHARD MEILING, PAST PRESIDENT, OHIO STATE MEDICAL SCHOOL

614-422-5344

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CLARKE REED, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, MISSISSIPPI

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MAYOR CARLOS ROMARD-BARCELO (R-SAN JUAN); PRESIDENT, NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

WALTER WRISTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CITICORP 212-559-4883

*will check
& call Colonel
but will provide
transport &
possibly per diem*

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Brian Brink

Call Jerry Warner

*Presidential
Adv. Comm. on
Refugees
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* C O N F I D E N T I A L *

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, REFUGEE CENTER

Fort Chaffee, May 12 '75



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Robert De Vecchi	1782	484-2426	Sheraton	452-4110
Harold Grimes		484-2434		
Al Magnin				
<u>Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service</u>				
Tusja Trelin	1786	484-2513	Ramada Inn	646-2931
Robert Eledge		2503		
Gertrude Sovik		2218		
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<u>Tolstoy Foundation</u>				
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Estelle F. Strizhak	1784		Sheraton #151	452-4110
<u>U.S. Catholic Conference</u>				
David Herrmann	1690	484-2894	BOQ 1299	
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Volag Coordinator

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Mr. Henry H. Webb

2549

BoQ 3608

Mr. Pooley

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BoQ 3608

Mrs. La Foy

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Vietnamese

* Would advise not to panic
Over Ind Group of people
coming in — More than don't
stagnate & panic
acclimate etc

* Mr Wayne —

Barracks
elections
have been held

122 barracks
leaders meet
in council &
a "mayor"

~~Health~~ dos
- firewarden
- food
- recreation

~~Other services~~
- Education committee
School system
for 7000 children

- 15 min broadcast
in VN & a
hall hour system + Vietnam
newspaper

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Volunteer agencies -
Recommended

* Use of funds
to move people
to 3rd countries.

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"sponsors" problem

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Concerned with

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Mr. Henry H. Webb
Mr. Pooley
Mrs. La Foy

Volag Coordinator

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The camp tasks

Receive humanely → afraid & traumatized people

Run a city

Relocate → dependent on Volage

* Report to Proc
Commending Cheffer alone

- Charter airlines needed

- 60% speak English

Sh. II speak a many

* Two major groups → different problems

Grp 1 "We brought out" 40-60 thousand

- 140 physicians

- 60% speak English

Grp 2

- the Joshua 40-70 thousand
former

ALFRED B. SWANSON, M. D., F. A. C. S.

TELEPHONES: 774-7394
456-5368

313 BLODGETT MEDICAL BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506



May 14, 1975

Dear Dr. Marrs:

Thank you for your phone conversation.

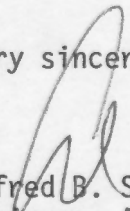
I do hope that we can contact our friends in Saigon at some time. Dr. Nguyen Buu Trung who was one of our trainees in hand surgery is now in Camp Pendleton with his wife and four children. I understand there are forty other doctors in that camp.

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.
Chairman, 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.

LE-THE-LINH, M.D.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

~~XXXXX~~ SAIGON

34, Mac dinh Chi, Saigon



Received
29 April

20 April 75

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 only one 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 personnel 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 senators 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 should 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,

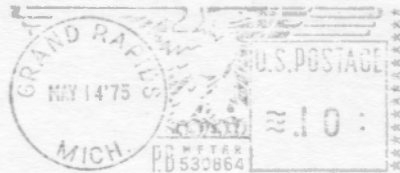
LeTheLinh

My family:

- LeTheLinh 46 y. MD
- Tom nu Minh Hai 41, prison guard
- Le Minh Chau 24 student
- Le Thu Lan 18
- Le Ngn Ding 17
- Le The Hung 15

ALFRED B. SWANSON, M.D., F.A.C.S.

**WEALTHY STREET AT PLYMOUTH ROAD
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506**



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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 5/15

TO: F. DEBACA PAM POWELL
 JEFF EVES STAN SCOTT
 VIRGINIA KNAUER WAYNE VALIS
 PAT LINDH JOHN VICKERMAN
 TED MARRS DON WEBSTER

FROM: WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR.

- FOR YOUR INFORMATION
 FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
 FOR YOUR COMMENTS/
RECOMMENDATIONS
 OTHER:

*See WJB's question
Refuge Files*

File



common cause

2030 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

John W. Gardner, Chairman

(202) 833-1200

May 13, 1975

Mr. William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



Bill —

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed letters.

Best Wishes,

Tom

Thomas J. Mader
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Mader

*Should we invite John
Gardner to Monday
event? (B)*



common cause

2030 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

John W. Gardner, Chairman

(202) 833-1200

May 12, 1975



The Honorable Peter Rodino
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Common Cause fully supports H.R.6755, the House Judiciary Committee bill to provide funds for housing, feeding and resettling refugees from Indochina.

The Judiciary Committee deserves our thanks for acting speedily in a genuine emergency. And as important, it acted with the best that is in the American spirit -- welcoming people with outstretched arms. As many have said, we are a nation of refugees and immigrants.

Common Cause devoted its energies to legislating an end to the war and military activities in Indochina. We believe the United States has the responsibility to take those necessary steps that will relieve suffering and diminish fears of the homeless. The Judiciary Committee bill is a good start and we fully support it.

Sincerely,

David Cohen
President



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2030 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

John W. Gardner, Chairman

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May 12, 1975

The Honorable Edward Hutchinson
House of Representatives
2336 Rayburn
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

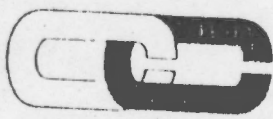
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John W. Gardner, Chairman

(202) 833-1200

May 13, 1975

The Honorable John Sparkman
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Common Cause fully supports S. 1661, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee bill to provide funds for housing, feeding and resettling refugees from Indochina.

The Foreign Relations Committee deserves our thanks for acting speedily in a genuine emergency. And as important, it acted with the best that is in the American spirit -- welcoming people with outstretched arms. As many have said, we are a nation of refugees and immigrants.

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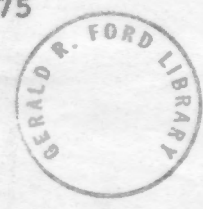
David Cohen
President

[Identical letters sent to Sen. Case, ranking minority member of Senate Foreign Relations, and to Reps. Rodino and Hutchinson, House Judiciary Committee, supporting H.R. 6755, the House counterpart bill.]

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May 15, 1975



MAX KAUFFMAN
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BUILDING 1784
FORT CHAFFE, ARKANSAS

THIS CABLE IS TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR CONVERSATION AND TO CERTIFY THAT I, DAVID HUME KENNERLY, PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GUARANTEES FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SH SHELTER AND EMPLOYMENT FOR DUONG VAN DANH AND HIS BROTHER, NGUYEN NHU PHUNG.

SINCERELY,

DHK

DAVID HUME KENNERLY

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Date 5/16/75

To Dr. Theodore C. Marrs

From Jim Watkins

Remarks:

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for your information.

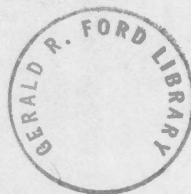
refugees

Please Answer
Please Discuss With
For Approval
For Attention
For Information
Note and Forward to File
Note and Return to Sender

For Comment
For Your Recommendation
For Investigation
Please Give Me Facts so I Can Answer
For Your Signature
Please Prepare Reply for My Signature



OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER



May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Department Commanders and Adjutants

The Administration has requested our support in the humanitarian effort to resettle the unfortunate refugees from Vietnam in the United States. The refugees are currently housed in camps located in various parts of the United States, and the Government is anxious to resettle them as quickly as possible so that their assimilation can begin.

I would appreciate dissemination of this information within your Department. For those indicating an interest, a list of agencies, both government and private, who are directly involved in the resettlement effort, is shown below. Please note that the private agencies prefer letters to phone calls.

U.S. State Department
800 368-1180 (toll free)

American Foundation for Czechoslovak
Refugees
1790 Broadway, Room 513
N. Y., N. Y. 10019 212 265-1919

International Rescue Committee
386 Park Avenue, South
N. Y., N. Y. 10016 212 679-0010

U.S. Catholic Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20015 202 659-6630

United HIAS Service
(Worldwide Jewish Migration Agency)
200 Park Avenue, South
N. Y., N. Y. 10003 212 674-6800

American Council of Volunteer Agencies
200 Park Avenue, South
N. Y., N. Y. 10003 212 674-6800

Church World Service
475 Riverside Drive
N. Y., N. Y. 10027 212 870-2200

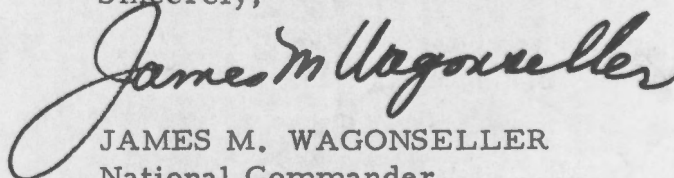
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee
Service
315 Park Avenue, South
N. Y., N. Y. 10010 212 677-3950

Tolstoy Foundation
250 West 57th Street
N. Y., N. Y. 10019 212 247-2922

American National Red Cross
18th & D Streets, N. W.
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Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


JAMES M. WAGONSELLER
National Commander

★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 "K" STREET, N.W. ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 ★

The American Legion



For God and Country

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



May 19

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: TED MARRS

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

_____ For Direct Reply

_____ For Draft Response

_____ For Your Information

_____ Please Advise

For your advise and guidance. Thanks.

MAY 19 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR

JACK MARSH

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Vietnamese Refugee Relocation

Several days ago, Roger Semerad and I met with Ross Perot, at his suggestion, about Vietnam refugees.

As you know, Ross has had a strong personal interest in U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam and with what private citizens might do to assist with the resolution of the Vietnamese war.

Ross had a specific proposal -- that the President invite the churches of the country to sponsor the settlement of the Vietnamese refugee families, see to it that they get transportation to their new places of residence, placed in houses, and found jobs.

Ross feels strongly that the churches would respond favorably to a request from the President and that the whole effort could be coordinated by one institution acceptable to all churches -- the Salvation Army.

Ross says he has discussed this with Father Hesburgh, Billy Graham, and with leaders in both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. By his account, they are enthusiastic and would be glad to work with the President to carry out this program of resettlement through churches, with each volunteering to take a family and see to their location.

Ross also feels that this will work best if each church is asked to bear the cost of each family, and not to expect any federal financial assistance. But if any initial money is needed to start the program, he would be glad to assist personally in the financing.

Refugee file

The White House
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May 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

Attached is a memo from Jay French to me on a subject about which I would like your views and suggestions.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Philip W. Buchen

FROM:

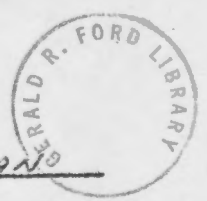
Jay T. French

It might be worthwhile for the President to consider creating a committee for the purpose of advising him on the establishment of an appropriate national monument in honor of those who died or are missing in action as a result of service in Vietnam.



DATE 5/21/75

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



TO: JOHN VICKERMAN

FROM: ANDRE' LeTENDRE AL

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THANKS

Andre'



Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

1 May 1975

Mr. Andre LeTendre
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



Dear Andre:

As we have discussed on the phone, a number of us on campus are very concerned over the sudden isolationist swing which has hit Swarthmore and the other college campuses. More and more faculty lectures, student papers and class discussions conclude that the United States no longer has a role to play in world politics. The military, the C.I.A. and the multinational corporation, as might be expected, have long been discredited. But in recent weeks the State Department and even our humanitarian A.I.D. programs have been under attack.

This is a relatively new sentiment, qualitatively different from the anti-Viet Nam movement of four years ago. Our friends and classmates are not of the Viet Nam generation. Isolationist feelings extend far beyond South East Asia, to U.S. policy towards the Third World African states, our alliances in NATO, our corporate presence in Latin America and our armaments policies vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

It is somewhat alarming that there is no voice for internationalism on campus. If there are, as we believe, rational and compelling arguments to be made for continued U.S. presence around the world, students should be exposed to them. I am enclosing a proposal that a few of us have designed to bring this case for internationalism to a large portion of the student community this summer. I would be very interested in your comments and your help in developing and presenting this idea.

I would like to stress that the two of us who wrote the actual draft, David Cohen and myself, have already been offered summer jobs on the Hill and in a

Washington law office. However, if there is any way to get this idea off the ground by the summer, we are prepared to do so. David Cohen is especially well equipped for this kind of work. He is the U.S. National Debate Champion of 1973. He currently holds the Pennsylvania State Championship. His total win/loss record is 336 wins to 45 losses. Needless to say his research and public speaking capabilities are exceptional. He is next year's editor-in-chief of the Swarthmore paper. I hope that my own public speaking experience while working at the White House, serving as student body Vice-President and organizing youth conferences and political campaigns has helped prepare me to do this work.

We do appreciate your help/counsel, Andre. I will call you later this week to discuss the proposal in more detail.

*Best Wishes,
David*



The Need: The United States student community is shifting dramatically towards a foreign policy stance of total isolationism. Every major institution of American internationalism, the State Department, AID, CIA, the military and the multinational corporation, is discredited. With recent international setbacks and CIA revelations this should not be surprising. No single voice on the college campus, faculty, popular media or student leadership, presents the case for continued U.S. world involvement.

The need is for this case to be made and for students to have the opportunity to hear the rational and compelling arguments which can be made in support of active internationalism. Isolationism has no corner on intellectual respectability in discussions of foreign policy, and it should not be presented as if it did.

Proposal: The White House, The National Security Council and The State Department together could offer this "voice" against whole-sale isolationism through a small team of students speaking on behalf of our 35 year international tradition. During the important three month summer vacation, with young people off campus or with students taking reduced course loads, a well researched team could present the case for internationalism to several hundred thousand students. The mediums used should be:

- (1) addressing the major youth conferences which are held during the summer months (DECA, Future Farmers of America, National Student Congress)
- (2) meeting with the hundreds of youth groups visiting Washington (Presidential Classroom, Interns, Senior Boy Scout-Girl Scout troops...).
- (3) some writing for the major youth magazines and newspapers.
- (4) interview sessions on the popular youth radio and T.V. programs.
- (5) dialogues with students attending summer class sessions.

Content: To maintain any credibility, the program should not become a debate on South East Asia. Nor need it be. (Today's college student is not of the Viet Nam generation. The depth of isolationist sentiment extends far beyond SEATO, to U.S. policy towards the Third World African states, our alliance in NATO, our corporate presence in Latin America and our armaments policies vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.)

Content should be educational:

- a candid briefing on current U.S. foreign policy.
- a description of the very legitimate activities of the government's major international agencies, with an eye towards correcting some of the popular misunderstandings.
- case examples of the successful role played by American foreign policy in humanitarian causes and efforts towards world peace.
- a well integrated, pragmatic and historical argument explaining the United States' (and the world's) long range interest in continued internationalism.

If well researched, intellectually responsible and presented in an informal entertaining style, such a program might well provide that other "voice" which students, too, have a right to hear.

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Age: 22 (3/6/'53)

Education

Harvard Business School (Boston Mass.): Admitted for Fall, 1975 enrollment
Swarthmore College (Swarthmore Pa.): Currently enrolled as a senior;
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Political Science and Economics.

Work Experience

Summer, 1974: International Management and Development Institute. Worked as a Program Assistant, with organizational responsibility for a corporate-government conference on Worldwide Inflation held at Johns Hopkins University. Researched issues, interviewed corporate and government economists, planned conference agenda and selected speakers.

Summer, 1973: The White House. Chosen in national competition to serve as one of 25 interns. Addressed youth groups and conferences visiting the White House. Proposed, planned and organized White House conference on youth employment for several hundred Congressional and Executive Branch interns.

Summer, 1972: Citizen's Committee of the Committee for the Re-election of the President. Worked as an Assistant Field Director with working responsibility for Citizen's campaign work in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Student Leadership

- Vice President of the Student Council/student body, Swarthmore College.
- Chairman of the Race Relations Committee, Swarthmore College.

***** David Louis Cohen
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Age 20 (4/11/'55)

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Swarthmore College (Swarthmore Pa.): Currently enrolled as a sophomore;
3.7 (A) average.

Public Speaking

- US National Debate Champion. (16,000 in national competition).
- Six year debate record: 336 wins, 45 losses; Pa. State Debate Champion; New Jersey State Debate Champion; 61 tournament championships; 57 Most Outstanding Debater Awards.

Editing/Writing/Publishing

- Editor-in-Chief: Swarthmore College Paper (1975).
- Editor-in-Chief: High School Paper (1973).
- Periodic lecturer, Columbia University, (scholastic press association).
- Published in the New York Times.

Student Leadership

- High School President: Student Body, Student Council, Senior Class.
- Swarthmore Student Council Research Adviser.



Office of the Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service



23 May -

MEMORANDUM

Ted

Here's a brief description of the security checks - note that 20K are now cleared & ready to go as of last night. Daily new clearances approximate 7,000, from now on - happy -

SECURITY SCREENING OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

Authorization has been granted to parole up to 150,000 Vietnam and Cambodian refugees into the United States. They must, however, establish that they are otherwise admissible to our country except for documentary, public charge and labor certification requirements.

In order to safeguard the security of our country it is also necessary that every refugee over 14 years of age be checked for security through agencies of our government — FBI, CIA, DOD, DEA, State and INS records. INS has made a commitment to the Congress that the results of these checks will be received prior to the release of the refugees from the Reception Centers except for those under 17 years of age, those who are closely related to citizens of the United States or permanent resident aliens and those who were employed by the U.S. in Vietnam in whose cases security checks had already been conducted prior to or during the course of their employment.

Thus far about 58,000 refugees have been airlifted to continental United States. Of this number over 11,000 have already departed from the Reception Centers. Additionally over 9,400 have been completely cleared through INS and all security agencies. Considering that only those over 17 must await return of security checks, this represents about 20,000 individuals. These 20,000 refugees remain in the Reception Centers only because the Voluntary Agencies have been unable to provide the necessary sponsorship. It is undoubtedly true, however, that if the results of security checks were received on all the refugees, the task of the Voluntary Agencies in matching sponsors with refugees would be considerably eased, because they have designated sponsors for a number of specific refugees.

A great breakthrough in this regard is expected in a few days. In the first place, INS is now executing the Form G-325 with vital biographical information in Guam so that by the time the refugee reaches continental U.S. many of the security results will already have been obtained. Secondly, the security agencies which have been doing a splendid job in checking the refugees rapidly, have now found it possible to convert to electronic screening which will speed all the necessary checking of records.

This has been a large undertaking. As of May 22, 1975, about 110,000 evacuees have been received by the United States from Vietnam and Cambodia. This humanitarian effort has enlisted the efforts of many dedicated people in INS and other agencies of the Government. Whether the job has been accomplished well will be measured by the speed with which we accomplish our mission and at the same time assuring that the security of the U.S. is not impaired by their coming here.

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**Dr. Theodore Marrs
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Washington, D. C.**

PERSONAL

MAY 21 1975

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WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
President

May 21, 1975

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*Vice President and
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*Vice President and
General Counsel*

W. EUGENE AINSWORTH
*Vice President and
Secretary-Treasurer*



MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
SUBJECT: Bicentennial

The attached paper has been given to the First Lady in California, Jack Venneman in the Vice President's office, Bob Hartmann and possibly others.

It is a suggested program for resettlement of Vietnamese refugees tied to the 200th anniversary of our country.

I recommend you look it over as the possible basis of a federal bicentennial program under the President's direction.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1975

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Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your May 21 memo and the attached paper relative to a suggested program for "resettlement of Vietnamese refugees tied to the 200th Anniversary of our country".

After studying this proposal personally, I shall then see to it that it gets in the proper hands here at the White House.

Thank you again for calling this item to my attention.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. William E. Timmons
President
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Washington, D. C. 20006

"OPERATION NEW LIFE"

AS A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THE BICENTENNIAL

1. ISSUE

How to translate the Vietnamese evacuation and resettlement program into a positive, unifying national theme which can merit the enthusiastic support of the majority of Americans.

2. DISCUSSION

- a. Presently, there is ample and distressing evidence of negative public opinion and political reaction to the evacuation and resettlement of Vietnamese refugees. These factors will unquestionably have a telling effect on the ability of the Vietnamese refugees to be effectively assimilated into our nation's communities and way of life.
- b. Clearly, the current depressed economic situation serves to dampen the enthusiastic generosity which would be expected of Americans under normal circumstances--such as during the 50's and 60's with regard to the Hungarians and Cubans, respectively. Therefore, any attempt to ameliorate this negative aspect must deal directly with the plight of Americans feeling the economic "crunch".
- c. State and local officials similarly are finding it politically difficult to take a positive public position on the refugee situation when their economically impacted constituents will be competing with refugees for scarce resources; i. e., jobs, housing, medical and social services, and cash maintenance. Thus, though many elected officials

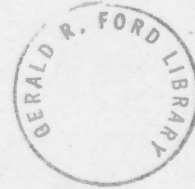
have privately, and a few publicly, expressed a willingness to endorse and assist in "Operation New Life", a majority are taking a very hard public posture against the program. This situation needs to be turned around.

- d. The President, again from a purely political perspective, will in all probability not gain from moralizing about an American "open arms" policy on the refugees--regardless of the moral correctness of this position. The President's approach tends to take on a "brow beating" tone to those unable to assume a more generous, humane attitude. In fact, in the absence of a more positive message by the President, he may either lose support or polarize further those who favor and oppose refugee resettlement.

3. PROPOSAL

What is needed now is transformation of the above negative factors into a substantively sound and politically positive opportunity. Therefore, it is recommended that "Operation New Life" be a major thrust of the Bicentennial program. Several substantive components would have to be present. These, at a minimum, should include:

- a. Federal legislation to assist refugees with their basic needs and assimilation should refugee sponsors fail to provide adequately for their sponsorees. The President has prepared this legislation and its passage should relieve state and local officials from feeling the burden for financing basic services and cash assistance functions out of state and local funds.



b. Creation of several thousand jobs for Americans to assist refugees in concentrated areas such as Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington, D. C., parts of Virginia and other areas as concentration of refugees becomes apparent. The benefit here is that the refugee resettlement process would carry with it jobs for Americans. The types of jobs envisioned are counselors, health professionals, accountants, electricians, carpenters, and teachers. Some of these training programs conceivably could be given under contract to different national union organizations and minority groups. Summer youth jobs, already in the planning phase, might also be tied into this employment scheme. The key here is to create immediately several thousands of jobs for unemployed skilled or semi-skilled Americans--particularly blue collar types--who can over the next year assist in training the Vietnamese. Then, hopefully a year from now the economy will be such that these Americans will go back to full-time, permanent jobs and that the Vietnamese, formerly without adequate skills, will be able to qualify for and be placed in jobs.

(It should be noted in public statements that of the 130,000 refugees projected for resettlement, only about 30,000 are heads of households requiring jobs initially, the remainder being children, mothers or grandparents.)

4. THE PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

As indicated above, the essential elements of an attractive Vietnamese refugee resettlement package require (1) a positive national theme (or se

of themes) and (2) a substantive set of programs which among other objectives provide employment for Americans and assurances to state and local governments that they will not be left holding the financial responsibility for the welfare of the refugees.

Most elements of an attractive package either currently exist or are in various stages of being developed by the Administration and the Congress. The central problem therefore, is that they are not tied together under a unifying theme which can be translated and embraced by most Americans. Thus, it is difficult, if not impossible, to promote positively the resettlement effort.

- a. The unifying theme should be the Bicentennial program. We are and always have been "a nation of immigrants" and a "land of human opportunity". Our generosity must, as in the past, start at home. We have always placed a premium on sharing our resources to promote freedom for those seeking it. The American soldiers who fought and died for the South Vietnamese did so in the name of freedom. The least those of us at home can do is to make a much smaller sacrifice by assisting the refugees to resettle in our country in the name of freedom. These should be the positive themes put forward by the President about our desire and determination to resettle the refugee Vietnamese in our country.
- b. The legislative budget authority to support the refugees currently being sought by the President will relieve, at least in the short run, the anxiety of state and local officials and their projected budgetary burdens.

- c. A "jobs for Americans" element needs to be developed. This is the critical component of the Bicentennial package. It cannot be left out. The American jobs' strategy should be developed with labor leaders.
- d. A fourth component, already being demonstrated and not requiring anything new is the extraordinary capacity of the military to make disaster assistance available and to reduce human suffering. Again, this should be a Presidential theme. The military role in the evacuation and refugee camps creation processes has been of miraculous proportion. Many of the military personnel making 20 hour a day contributions to the refugee effort have fought in Vietnam. Now, the military is proving itself to be an invaluable peacetime resource for those dislocated by the war.

As for our own dislocated by the war, the use of unemployed Vietnam veterans in the job training and resettlement program would be very well received if a formula for its use could be worked into the "jobs for Americans" element.

- e. The fifth and final element is the role being played currently by the voluntary agencies in terms of identifying, verifying and arranging sponsors to care for, support, house and settle refugees. Again, under the Bicentennial rubric, voluntary initiative and cooperation with the government is, as it always has been, a major corner stone of the American system--this alliance among voluntary organizations individual initiative and government is still vigorous and productive.

(Ten voluntary agencies; i. e., World Church Service, United Catholic Conference, International Rescue Committee, Red Cross, Travellers Aid, American Council for Nationalization Service, The Tolstoy Foundation, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and United HIAS Service--have agreements with Department of State to find sound sponsors; e. g., families, churches, community and educational organizations--for refugees.)

5. CONCLUSION

The above elements refined and integrated, can put the refugee resettlement program in a positive, attractive light. Failure to develop such an approach will unquestionably have a serious, prolonged destructive impact on the country and on the refugees. Therefore, it is proposed that the President prepare immediately the Bicentennial/"Operation New Life" package together containing the five elements above.

Finally, the Bicentennial effort itself has suffered from the lack of a meaningful theme and a substantive program. Therefore, the Bicentennial stands to benefit from "Operation New Life" as much as "Operation New Life" would from association with the Bicentennial.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1975

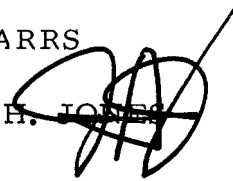
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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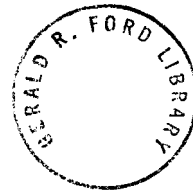
FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jerry H. Jones", written over the typed name "JERRY H. JONES". The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox and is forwarded for appropriate handling.

Thank you.



JOHN WAYNE

9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400
Beverly Hills, California 90212
May 16, 1975

Mr. Nguyen Cao Ky
Camp Pendleton,
California

Dear Mr. Ky:

I read of your desire for your people to be located in farm areas. I will explain a situation in Arizona that might be of interest to you.

In Arizona unless you have a history of farming and agriculture on your land, you are not allowed to dig wells to develop new farm land, except if you are an Indian and have access to Indian lands. Near Casa Grande, Arizona, which is between Phoenix and Tucson, my partner Louis Johnson and I have a 17,000 acre irrigated farm, ranch, and feedlot. It is in an area of successful farming.

In this area, I believe it is the Papago Indians, own large acreage of undeveloped land. They are allowed to lease their land, and they would be allowed to drill for water. It seems to me that some kind of arrangement could be established by which the Viet Nameese could lease some of this land and part of the lease would pay for the drilling of wells by the Indians. The area is suitable for grains and produce and has a very warm climate except for three months of the year, which can become quite cold. It rains very seldom which the farmers do not mind because they can control their crops with the water from their wells and plant two crops a year with heavy fertilizing on certain grains.



JOHN WAYNE

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I am in Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, California, at the moment; but I will probably be home either Monday or Tuesday. My home telephone number is 714/642-6432. My partner Louis Johnson's home telephone number in Arizona is 602/424-3475; and the office telephone number of Red River Land Company is 602/424-3315.

I have talked to a lawyer in Arizona, Jim Conners, whose firm will try and get me more details on the possibilities of this arrangement. I do hope that this turns out to be of value to your people and my best wishes to you and your family.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "John Wayne". Below the signature, the initials "PS" are written.

John Wayne

JW/ps

cc: President Gerald Ford



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GORDON KING
President

27 May 1975

Dear Ted:

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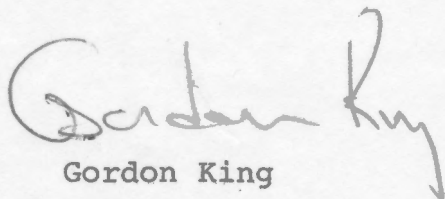
From this briefing, and some discussions over the last couple of weeks with agency officials concerned with various aspects of the problem, we have identified some specific issues which, we believe, may cause problems. I believe that our organization is equipped to address these issues, if it is appropriate.

Suggest
Ted, a very important issue which needs some specific work is "housing." If you would like us to look into this, please call me.

I have included some materials which will give you a little better idea of the kinds of programs we have been involved in over our corporate life.

I hope things are going well.

Sincerely,


Gordon King

GK:cs

Enclosure: as stated

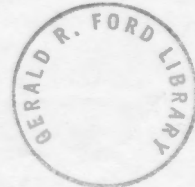
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Refugee

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

GRF:MLF:jk

✓ bcc: John Borling

CARL T. CURTIS
NEBRASKA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

COMMITTEES:
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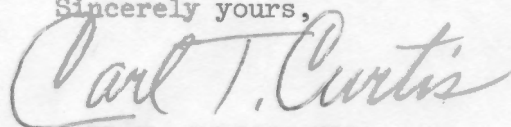
Dear Dr. Marrs:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have received from Mayor Floyd A. Cropper of Lyons, Nebraska, expressing the interest of his community in obtaining a Vietnamese refugee dentist.

I would appreciate your channeling this letter to the proper sources, and letting me know what action has been taken in this regard.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



CARL T. CURTIS, USS

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Lyons Industrial Development Corp.

LYONS, NEBRASKA 68038

May 20, 1975

Senator Carl Curtis
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Carl:

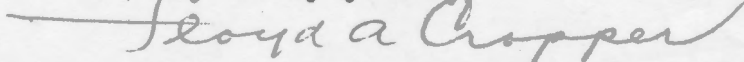
Our community has been searching for a dentist the past three years and our committee wonders if there are any dentists among the many refugees coming in from Southeast ASIA.

We notice that President Ford has appointed a special committee to advise on the future of the refugees and I am asking if you would send this letter or get in touch with the committee concerning our interest in sponsoring a dentist for Lyons. The chairman is John Eisenhower.

Present rules require that a dentist or medical doctor must attend school for a certain length of time and also pass examinations. Our community would need financial assistance from some refugee fund in order to keep a dentist in school for say, two years and then sponsor he and his family until his work in the community is well established. We need a dentist badly and will do most anything to get one.

Can your office help us in some way? Thanks, Carl.

Very truly yours,



Floyd A. Cropper, Lyons Mayor '64-'70
Presnt Pres. Lyons Ind. Dev. Corp.



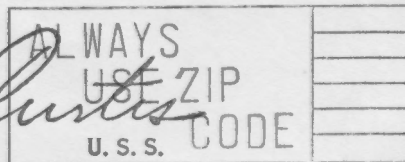
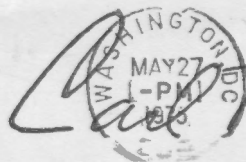
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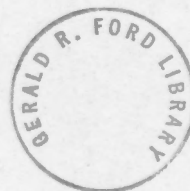
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The University of North Dakota

BOX 225
GRAND FORKS 58201
PHONE 777-3037

June 2, 1975



Dr. Ted Marrs
Special Assistant to the President
Old Executive Bldg.
17th and Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C. 20005

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard Kahrahr".

Bernard Kahrahr
Director
INMED Program

BK:sb
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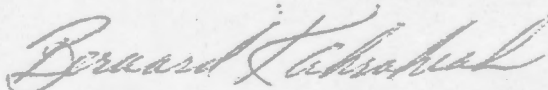
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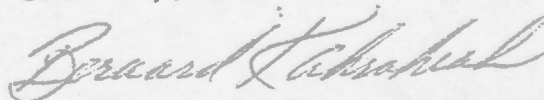
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Refugee File



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1975

TO: Barry Roth
FROM: Les Janka (x3116)

Please review the attached as soon as possible.

6/3/75

Ted -

FYI

Barry

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Helms Regarding
Vietnamese Refugees on Phu Quoc Island



On May 23 Senator Helms sent the letter at Tab B to the President calling to his attention information regarding 42,000 Vietnamese refugees stranded on Phu Quoc Island which was still in the hands of loyal ARVN troops. The Senator also reports that he has information that South Korea, Chile, and Brazil are willing to receive these refugees and calls upon the President to take strong diplomatic moves to find other countries to share the resettlement burden.

Subsequent investigation by the Interagency Task Force at State has turned up no intelligence to support the claim of any continuing resistance on Phu Quoc. The Task Force has also been unable, working with Helms' staff, to translate the reported willingness of several Latin American countries to accept refugees into firm offers to do so.

A Presidential response is not required or advisable given the strange nature of Helms' information and our response telling him in effect he is wrong on several counts.

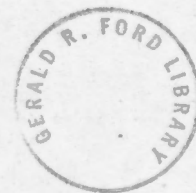
We, therefore, recommend that you send Senator Helms the response at Tab A based on a Task Force draft, expressing our appreciation that we have investigated the Phu Quoc reports but cannot substantiate them, and outlining the efforts we are making to get other countries to accept refugees.

Les Janka concurs.

Philip Buchen's office concurs.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



Dear Senator Helms:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of May 23 passing along the reports that have come to your attention regarding the refugee situation on Phu Quoc Island. The publicity accorded to similar reports has aroused public curiosity but a thorough canvass of our own intelligence community reveals no evidence to substantiate claims of continued resistance on that island, or elsewhere in Vietnam. Refugees from Danang, Hue, Nha Trang and other northern cities of South Vietnam appear to be scattered throughout the more southern areas, including Phu Quoc, but most of the former soldiers among them, who fled before the American departure on April 29, are known to have left their arms in the north. Those that did not do so were disarmed on the refugee ships that carried the fleeing population south.

We appreciate your concern for the tragic plight of these people and the President is grateful for your suggestions regarding diplomatic overtures to induce other countries to accept numbers of Indochinese refugees. This has been a matter of high priority for us since the creation on April 18 of the Inter-Agency Task Force concerned with the resettlement of the refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia, and has recently been the subject of two international appeals from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as well. The response has not yet reached the level that we hope to attain, although Canadian, French and Australian immigration officials have visited several of the reception sites. Canada has thus far been the most receptive; 1,396 Vietnamese have already gone to that country and an equal number are expected to follow. While there are indications that a few Latin American countries may accept a small number of refugees, no official word has yet been received. Our efforts to seek additional countries to share the resettlement burden will continue.

Because of your interest in the area, I would like to share with you information which has not as yet become public knowledge and which

you may find useful in light of the information you were good enough to bring to our attention. An early assertion by the new Saigon authorities of control over all of Vietnam's offshore islands was reiterated as recently as May 23, when the so-called Peoples' Revolutionary Government "Liberation Radio" took note of the American press reports purporting to describe conditions on Phu Quoc, flatly rejecting these reports, and warning against any attempts to intervene in Vietnamese affairs.

Once again, let me express our thanks for your concern and readiness to help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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May 24, 1975

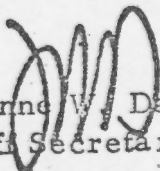
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Helms on
Refugees on Phou Quoc

Will you please have a draft reply prepared to the attached letter for signature by a White House staff member. We would like to have the draft no later than noon on Tuesday, May 27.

You should include either in the reply or the covering memo a status report on any efforts by the UNHCR to investigate or alleviate the situation on Phou Quoc.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment



May 23, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Information which I believe to be reliable has come to me indicating that an estimated 42,000 South Vietnamese refugees were evacuated to Phou Quoc Island and left stranded about 50 miles from Vietnam and 30 miles from Cambodia. As of 8:00 AM Tuesday, I am informed, this group included at least 17 clergymen, 300 nuns, and 1,000 orphans (including hundreds of mixed Vietnamese-American blood who stand marked for slaughter). There are also a number of high South Vietnamese officials.

I am also told that there are about 3,000 South Vietnamese regular troops on the island (about two battalions) armed with machine guns, mortars, and bazookas. A handful of Vietcong have been contained in one corner of the island. The South Vietnamese flag still flew over the island on May 12, according to the captain of a South Korean freighter who picked up 216 of the refugees on May 12. The South Korean ship was besieged by about 3,000 refugees in small boats, but could only take the above number. The latest reports, as of Tuesday, say that the free South Vietnamese still control the island.

You have the facilities to check the accuracy of the present situation. I suggest that you contact Admiral George Anderson of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Committee for the information he has on the matter. U.S. policy can in no way allow these refugees to receive retribution from the Communists, when they eventually establish control over the island. I am told that the Secretary of the Navy has indicated that the U.S. Navy has the logistical capability to remove the refugees. There is also a large air strip on the island.

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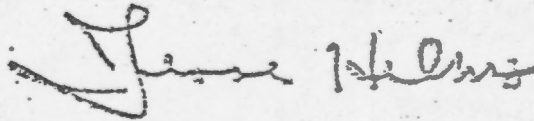
The President

May 23, 1975

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Korea has indicated that she will take 1,000 more, in addition to the 1,000 taken already. I am told that the Counselor of the Chilean Embassy here has recommended that Chile take 5,000. Private negotiations are under way with Brazil to take 20,000. Furthermore, the Dominican nuns of Louisville, Kentucky, have said that they will assume responsibility for the support of the 1,000 orphans. I think that the resettlement problem could be solved; but the urgent need now is to take action to remove any refugees who want to leave Phou Quoc. I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to do so.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS:ls



June 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROGER SEMERAD
FROM: TED MARRS

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FOR: TED MARRS
FROM: JOHN BORLING *7/20/72*
SUBJECT: Letter to Rep Hammerschmidt

Attached for your review is the requested letter.

*Letter
sent
out in envelope*

7/20/72



TO TED MARKS



This looks
OK with me

Roger S
6/4/75

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FROM: JOHN BOETIGE *John*

FOR: TED MARKS

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Gerald R. Ford

Letter sent

*cc Ted Marrs
cc John Eisenhower*