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THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

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July 8, 1975

MEMORNADUM TO: CHAIRMAN EISENHOWER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: ROGER D. SEMERAD *TMS*
SUBJECT: CURRENT INFORMATION
FOR YOUR USE

1. Summary of the third meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees - June 25th
2. Supplementary information on sponsorship of Vietnamese Health Professionals
3. Report on Interagency Task Force meeting, Thursday, July 3, 1975
4. Press Clippings



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July 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. THEODORE MARRS

FROM: ROGER D. SEMERAD 

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE THIRD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES OF
JUNE 25TH

On Wednesday, June 25 the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees met in the New Executive Office Building.

Nine members of the committee were present; eight were absent, however three of those absent were represented by their alternates. The theme for virtually the entire meeting was sponsorship encouragement to become sponsors and the assimilation of refugees into the economy by way of employment.

The labor management meeting of June 24 was presented and discussed. The result of the labor management meeting was that a letter would be prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. This letter would be to the various member organizations throughout the United States in major cities. The letter would explain the Washington meeting and encourage other such meetings within the member cities. Prior to transmission this letter would be cleared by the NAB, NAM, AFL-CIO, UAW, UMW, and IBT. The committee unanimously supported this action and recommended that the letter be prepared, cleared and transmitted with all due speed.



A significant amount of time was devoted to a discussion of sources of additional sponsors. Governor Evans of Washington presented that State's plan and method for sponsorship at the State level. This presentation was again unanimously accepted by the committee with directions to the staff to draft a letter to all governors encouraging them to emulate Governor Evans. Included with this letter would be Washington's methodology for sponsorship. This letter has been written, cleared and transmitted to all governors.

The committee spent some time in discussing increased publicity for sponsorship. It was their understanding that one of the major problems which we have in resettlement is the lack of sponsors. Accordingly it was recommended and carried that a series of television spot announcements encouraging sponsorship be made using Mrs. Ford and various members of the committee, in addition to other national personalities. In the making of these television spot announcements the committee directed staff to determine how best to address the task and move immediately towards its accomplishment. To date we are discussing final clearances of the contract with the IATF. Hopefully the contract will be signed and work commence no later than July 11th. With this schedule, first transmission would be by September 1st.

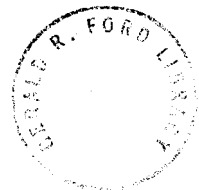
The committee explored the enlistment of refugees in the United States Armed Forces. They believed that those refugees who had received significant military training in the United States and who desired to enter the Armed Forces should be afforded that opportunity. They directed staff to determine from the DoD what the actual policy would be concerning enlistment. A letter from me to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Von Marbod requesting this information has been sent. We have also been in contact Mr. D. Srull, DASD (M&RA) who is actually tasked with setting this policy.



The committee made a very positive statement and recommended that all federal agencies be notified of the equal employment opportunities and minority priorities for the refugees if they so qualify for federal employment.

The results of the refugee advisory group meeting were presented along with a list of recommendations. Paramount among these recommendations were: the opportunity for enlistment in the Armed Forces and equal employment opportunities. Both of these recommendations were acted upon by the committee as indicated. The next meeting of the refugee advisory group is scheduled for July 17th.

The committee is scheduled to meet again on July 23rd.





INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FOR INDOCHINA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

June 30, 1975

TO: See Distribution

FROM: Julia Vadala Taft, Director *Julia Taft*
Interagency Task Force

SUBJECT: Supplementary Information on Sponsorship
of Vietnamese Health Professionals

The enclosed document has been developed in response to numerous requests for information on assistance to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugee health professionals in obtaining training or job opportunities.

Enclosure:

Supplementary Information on Sponsorship of
Vietnamese Health Professionals

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Supplementary Information on Sponsorship of
Vietnamese Health Professionals

Among the Vietnamese refugees who have recently arrived in this country, there are a number of health professionals including doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has undertaken a variety of activities to assist in the retraining and placement of these individuals. In general, DHEW's policy is to serve a coordinative and facilitative role by working with the health professional associations and the training institutions rather than providing special programs for this particular group of foreign health professionals. Information for the various health professional groups is provided below.

Physicians

Licensure to practice medicine is the responsibility of each State. Although the requirements vary, physicians trained in foreign countries usually need an Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates certificate (the ECFMG examination establishes a foreign medical graduate's eligibility to enter into an internship or residency in this country), one or more years of postgraduate medical training in the United States, and a passing grade on the Federation Licensing Examination (the FLEX is a national certifying examination given to individuals who have completed at least one year of internship or other postgraduate training).



A DHEW questionnaire designed to gather specific information on education, training, licensing and credentialing has been used to gather and incorporate into a specific tracking system information on Vietnamese refugee physicians.

For those individuals who have passed the ECFMG examination, the AMA Manpower Clearinghouse has initiated efforts to help place them in training programs or locate possible practice opportunities. In addition, arrangements have been made in special cases for possible job placement in Public Health Service programs such as the National Health Service Corps, Indian Health Service and PHS Hospital System.

Although there are no special Federal programs for refugee physicians who have not passed the ECFMG examination, DHEW is working to facilitate efforts by local medical organizations and training institutions to set up locally sponsored refresher courses and/or assist the physicians in obtaining health-related jobs while preparing for the examination.

Suggested actions to be undertaken by the physician or the sponsor:

1. Request physician questionnaire, if one has not already been completed, by writing to:

Dr. Edward D. Martin
Director
National Health Service Corps
Parklawn Building, Room 6-06
Rockville, Maryland 20852

2. Notify Dr. Martin of any change in address.
3. Request information on the ECFMG examination from
Dr. Ray Casterline, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania 19104.



4. Contact State Boards of Medical Examiners on specific licensure requirements.
5. Contact State and local medical societies as well as local hospitals and other health institutions regarding possible job opportunities and refresher courses for the ECFMG examination.

(Local professional societies can be located through the telephone directory).

Dentists

Practice of dentistry in the United States is subject to licensure regulations of the individual states. Applicants for licensure examinations should usually hold a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree from an accredited United States or Canadian school. However, some states permit foreign dental graduates to take qualifying examinations for that particular state. Efforts by the professional dental organizations are currently underway to evaluate the most effective and appropriate mechanism for assimilating the Vietnamese dentists into the practice of dentistry in this country.

As in the case of the physicians, a DHEW questionnaire has been developed for dentists and information is being incorporated into a similar tracking system. On receipt of the completed questionnaire, HEW will provide each dentist with a copy of the American Dental Association publication "Information for foreign dental graduates, students and other dental personnel".



Suggested actions to be undertaken by the dentists or their sponsors:

1. Request dental questionnaire, if one has not already been completed, by writing to:

Dr. Edward D. Martin
Director
National Health Service Corps
Parklawn Building, Room 6-05
Rockville, Maryland 20852

2. Send notifications of change of address to:

Dr. Jack D. Robertson
Deputy Chief Dental Officer, PHS
Parklawn Building, Room 17-19
Rockville, Maryland 20852

3. Contact State Boards of Dental Examiners for information on specific licensure requirements.
4. Contact State and local dental societies as well as hospitals and other health institutions regarding job opportunities.
(Note that dental hygienists are licensed in each State; dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians are not licensed in the United States).
5. Contact individual dental schools for information on admission and advanced placement requirements.



Nurses and Pharmacists

Because the requirements for training and licensure of nurses and pharmacists in Vietnam are significantly different from what is required by State licensing boards in this country, it appears that, in the majority of cases, Vietnamese nurses and pharmacists will require considerable additional training in order to meet State licensure requirements. Efforts are underway to work with nursing and pharmacy organizations in developing mechanisms to assist Vietnamese nurses and pharmacists in obtaining both additional training and interim job placement.

Suggested actions to be undertaken by the nurses and pharmacists or their sponsors:

1. Contact State and local professional associations, employment agencies, as well as specific institutions, regarding job opportunities.
2. Contact specific schools of pharmacy or nursing regarding training opportunities.
3. Contact State Boards of Nursing or Pharmacy on specific licensing requirements.
4. Pharmacists may obtain an information package on pharmacy schools and State licensing requirements by writing to:

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
4630 Montgomery Avenue - Suite 201
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

5. Nurses may obtain assistance with professional credentials and employment in nursing by writing to:

American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64103



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

CHAIRMAN EISENHOWER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM:

ROGER D. SEMERAD *RS*

SUBJECT:

REPORT ON INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE
MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1975

Acting Director Taft briefed the Task Force on the first meeting of all of the refugee camp Civil Coordinators. Major items that were discussed were voluntary agencies' staffing, lack of sponsorships, goals, and problem areas.

Repatriation. Approximately 200 Vietnamese refugees who had indicated a desire to be repatriated have been transported from Camp Pendleton to Guam. The refugees will be maintained there until the new government in Vietnam completes arrangements for their return.

Nonresident Alien Legislation. The Immigration and Naturalization Service has prepared for interagency review proposed legislation that would permit parolees to become permanent resident aliens after a two year probationary period. Under the proposed legislation, the change to permanent resident alien status would be retroactive to the date of arrival, and any changes in status would not impact on the other immigration quotas or processes. The two year probationary period follows the practice established for other groups of refugees.



Department of Defense Planning. The representative of the Department of Defense reported on various contingency plans for camp closings. The ability of the Task Force to generate sponsorships and placements is the critical unknown factor that will have significant impact on which camps are closed and as of what date.

Volunteer Agencies and Sponsorship Issues. A number of national organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers, the American Public Welfare Association, along with other public welfare agencies with national constituencies have expressed the following concerns to the Task Force:

(1) That the volunteer agencies dealing in refugee placement had not utilized the resources of these agencies

(2) That these agencies had not been informed as to the progress of the refugee resettlement programs

(3) That no assistance had been requested from these agencies.

The Task Force and the volunteer agencies agreed to effect coordination with these various associations and agencies to better serve the refugee population and the American public.

Employment. A representative of the Department of Labor reported on plans to code occupations of all refugees in the camps. At the same time offers of employment would also be coded in an effort to match skills with opportunities. There is some question as to whether the computer capabilities of the Task Force are capable of supporting such a program.

Sponsorship. The representative of the Task Force reported that other governmental units have entered into contracts to participate in the sponsoring of refugees. The City of Indianapolis has agreed to sponsor 200 individuals; the State of Maine, 300; and Jackson County, Missouri, 200.



Resettlement of Individuals Currently Being Held in Other Countries. It was noted that approximately 20,000 individuals not under U.S. control might be eligible to enter the United States. The State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are working on this question in the hopes of clarifying the status of these refugees and the numbers that may be admitted. It is not clear whether additional legislation may be necessary.

Statistical Summary. As of July 7, 1975.

1. Guam, in Pacific	18,097
2. Released into U.S.	44,062
3. Released to other countries	4,594

In the U.S./Relocation Centers

a. Chaffee	23,226
b. Pendleton	17,720
c. Eglin	5,337
d. Indiantown Gap	16,139
Total	<u>62,422</u>



Many Viet Refugees Face Winter in Camps

By Henry S. Bradsher
Washington Star Staff Writer

THE PROSPECTIVE returnees have been publicly described as having changed their minds about com-

Those left in these camps will be concentrated in the other two domestic ones, according to task force plans. They are Camp Chaffee, Ark.,

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975

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'We Are Still Happier Here,' Says a Saigon Refugee Waiting

By DAVID A. ANDELMAN
Special to The New York Times

camps for cases to be decided.

Vietnamese who have settled there. He believes they will need lawyers who can under-

The refugees here receive two small meals of rice and

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JULIA V. TAFT

FROM:

ROGER D. SEMERAD *RDS*

SUBJECT:

TASK FORCE REPORTS ON REFUGEE
STATUS

In the daily report on refugee status of July 7, 1975, it was indicated that 44,062 refugees have been released into the U.S. It would be very helpful to the Committee to know what categories are included in this number. Specifically, how many refugees have been sponsored out of camps through volunteer agencies; how many have been sponsored out of camps through state and local governments; how many refugees were of independent means and released without sponsors; how many were American citizens or dependents of American citizens; and any other significant groups that I may have omitted.

I am concerned over this issue since it seems that the daily release rates over the opening period include the bulk of the easy cases and projections based on these early figures could be very misleading.

Additionally, I note in the UPI story carried in the Post on July 8, 1975, that you expect the Chaffee Camp to be open throughout the winter. I would be grateful if you would explain this apparent change in policy since in your letter to Representative Eilberg you indicated that "resettlement will be finished by Thanksgiving." Several members of the Advisory Committee have expressed concern over these new projections. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

✓ cc: Dr. Marrs



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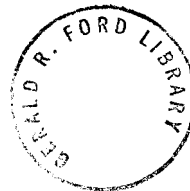
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MR. ROGER SEMERAD

FROM: DAVID MORIN *DM*

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP MEETING

Although The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees has officially endorsed "Project FRIENDSHIP," no action has been taken on the proposal for a White House youth leadership meeting for Project FRIENDSHIP which would launch this effort. The advantages of such a meeting are clear. Bringing in youth leaders of national organizations to further explain the project would provide a good opportunity for seminars to be held on how to develop friendship drives and other community youth assimilation programs. Social, educational, service, and even athletic programs need to be developed and capsuled into something that can be taken home to the various national headquarters and then to the local chapter levels of the organizations. The leaders of these organizations meeting in The White House would be the first step in a major national awareness effort that could begin in Washington. However, Pam Powell seems to have problems with having a White House meeting.

Originally, having a White House youth meeting with The President, and perhaps John Denver, appeared to have great press potential, helping to promote a positive, favorable view of refugees and encourage a warm welcome. Pam disagreed sharply on the press coverage idea, expressing there would be little or none. Also, Pam felt that participation would be



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very low due to the fact that decisions to support projects are made by Executive Directors, not the youth leaders. A letter will be going out very soon to the Executive Directors explaining Project FRIENDSHIP, so I don't believe youth participation will be a problem.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on whether we should push for this meeting or not.

Thank you.



Jm

11 July 1975

Mr Roger D. Semerad
Executive Director
President's Advisory Committee on Refugees
Washington D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Semerad:

Thank you for responding to my letter to Ted Marrs. I am delighted to hear that you are about ready to issue a computerized manpower skills list. We will be expecting to hear from Mrs. Taft, hopefully in the near future.

Incidentally, on the subject of frustration, I happened to meet a regional official of the Health, Education and Welfare Department involved in their Social Rehabilitation Services section. She indicated even more frustration than I did because early in the game it had been one of her assignments to work with the Ft. Chafee Refugee Camp. The frustration she felt came from the amateurs who were representing at this camp the welfare agencies who were assigned the task of relocating the refugees.

To add insult to injury, the news that regardless of the effort or lack of it, put forth by an individual agency, they are paid a "bounty" of \$500 per refugee relocated whether properly or not.

Sincerely,

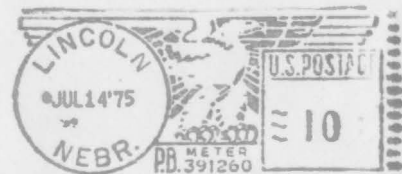
John M. Campbell

JMC; b1c

cc: Mr. Theodore Marrs, Mr. J.R. Tisdale



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Mr. Roger D. Semerad
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Dear Roger:

I think your memo for Ted Marrs dated July 7 is very good. The only reservation I have is that I would put a caveat on the recommendation that trained Vietnamese be allowed the opportunity for enlistment in the Armed Forces. That caveat would be to add..."on the same basis as U. S. citizens." I don't believe anyone suggested that they be given anything like priority. I would like to make that clear.

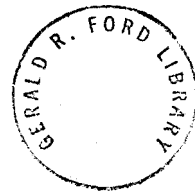
My motivation, of course, is to avoid making the Armed Services a welfare agency per se.

Best,

John S. D. Eisenhower
Chairman

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✓ cc: Dr. Theodore C. Marrs



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Julia Vadala Taft, Director
Interagency Task Force for Indo-China
Department of State
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Dear Julia:

You doubtless are well aware that at the meeting of June 25 the Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees voted in principle to mount a television campaign utilizing certain of its members to encourage sponsorship of Indo-Chinese refugees. Having decided to "bell the cat," the Committee then passed the ball to Roger Semerad to try to find the money.

It is my understanding that Roger found some \$300,000 in HEW that could be utilized for this purpose. But it turned out that after a certain amount of backing and filling, you chose, with the backing of the Secretary of HEW, to disapprove the use of these funds - or at least to throw sufficient road blocks as to make the whole exercise not worth it.

I can well understand your concern that the PACR stay out of operations and avoid building a staff to duplicate your own. Nevertheless, I find this development disappointing because I feel that we have an impressive reservoir of people on the Advisory Committee who could be utilized for public relations purposes.

Ted Marrs and I do not choose to go to the President on this issue, an action which would be necessary to override a Cabinet officer. Therefore I do hope that the IATF will take this program on itself and without undue delay. I trust that you will make use of what members of the PACR you see fit.

The important thing, obviously, is to get this task accomplished rather than to bicker about which member of the bureaucracy does it.

Sincerely,

John Eisenhower

John S. D. Eisenhower
Chairman

Note

JSDE/ajh

cc: Dr. Theodore C. Marrs

written without my knowledge. I had no inclination other than present decision to keep IATF operational & PACR advisory.

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July 14, 1975

Mr. Roger D. Semerad
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Dear Roger:

I have the copy of your July 9 letter to Mr. Schulburg of NBC. I believe that I specified in the letter to you of the last few days that I am not interested in going on public television for interviews at this time.

My reasoning is simple. In the light of the current criticism of the IATF - plus the doubling of the IATF staff and increased control by OMB - the whole subject of the interview would doubtless be my evaluation of the IATF's performance. I do not have enough facts on hand to give a real evaluation and sure as hell am no longer going to give IATF an unsubstantiated vote of support, an action which would be expected of a loyal member of the team.

Under these circumstances, until I am fairly straight in my own mind what I think of the IATF performance, I prefer to stay out of sight.

Best,

John

John S. D. Eisenhower
Chairman



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cc: ✓ Dr. Theodore C. Marrs
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July 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN WIESS
FROM: ROGER D. SEMERAD

Pursuant to Don Wortman's memorandum of June 2, 1975 outlining arrangements for Budget and Administrative support for the Committee, we have looked to you for the normal administrative assistance.

However, we have regularly requested issuance of a GSA card and also an accounting of our expenditures since beginning our operation. To date, neither request has been compiled with. Obviously, these basic items are necessary to properly manage the limited resources available to the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees.

Please advise this office of the status of these requests. Your usual cooperation will be most appreciated.

cc: Julia Taft
Colin Blaydon
Ted Marrs
Don Wortman



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John

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DR. THEODORE MARBS

FROM:

ROGER SEMERAD *RDS*

SUBJECT:

DETAIL EXTENSION OF JAMES J.
DELANEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

On July 10, Jim Delaney, this Committee's Deputy Director, began a thirty day extension of his detail from OSD(H&E). This detail will terminate on August 8th.

Considering the work that Jim has done to date and the difficulty in arranging an orderly transition of duties, I strongly recommend his retention on the Committee staff until we are in a position to wind down our activities.

I believe that a call from you to Mr. Latimer, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, will solve the problem.



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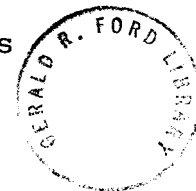
This is a follow-up to my memo of July 18, 1975 on the same subject. In reviewing the memo, I realized that the subject of continuity was not stressed. Jim, as you know, handled the Labor/Management meeting and those actions which resulted in the Chamber of Commerce letter being finally sent.

He is currently involved in the Houston project. This project is characterized by the close coordination and cooperation between local government, business, labor, non-governmental agencies, the VolAgs, IATF with the local Chamber of Commerce as the catalyst.

In addition to the above he is laying the ground work for foundation involvement in educational grants with the Grace Foundation.

Each of these projects as well as the others which he is working on requires continuity for success. To change project officers at this time would definitely not be in the best interests of our program.

As in my last memo, I strongly recommend his retention.



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July 29, 1975

Dear Mrs. Eisele:

Thank you for your letter to Dr. Marrs in which you enclosed the annual report from the American Field Services. Dr. Marrs shared the report with me and I am certainly impressed; infact, I believe that my own children would be interested in a program such as this.

Dr. Marrs requested that I send you the latest information on sponsorship. The attached brochures and publication were received from the printers late last week and is the latest information available on sponsorship and questions which are most often asked.

I hope that this information is satisfactory. If I can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


James J. Delaney II
Deputy Director

Mrs. Karin F. Eisele
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Dr. Theodore Marrs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Dr. Marrs,

It was a great pleasure to share luncheon with you yesterday and to learn first-hand of the deep and very personal Presidential interest in the Bicentennial celebration. I was so sorry that we did not have a chance to talk at greater length but unfortunately I had a meeting at 3 o'clock some distance from the State Department.

Dr. Rhinesmith, president of the American Field Service, attended the meeting on the 19th of May at which the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees was announced and returned with that large and very helpful blue book which you provided. From that we excerpted the attached definition of sponsorship which, hopefully, is the one to which you referred yesterday. Please let me know if my assumption is incorrect.

Because I felt you did not have a sufficient number of papers under your (my) chair and because you may have by now dealt with the problem of the tail-less squirrel on the White House lawn, I have enclosed some additional reading material for your leisure time. Once you have committed it to memory, you are free to shred it! It will give you a greater idea of the various programs sponsored by AFS and the extent to which we are stretching young people at that magical age we discussed.

Please give our best to Pam Powell.

With kindest regards,

Karin Eisele

Karin F. Eisele (Mrs. Paul M.)
Associate Director/Development

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July 30, 1975



Dear Julia:

At the last meeting of The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, the following resolutions or proposals were endorsed by the Committee:

- (1) Establishment of a national toll-free telephone service with Vietnamese and Cambodian operators to provide information to the refugees.
- (2) Establishment of cultural centers in concentrations of refugees.
- (3) Authorization for the payment of travel and other expenses for Vietnamese and Cambodian nationals engaged in public information or other appropriate activities, directed by the Committee.

With reference to item (3), such authorization was given with the expectation that visits to the camps by successfully resettled refugees would be of help in combatting rumors and misinformation. In addition, the authorization could include a system which would provide information by mail on the refugee once he has departed the resettlement camp.

Since you were present at the meeting and participated in the discussion of these items, I feel sure that you have already completed some preliminary evaluation. Please advise of any decisions you may have reached on these matters.

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Should you decide to take no action on any of the above, please advise me immediately so that other resources may be identified to effect these proposals. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

As always, both the Committee members and staff are available to assist in any way possible to expedite the resettlement of the Indochina refugees.

Sincerely,

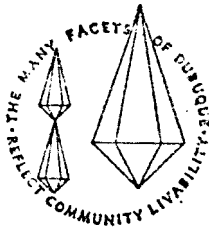
for Wethel Kellan
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Mrs. Julia V. Taft
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✓ cc: Mr. Marrs

THE CITY OF
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DUBUQUE, IOWA 52001

July 30, 1975

The Honorable John Eisenhower
Chairman
President's Advisory Commission
on Refugees
New Executive Office Building
Room 4013
Washington, D. C. 20503



Sir:

Special Assistant to the President, Dr. T. Marrs' office, suggested that I refer the following to you as a subject of special interest.

This community recently welcomed the single, largest contingent of Vietnamese refugees settling in any U. S. city! Plans are now afoot to increase that number six to seven times by the end of this year!! This development, seen in the context of Dubuque's historically low minority population (less than 1/2 of 1%), is all the more remarkable for the enthusiasm and love that have accompanied it. In fact, a formal civic reception is scheduled for August 8, 1975 to officially welcome these new residents to our city. Obviously, we would be most pleased if you could be here on this significant evening.

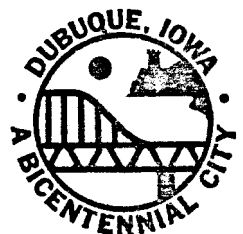
I thought President Ford and you might find all this interesting in terms of both your efforts to open the hearts of America to the problem of the Vietnamese refugee. Perhaps Dubuque's experience in this connection could be used to encourage other American cities to move forcefully in this area.

If Dubuque and this event can be arranged into your schedule, please contact me at City Hall, (319) 583-6441, ext. 36.

Véry truly yours,

C. Robert Justmann
Mayor

Info: Mary Featherall
Office of Dr. T. Marrs
The White House



June 19, 1973

Dear John:

Thank you for your June 13 letter with which you forward Mr. Jack D. Jones' proposal for the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees.

I know the President's advisers on the problem of resettlement will appreciate having this plan for their consideration and I shall make certain they receive it without delay.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable John J. Duncan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Bcc: W/incoming to Dr. Theodore Harris for
DIRECT REPLY, please, to Mr. Jones. Copy
to Mr. Duncan and this office.

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August 5, 1975

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter to Mr. Duncan has been forwarded to this Committee for consideration. Please excuse the delay in reply.

We have examined your plan and it contains many valid suggestions. As you may know, an Inter-agency Task Force has been established to deal with the Refugee resettlement program. This Task Force has been given the mission of running the operational aspects of the entire program. Accordingly, I have forwarded your plan to them for their consideration and evaluation.

Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts with us concerning the Refugee resettlement effort. Your expression of support in this worthy humanitarian task is greatly appreciated.

If I can be of any assistance or furnish any information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James J. Delaney II
Deputy Director

Mr. Jack Jones
318 Federal Building
Knoxville, Tenn. 37901

bcc: ✓with incoming to Dr. Marrs
Congressman Duncan
Mr. Friedersdorf



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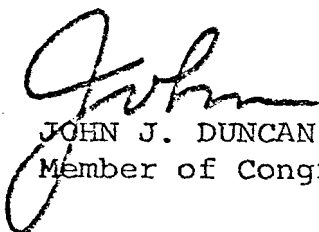
Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

A member of my constituency, Mr. Jack D. Jones, has presented a unique plan for the resettlement of the Vietnamese refugees.

He has requested that I submit it to the President for review. If the President should be interested in this plan, Mr. Jones would be available for contact through my district office in Knoxville. That office telephone number is area code 615, 546-5686 and is located at 318 Federal Building, Knoxville 37901.

Sincerely,



JOHN J. DUNCAN
Member of Congress

JJD:v

Enclosure



A PROPOSED PLAN FOR RE-SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN AMERICA

Presented by an Agricultural and Electrical Engineer
who lived among the Vietnamese for almost nine years.

Jack D. Jones
June 12, 1975



PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to present a program for the resettlement of certain Vietnamese Refugees in this country, or elsewhere, in a manner that will enable them to become as nearly self-sufficient as possible, in the shortest possible period of time.

DEFINITION OF THE TERM "CERTAIN VIETNAMESE REFUGESS"

Among the Refugees from Vietnam, there are many who possess a skill or professional expertise that will enable them to obtain gainful employment, but there are others who cannot, or will not, be assimilated into the American society and economy through what may be called "normal channels." These Certain Refugees are the poor, the uneducated (many do not even read or write Vietnamese), the unskilled, and those having skills not compatible with the American way of doing things.

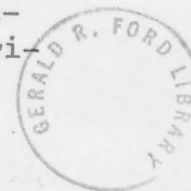
OTHER DEFINITIONS

1. Hamlet - the smallest political/geographical sub-division in Vietnam. Also applicable to this presentation.
2. Hamlet Plan - the title hereby given to this PLAN for the resettlement of "Certain Refugees", as defined above.
3. Hamlet people - those Refugees to be resettled under this PLAN.
4. Family, or Family Group - normally a group of people related by blood, marriage or adoption. Also applicable to unmarried adult individuals likely to become future Heads of Households. Also includes widows (or unmarried women) with children.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Before any Refugee-resettlement program is undertaken, it is necessary that consideration be given to relevant aspects of Oriental Culture, and to certain political conditions existing in the World today. Statements made hereafter, relative to culture and custom, are not intended to imply that individual thought and action does not exist among Asian peoples. In the areas discussed, there are some few exceptions to the rule - but not very many.

1. The Family commands the only true loyalty. There is some degree of loyalty to the Hamlet, and a sense of neighborliness exists among its inhabitants.



2. A modified version of the Homestead Act should be applied when allotting individual plots of land to Hamlet People.
3. Essentially, Hamlet functions must follow the Free Enterprise system. Cooperative efforts such as purchasing and marketing will succeed, if the Hamlet People choose their own manager. Full-scale cooperative farming will fail.

The number of people settled in any given Hamlet will depend generally on the amount and type of land available. Population should be limited to that necessary to provide economic self-sufficiency. A good average may be an equivalent to 20 to 30 families. Such a group will work and live together in harmony, and troublesome elements can be easily detected and dealt with accordingly.

RECOMMENDED HAMLET ACTIVITIES

Any attempt to enumerate, in detail, all possible activities in which the Hamlets can engage would require publication of a book rather than preparation of a short presentation. The following list should be adequate to promote interest in the Hamlet Plan.

1. Truck farming. Most Vietnamese who have ever lived in rural areas are familiar with growing vegetables; about 20 types are common to American and Vietnam.
2. Animal Husbandry. All former "Hamlet Dwellers" know how to raise pigs, ducks and chickens.
3. Field Crops. Corn, maize, soybeans and peanuts are well known in Vietnam.
4. Exotic Foods. Mushrooms, bean sprouts, water chestnuts and bamboo shoots can be grown in southern areas.

Given the proper opportunity and assistance, the Hamlets can produce sufficient quantities of most food items to meet the needs of the Hamlet People, and some excess to sell in nearby communities. Consideration might be given to greenhouses so that some year-round production might be possible.

5. Some of the Hamlet People may be available for part-time, seasonal, or even full time employment in nearby areas.
6. Each Hamlet will need shop-keepers, building tradesmen, a mechanic, a butcher, and perhaps a baker. Some women can make and alter clothing. School teachers will be needed until all persons can read, write and speak English.



2. Second only to Family loyalty, there is a real feeling of respect and responsibility for personal possessions, land and home having first priority.
3. Work is best accomplished by groups. The Vietnamese will not accomplish much if required to work alone.
4. Although Vietnamese are probably the most amenable Asian people to accepting new ways, any attempts to bring about sudden and radical changes in their lifestyles will very likely be unsuccessful.
5. Asians who may "occupy a higher rung" of the economic and social ladder tend to mistreat those below them. Persons seeking employment often have to pay bribes to get a job. Students pay their instructors for better marks. Only a few American personnel officers ever found out that their Vietnamese assistants were "selling" jobs in their organizations. Variations of this "game" could be going on in the Refugee Camps today.
6. The resettlement plans that in any way can be represented as a form of serfdom or peonage will give the communists some more propaganda material. If the Refugee Camps stay in operation very long, they will be "Gaza Strips" and "Concentration Camps." In any of the Refugees become disgruntled and demand to be returned to Vietnam. Americans will be accused of wanting only the "Bourgeoisie" and mistreating the poor and unfortunate.

ESSENCE OF THIS PLAN

It is recommended that Hamlets be established where Refugees previously defined as being those least adaptable to life in the USA can engage in fruitful labor commensurate with their abilities, in an atmosphere somewhat akin to their homeland. The primary work of the Hamlet People should be directed toward producing foodstuffs to meet their own needs. Some can also provide essential services within the Hamlet and others can offer their products and or services in order to establish a favorable balance of trade between nearby communities and the Hamlet.

If the Hamlet Plan is to succeed, several conditions must be included in the program.

1. Land areas selected should be capable of supporting small scale intensive farming operations.



ESTABLISHING A HAMLET

Once an area has been selected, USDA Extension Agents should lay out farms, family dwelling plots and commercial activity sites. These same men, or others, can assist and advise the Hamlet People in agricultural matters.

Weather permitting, the new settlers can initially be housed in tents. Given the proper materials and assistance, Hamlet Building Tradesmen can erect the necessary buildings. Most of the Hamlet People can do some construction work.

Family dwellings can be built in increments, the first consisting of a single large room and a kitchen. Expansion into larger houses can come later. Shelter for livestock should be built along with the first housing increments.

Fresh and waste water systems will be required from the very beginning. Human waste can be disposed of by the "Honey Bucket" method and re-cycled through a device, along with dead vegetation, animal manure, garbage, etc. to make Methane gas and top quality fertilizer.

Heating method will depend upon the geographical location of the Hamlet. The methane gas generated (above) may be adequate in warmer climates.

Electricity should be purchased at wholesale rates through a single meter for the entire Hamlet. When the people become able to pay their individual bills, the difference between a nominal retail rate and wholesale costs can help defray some of the Hamlet's civic operations.

CLOSING COMMENTS

There is no need to fear that these Hamlets will become permanent Vietnamese "colonies." The children will attend the public schools and some become real Americans. It will not be so with the present adults but in a few generations there will be very little Vietnamese culture or blood remaining.

Former Vietnamese Government officials must not be permitted to gain any measure of authority in any Hamlet. Leadership must come from Americans.

This document does not pretend that the Hamlet Plan will result in Utopia for either the Hamlet People or the Americans who will assist them. There will be difficulties every day for all parties involved. Patience and hard work can assure better results than Refugee Camps or Ghettos.

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John S. D. Eisenhower

August 5, 1975

Mr Roger Semerad
Room 4013, NEOB



Dear Roger:

Doubtless Walt Kallaur has given you a copy of this.

It appears that the PACR doesn't have much by way of good ideas. However, I have a hunch that if the ITAF thought of them first, they would be considered good ideas.

Since it appears that the White House is impotent to support us, we are now maneuvered where some people thought we should be in the first place: advisory to ITAF - which then turns every idea down.

Perhaps I am being unfair, but at least I am distributing the basic letter to all PACR members.

Best,

John

Ted:

I know this sounds petulant, but you might as well be apprised how I feel.

John

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August 5, 1975

Mr. E. V. Bighinatti
National Director Disaster Services
The American National Red Cross
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Bighinatti:

Many thanks for your letter of July 28. I had been mightily confused in the fourth meeting of PACR regarding the role of the Red Cross as an assist to the Volunteers Sponsoring Agencies. Your letter has done much to explain the situation.

I am disappointed, of course, that some place along the line, either in the Volunteer Agencies or in the Task Force, a decision was made not to make use of Red Cross services as planned after the third meeting. It seems that the Government can use all the help it can get. I suppose there is some fiscal technicality involved.

At any rate, I am grateful to you for your pledge of continued support in those other activities which the American Red Cross performs so magnificently.

Sincerely,



John S. D. Eisenhower
Chairman

JSDE/ajh

cc: Mr. Roger D. Semerad
✓ Dr. Theodore C. Marrs
Mr. Noel Koch
Mr. Walter Kallaur





THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

July 28, 1975

The Honorable John S. D. Eisenhower
Chairman
The President's Advisory Committee
on Refugees
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is to confirm discussions relating to the Proposal for Red Cross participation in the verification of sponsors for Indochina Refugees which was submitted by The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees to the Interagency Task Force following the committee meeting number 3 held on June 25, 1975. You will recall that during the discussions on the proposal I expressed a willingness on the part of Red Cross to cooperate in every way possible and that we would explore in depth with with the representatives of the Task Force how the proposal can be implemented.

Following the receipt of the proposal by the Task Force, two meetings were held with members of their staff and management level officials of the Red Cross along with several informal telephone discussions. These discussions resulted in the delineation of the role Red Cross was to play to implement the proposal.

Namely, 1. Assist voluntary sponsoring agencies in verification of sponsors where and when this assistance was needed by the voluntary sponsoring agencies. 2. Verify local sponsor offers that were not tied to or associated with a sponsoring agency. 3. Red Cross chapter involvement in local planning and coordinational support for sponsorship by state and local governments and other groups and organizations.

At the last meeting the Task Force advised that they would submit to Red Cross the written mission assignment, after IATF officials had a chance to discuss these details with other members of the Task Force and voluntary agency representatives.

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meeting of PACR,
July 23.*

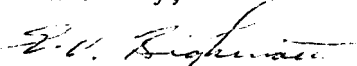


On Tuesday, July 23, 1975, the day before your meeting, I received a phone call from the IATF advising that upon further discussions with their staff and voluntary agencies they had come to the conclusion that since voluntary agencies are already contracted and are being paid for verifying sponsors it would not be in the best interest for another agency to be added to do the same thing. Secondly, the existing verification process has been improved. In view of this, I was advised that the IATF had decided to withdraw the proposal.

Please be assured that the American Red Cross will continue to give the fullest possible support to the Committee and the Task Force as we have in the past which has involved well over 500 Red Cross staff and thousands of Red Cross volunteers performing a multitude of humanitarian services for refugees in Subic Bay, Guam, Wake, Pendleton, Chaffee, Eglin, Indiantown Gap and through our chapters around the country.

I hope this clarifies the matter regarding the Committee proposal.

Sincerely,


E. V. Bighinatti
National Director
Disaster Services

cc: Mr. Walter Kallour
cc: Mr. Bernard Kelly



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

August 7, 1975

Mr. Roger D. Semerad, Executive Director
The President's Advisory Committee on Refugees
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



Dear Mr. Semerad:

Following my return to the General Office from our 60th Annual Convention of Kiwanis International, I reviewed your good letter and most comprehensive enclosure dated June 16.

On August 1, I received the three additional items, namely: "THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS," "INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES," and "AN ORGANIZATION AND WELCOME GUIDE FOR GROUPS SPONSORING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES." They are truly excellent, succinct, and detailed. This opinion is shared by other members of the General Office Staff related to service programming who have also carefully read these materials.

On July 31, Carol Grunberg, of the Task Force on Indochina Refugees, phoned and inquired as to whether there were any questions on our part concerning the brochures. At that time, our staff had not as yet seen the materials, but through a carbon copy of this letter, Ms. Grunberg may be assured that the three latter brochures are quite suitable for our Kiwanis clubs. In fact, our Manager of Program Development, A. G. Terry Shaffer, spoke with Ms. Grunberg earlier this afternoon and she informed him that a fourth brochure will be sent to us in the very near future.

On April 29, International President Roy W. Davis and I were most privileged to be among the group of service club leaders invited to the White House, and President Ford impressed us with the challenge and opportunity presented to the volunteer sector of America regarding the Indochinese refugee situation.

I am certain you will be interested in the article on page 17 of the enclosed latest issue of THE KIWANIS MAGAZINE, which reviews that White House Conference. We are especially proud of our Kiwanians in Guam, whose involvement with the refugees began quickly, as evidenced by the article on page 16.

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Mr. Roger D. Semerad -2-

August 7, 1975

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Since that time, we have read of local Kiwanis interest throughout the country. It is our intention to encourage our United States clubs to become cognizant of the fact that further involvement is desirable, and our plans include special references and mailings to local and district Kiwanis leaders on the subject, urging them to contact the Inter-Agency Task Force on Indochina Refugees in Washington. We would then hope that this Agency will forward a copy of each of these four brochures to those who request information.

We are most eager to cooperate in this worthwhile endeavor.

Cordially,

R. P. "Reg" Merridew
International Secretary

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cc: Carol Grunberg, Task Force on Indochina Refugees
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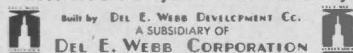
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medical-escort people before the long flight to the States. Even though it was 1:30 AM there was no problem in finding volunteers. Several other early morning flights were handled the same way.

The club reports that the only other civilian service organization involved with refugee care to such an extent on Guam is the Red Cross. The Kiwanis Club of Agana can be proud of its compassionate and dedicated response to the emergency needs of the Vietnamese refugees.

**DAVIS, MERRIDEW MEET WITH FORD;
DISCUSS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES**

Kiwanis International President Roy W. Davis and International Secretary Reg P. Merridew were among the more than forty elected and professional leaders of the service club movement who participated in a meeting with US President Gerald Ford at the White House recently.

The purpose of the meeting was to enable President Ford to give the service club leaders a personal "situation report" on the United States in world affairs, with suggestions and requests to service clubs on what they can do to assist in the private sector.

The meeting took place during the height of the collapse of South Vietnam, and Ambassador L. Dean



International Secretary R. P. Merridew and President Roy W. Davis met with President Ford and other service club leaders (above), and later enjoyed a personal chat with Ford (inset).



Brown, director of the State Department's Interagency Task Force on Vietnam, briefed the participants on the Vietnamese refugee situation. The President requested the assistance of the service clubs in relocating the Vietnamese refugees then streaming into the US. The President stressed that all efforts would be made to place the refugees in areas

free of serious unemployment problems.

In addition to the meetings with President Ford and Ambassador Brown, the club leaders were given a tour of the White House and attended a reception in their honor.

President Ford is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Dear Mr. Dunne:

This is to extend my thanks to you for authorizing the detail of Walter Kallaur to the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. Walt has made a tremendous contribution to the work of the Committee and the refugee program in general. He has shown particular insight and perserverance in addressing the problems and issues before us.

With the transmittal of the Interim Report to the President, a number of significant responsibilities of the Committee have been completed. However, there remain a number of Committee projects that will require Walter's participation over the next sixty days. Although I would prefer his continued full-time assistance, I would be very grateful if you would permit him to remain available on a part-time basis during this period. An arrangement like this would allow him to resume his duties at your agency yet keep him available to follow through on the many projects he has been involved with at the Advisory Committee.

Your favorable review of this request will be most appreciated by the Committee.

Sincerely,

Roger D. Semerad



Mr. Thomas P. Dunne
Administrator
Federal Disaster Assistance Administration
Department of Housing & Urban Development
Washington, D. C. 20410

cc:) Honorable Carla A. Hills
) Dr. Theodore C. Marrs

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BRIEF MEETING WITH
THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Wednesday, December 17, 1975
9:30 a.m. (15 minutes)
Roosevelt Room

From: Roger D. Semerad



I. PURPOSE

To acknowledge the work of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees and thank the members for their service.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The seventeen member President's Advisory Committee on Refugees was announced in East Room ceremonies May 19, 1975 to complement the work of the Interagency Task Force for Indochina refugees and focus public attention and resources on the refugee problem.
2. The Committee has met regularly since May and has concentrated on many aspects of the refugee situation including: camp conditions, employment, military service, public relations, professional certification, national volunteer service organizations, youth groups, and state and local group sponsorship programs.
3. The majority of the refugees have now been resettled and sponsors have been found for the less than 2000 remaining at Fort Chaffee.

Only transportation scheduling problems are delaying the closing of Fort Chaffee and the successful conclusion of this remarkable national effort.

4. Immediately following this meeting, the Committee will have what is expected to be their last "official" public meeting. The Committee is now preparing their final report and will recommend to the President deactivation of the Committee's activities by January 2, 1975.

B. Participants

- Ambassador John S. D. Eisenhower
- Committee members or alternates
- Selected staff
(see Tab A)

C. Press Plan: To be announced - White House photos

III. TALKING POINTS - To be provided by Paul Theis

Attachments



- Guidelines that spell out the Federal Government's role in resettlement support relating to welfare, medical assistance, education and social services have been issued to State Administrators and other interested organizations and agencies by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- The first 25,000 refugees to be resettled in the United States are located throughout the fifty States.
- As of June 10, 3,341 refugees had been relocated to eighteen third countries, a majority of them to Canada. An additional 4,000 refugees have indicated a desire to resettle in other countries.
- Through repatriation procedures established in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 1,917 persons have indicated a desire to return to Indochina. The U.S. Government will pay the costs of transportation at such time as the UNHCR is successful in arranging their acceptance by the authorities in Saigon and Phnom Penh.
- As a result of reductions in the refugee population on the island of Guam, the use of tent facilities will be ended no later than June 24.
- Efforts are underway to reinforce Task Force support of the voluntary resettlement agencies and to expand the traditional sponsorship system through which refugee families are assimilated into the American life stream.
- Pursuant to Section 4(b)(3) of PL 94-23, as of June 10, 1975 the Military Departments have identified a total of \$108 million which may be available for deobligation.

In accordance with the requirements of PL 94-23, the next report on the status of the refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam will be sent to the Congress in 90 days.

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Refugees Panel, After Vague Start, Seeking to Speed Resettlement

By **LINDA CHARLTON**

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 18—A month ago, with a plea for

states, Maine has indicated a similar willingness to stand as a sponsor for refugees.

There are other plans, he

June 8. The Massachusetts Democrat had accused the task force of exposing numbers of refugees to the dangers of typhoons on Guam.

processed for repatriation here by United Nations representatives, a senior State Department official has said.

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