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THE WHITE HOUSE
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AGENDA

BRIEFING FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

August 7, 1989

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Opening remarks
Charles Bacarisse, Office of
Public Liaison

1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Karl Jackson
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Dr. William Smith
Acting Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights, Department of
Education

1:50 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Robert Funseth
Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
of State, Bureau of Refugee
Programs

2:10 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Delia Combs → **KATHLEEN THOMPSON**
Assistant Commissioner for **IMMIGRATION OFFICER**
Refugee, Asylum, and Parole, **RECENTLY REVR.**
Immigration and Naturalization **FROM HO CHI MI,**
Service **CITY**
LAST WEEK

2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Charles Bacarisse
Closing remarks

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

NCVA
PROGRAM

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AUGUST 4-7, 1989
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY METRO CAMPUS
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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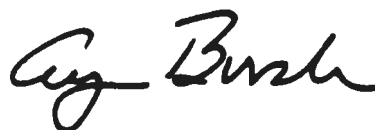
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1989

I am happy to send my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 4th Annual Convention of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America.

Inspired by the same love of freedom and hope for a better life that has drawn millions of immigrants to the United States, Vietnamese Americans have excelled in every field of endeavor. Faithful, hard-working, and devoted to your families, you exemplify the values that have always been our nation's greatest strength. Vietnamese Americans are respected business leaders and admired members of our communities, and we can only benefit from your increased participation in its economic and political life. I commend you for your many contributions to America, and for your efforts to preserve the rich cultural heritage of your ancestral homeland.

Barbara joins me in sending you best wishes for a productive, enjoyable meeting and continued success in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George H. W. Bush". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Richmond 23219

Gerald L. Baliles
Governor

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere greetings to the National Congress of Vietnamese in America on the occasion of its Fourth Annual National Convention.

At a time when America must maximize its growth through global interdependence, Virginia welcomes the opportunity to expand its international knowledge through organizations like NCVA. I commend your efforts to join Vietnamese Americans so they may work together for a common cause.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable Fourth Annual Convention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald L. Baliles".

Governor

Senator Rudy Boschwitz

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 3, 1989

National Convention
National Congress of Vietnamese in America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends:

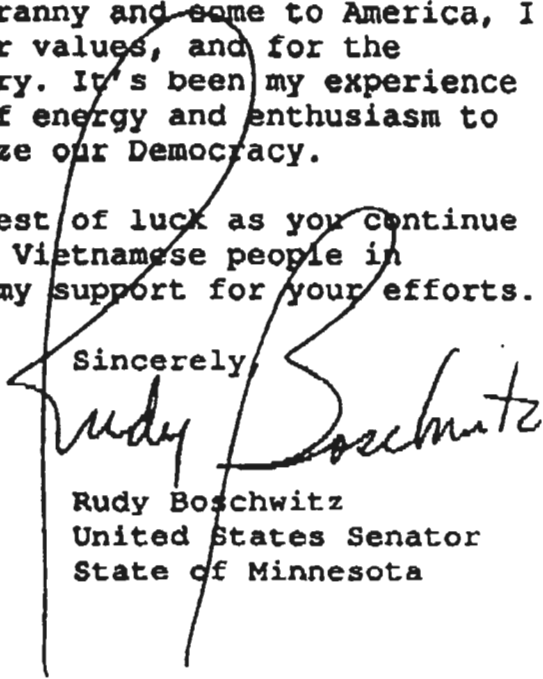
As the Senator from Minnesota, a state that has become a second home to thousands of Vietnamese, I welcome you to our nation's capital for this convention.

Your organization has been a strong voice for the Vietnamese people in this country, and it's my sincere belief that you've made great contributions to American society.

Because I also was forced to flee tyranny and come to America, I have a special understanding for your values, and for the appreciation you have for this country. It's been my experience that immigrants bring a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to America, and that they help revitalize our Democracy.

Enjoy your stay in Washington, and best of luck as you continue your important work on behalf of the Vietnamese people in America. You will continue to enjoy my support for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senator
State of Minnesota

VIRGINIA

(202) 224-3023

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August 2, 1989

Ambassador Bui Diem, President
Executive Board
National Congress of Vietnamese in America
P. O. Box 5135
Arlington, VA 22205

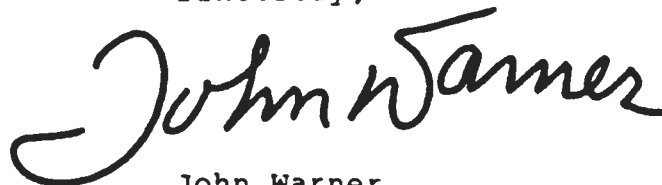
A MESSAGE FROM SENATOR WARNER:

I would like to take this opportunity to send my best wishes to the National Congress of Vietnamese in America during your fourth annual national convention held here in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Your endeavor to bring together all Vietnamese Americans across the nation, so they may have a voice in our political process is highly commendable. I encourage and applaud the success of your efforts. As you come together on August 5-7, please know that you have the full support of this United States Senator.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



John Warner

JW: cmn

ROBERT K. DORNAN
38TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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HISPANIC CAUCUS
GRACE COMMISSION CAUCUS

July 27, 1989

The National Congress of
Vietnamese in America
Attn: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Bich
Secretary General

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my most heartfelt congratulations to the entire membership of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America, who for four great years have provided indispensable leadership on a national scale. Welcome once again to Washington for your 4th annual convention!

Undoubtedly, your members will be discussing such important topics as U.S. refugee policy, new security developments in Southeast Asia, and the potential for normalizing relations between the United States and communist Vietnam. As a Congressional Delegate to the Geneva Conference on Indochinese Refugees, I can assure you that your consolidated opposition to "voluntary repatriation" is a crucial element in maintaining pressure on the international community to respect refugee rights. As long as the communists in Hanoi pursue a systematic policy of denying fundamental political, civil and religious liberties, a constant flow of refugees seeking freedom is inevitable.

Mr. Secretary General, I would like to enlist the support of your membership in opposition to any move toward normalization of relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. As I said in my letter to Secretary of State, James A. Baker, "Hanoi needs the United States more than we need Hanoi. For that reason, I would hope that the Department of State has no plans to reestablish relations with the government of Vietnam until that government has truly earned it. To date, there is no reason to believe that there has been any progress." Let's work together to continue the isolation of Vietnamese communists!

Again, I appreciate all that the Congress of Vietnamese in America is doing to provide leadership on these and other issues. Keep up the good work!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob".

Robert K. Dornan
U.S. Congressman



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
Office of the Assistant Secretary, Suite 600
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

On behalf of the Family Support Administration, please accept my warm welcome to Washington and best wishes for a successful conference. The programs at FSA target assistance to families, and this gives us a special affinity with the Vietnamese community -- a community with close family bonds and emphasis on family values.

FSA's Office of Refugee Resettlement is the federal office charged to administer those programs legislated to assist all newcomers admitted as refugees. Refugees who arrive here have all suffered -- and certainly the Vietnamese here are no exception -- the trauma of persecution and have come to the United States to begin anew. Over 500,000 Vietnamese have been granted refugee status in the United States and have become an important addition to the mosaic of races and cultures which enrich our great nation.

The achievements of every new group are a source of pride to us at FSA, and the success of the Vietnamese in this country over the past 14 years is becoming increasingly apparent. Even in what we regard to be this land of many opportunities, success does not come without great effort. It is my pleasure to commend you for your hard work and to wish you continuing success individually and as a community.

Catherine Bertini

Catherine Bertini
Acting Assistant Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Family Support Administration
Office of Refugee Resettlement

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Washington, D.C. 20447

Ambassador Bui Diem, President
National Congress of Vietnamese in America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I was very pleased to receive your invitation to participate in the fourth annual national convention of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America (NCVA). It gives me great pleasure to accept your invitation. I share the pride of your membership in the accomplishments of your organization.

I am particularly pleased with your proposed agenda to look at the accomplishments of your organization, review the current situation and make plans for the future. The issues you have identified, such as domestic refugee resettlement policies, international refugee crises, health services, bi-lingual education, disillusioned youth, family breakdown, and economic development, are, of course, issues in which this office has a keen interest and some responsibility.

Again, I am pleased to do what I can within the administration to push for policies within these areas which best serve all refugee ethnic groups in this country--which I know is your organization's goal, as well. At the same time, however, we are all increasingly aware of the limits of federal authority, and federal resources. Increasingly, the need for, and advantages of, federal/private sector partnerships in addressing problems has become evident. In the resettlement of refugees I believe we have a new opportunity for some of the new refugee communities, such as our own Vietnamese American community, to begin to forge such partnerships for the benefit of newcomers and of our compatriots hoping for opportunities to immigrate here and to be accepted here for resettlement.

Again, thank you for your invitation. I look forward to participating in your convention and contributing to the dialogue on the many important issues which you plan to discuss.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Chi Ray
Deputy Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement

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Ông Linh-Quang-Viên Chủ Tịch-Hội Đồng Điều-Hợp
Hội Nghi Toàn Quốc Tại Hoa-Kỳ.

Giáo-Hội chúng tôi rất hân hạnh được Ban Tổ-Chức Đại-Hội
mời đến tham dự và góp ý xây dựng cho cộng đồng người Việt ở
Hải-Ngoại điều đó tôi hết sức tán thành, nhưng rất tiếc là tôi
đã bận nhiều việc Phật-sự quan trọng khác, nên không đến tham dự được
tuy nhiên tôi xin đề nghị 4 điểm :

1-Hội nghị tìm mọi phương cách hướng dẫn và giáo dục thiếu nhi
Cộng Đồng VN không quên nguồn gốc, vì tương lai chúng nó sẽ duy
trì văn hóa dân tộc và làm vinh quang cho Tổ-Quốc....

2- Kết hợp Tinh thần Đoàn kết của Cộng Đồng người Việt Hải Ngoại
(không riêng cho Hoa Kỳ) có một đường hướng rõ rệt như các cộng đồng
của các quốc gia bạn.... cùng một chiều hướng, đồng một ý chí, thì
tương lai việc gì cũng thành công, bởi một chiếc đũa bẻ thì phải gãy
Đoàn kết nhau năm bảy trăm đôi, Dù cho lực sĩ đại tài, Cũng không
bẻ gãy cả vại trăm đôi.... Lời khuyên như ai ời nên nhớ, Đoàn kết
nhau giúp đỡ nương nhau, Thương yêu nội giống đồng bào, Cùng chung
hiệp lực việc nào cũng nên, Cát một hạt đắp nê không được, Nhưng
số nhiều lấp bể cũng nên, Cộng đồng đứng có lân quên, Chia rẽ là ch
Kết Đoàn thành công.

3- Hội nghị tìm mọi phương cách yêu cầu Cao ủy Ty-nạn, Liên Hiệp-
Quốc, Chánh-Phủ Hoa Kỳ cùng các Quốc gia Tự do trên thế giới mở rộng
tâm tay vị tình thương và nhận đạo tiếp nhận số người ty-nạn, hiện
còn đang ở các trại ty nạn đông nam á, ngày đêm lo sợ trả lại về V.N.

4-Hội nghị tìm phương cách nào hay nhất để ngăn ngừa số người về
V.N. ngày càng thêm nhiều, nó rất ảnh hưởng tai hại vô cùng, đã tự do
đi lại thì không còn ý nghĩa gì của Ty-nạn nữa, do đó đó mà họ bắt
buộc trả về... Tôi đặc trọng niềm tin tưởng với đức độ tài năng của
Ban Tổ-Chức và quý Ngài Đại-Biểu : ĐẠI-HỘI CỘNG-ĐỒNG KỶ 4 này sẽ
đem lại nhiều thành quả tốt đẹp cao quý nhất cho Cộng Đồng Việt-Nam
tại Hoa-Kỳ nói riêng và Hải Ngoại nói chung.

Tôi nhất tâm Cầu nguyện mọi phương Chư Phật, Chư Đại Bồ-Tát,
và Đấng Thượng đế, Các đấng thiêng liêng hồn Thiên sông núi gia hộ
cho Đại-Hội đạt được thành công mỹ-mãn.

Với của ít lòng thành Giáo-Hội chúng tôi xin ủng hộ Ban Tổ-Chức
một trăm mỹ-kim đồng góp vào việc Tổ-Chức Hội Nghi nay.

Nam Mô Bổn-Sư Thích-Ca Mau-Ni Phật

TM. GHPGTGKSTG. Pháp-Chủ



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

George Mason University, Metro Campus
Arlington, Va. August 4-7, 1989

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1989

Pre-conference Program

(Board of Directors & Organizing Committee)

6:00 PM Registration
7:00 Executive Committee & Regional Reports
9:00 Meeting adjourns

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1989

8:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 OPENING CEREMONY (Kim Chi Bottcher, Master of Ceremonies)

WELCOMING REMARKS - Mr. Linh Quang Vien, Chairman

NCVA Board of Directors.

- Mr. Le Van Ba, Chairman

Washington Area League of Vietnamese Assoc.

OPENING ADDRESS

" The National Congress of Vietnamese in
America Facing Upcoming Challenges " by
Amb. Bui Diem, President, NCVA Exec. Board

EXECUTIVE REPORT

- Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Bich, NCVA Secretary General

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Mr. Le Huu Em, NCVA Treasurer

10:00 MESSAGES of

- President George Bush, United States of America
- Governor Gerald Baliles, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Senator Rudy Boschwitz, (R.MN)
- Senator John D. Warner, (R.VA)
- Congressman Frank R. Wolf, (R.VA)
- Congressman Robert K. Dornan, (R.CA)
- Ms. Catherine Bertini, Acting Assistant Secretary for
Family Support Administration, DHHS
- Ms. Mary Chi Ray, Deputy Director, Office of
Refugee Resettlement, FSA/DHHS

10:15 REMARKS of

- Mr. Samuel Johnson, National Coordinator,
US Decennial 1990 Census. Bureau of Census

10:30 BREAK

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1989 (Continued)

10:30 AM BREAK

10:45 PLENARY SESSION

Facilitator: **Nguyen Manh Hung, Ph. D.**
Indochina Institute, George Mason University

*" RESPONSIBILITIES OF FREE VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA IN THE
FACE OF THE UPCOMING CHALLENGES "*

Prof. Nguyen Ngoc Huy, Harvard University, (Ma.)
Dr. Nguyen Hai Binh, Vietnamese Federation of Canada
Ven. Thich Giac Luong, (Ca.)
Mr. Ha The Ruyet (Ca.)
Mr. Tran Vu Ban (Il.)
Ms. Le Ngoan, Special Asst. to the Governor of Illinois
Mr. Ho Van Dong, Journalist
Mr. Nguyen Trong Nho, (Ca.)
Mr. Dao Van Binh, (Ca.)
Dr. Quang Dang Phuong Thuy, (Ca.)
Mr. Nguyen Dinh Thang, (Va.)

12:45 PM LUNCHEON ADDRESS
Rev. Kim Dinh, Scholar

2:00 BREAK

2:30 WORKSHOPS

A Group: Plenary Session *(continued)*
Moderator: **Nguyen Manh Hung, (Va.)**
Rapporteur: **Pham Dinh De, (NH.)**

B Group: Panel on Refugees, Socio-Economic & Cultural Issues
Moderator: **Nguyen Huu Hoat, (Ok.)**
Rapporteur: **Ha Ton Vinh, (Va.)**
Panelists: **Huynh Si Nghi, (Mn.)**
Mary Chi Ray, (Va.)
Truong Ngoc Phuong, (Pa.)

C Group: Panel on Youth, Education, and Special Projects
Moderator: **Pham Thu Dang, (Ma.)**
Rapporteur: **Truong Thi Van Lan (Ma.)**

4:30 GROUP REPORTS

6:00 MEETING ADJOURNS

PROGRAM
(Continued)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1989

- 9:00 AM PLENARY SESSION
Summary of Workshop Reports
NCVA Resolution
- 10:30 BREAK
- 10:45 Discussion of Proposed Amendments to NCVA Charter and Bylaws
- 12:30 PM LUNCHEON ADDRESS
Al Santoli, Journalist & Author
- 2:00 BREAK
- 2:30 Election of New Board of Directors, 1989-1991
- 5:30 Meeting of Newly Elected Board of Directors &
Election of New Executive Board
- 6:00 Meeting Adjourns

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1989

- 9:00 AM NCVA Delegates and Officers call on Congress and Federal Agencies
- 12:00 PM NCVA Delegates arriving at the White House, Old Executive Office
Building (Pennsylvania entrance)

1:00 White House Briefing:

- *"US Policy Toward Vietnam and China"* by
Carl Jackson, Sr. Director, Asian Affairs, National Security Council
& Special Assistant to the President of the United States
- *"Civil Rights Issues"* by
William Smith, Ph.D., Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights,
US Department of Education
- *"US Refugee Policies (Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners Issues,
Orderly Departure Program, Asean Children, Long stayers
and Boat people in S.E.A. Refugee Camps, etc.)"* by
Robert Funseth, Sr. Dep. Asst. Secy. of State, Dept. of State
- *"Status of INS Interview in Ho Chi Minh City and South East
Asian Camps and Refugee Adjudication"* by
Ms. Delia Combs, Associate Commissioner for Refugee Asylum
and Parole, Immigration and Naturalization Services
US Department of Justice

- 4:00 NCVA Delegates and Officers Meeting with the US Coordinator Office
Department of State (2201 C Street, N.W.)

6:00

Congressional Reception

Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room, # 2168
(South Capitol Street Entrance)

9:00

Conclusion of NCVA Fourth Annual Convention.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION
RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, GOLD ROOM
August 7th, 1989, 6 PM

PROGRAM

6:00 pm

REGISTRATION & SOCIAL HOUR

6:30

WELCOME

REMARKS by Newly Elected President of NCVA

PRESENTATION of NCVA Board of Directors &
Executive Committee (1989-1991)

7:00

REMARKS by HONOR GUESTS

MESSAGES from

-George W. Bush, President of the United States of America;
by The Hon. Sichan Siv, Deputy Assistant to the President,
The White House

-Gerald L. Baliles, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia;
by James Tso, Esq.

REMARKS by

-The Hon. Kay James, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs,
Dept. of Health and Human Services

-The Hon. Mark D. Siltander, Former US Congressman.

-Cindy Daub, Chairman Designated for Copyright Royalty Tribunal,
Fmr. National Director Asian for Bush/Quayle 88

-Philip Holman, Acting Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement,
FSA/DHHS

-Eunice Thomas, Director, Office of Community Services, FSA/
DHHS

-Rita Esquivel, Director, Office of Bilingual Education & Minority
Language Affairs, U.S. Dept. of Education

7:30

NCVA AWARD *Presented to:*

Robert Funseth, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State,
Bureau of Refugee Programs, U.S. Department of State

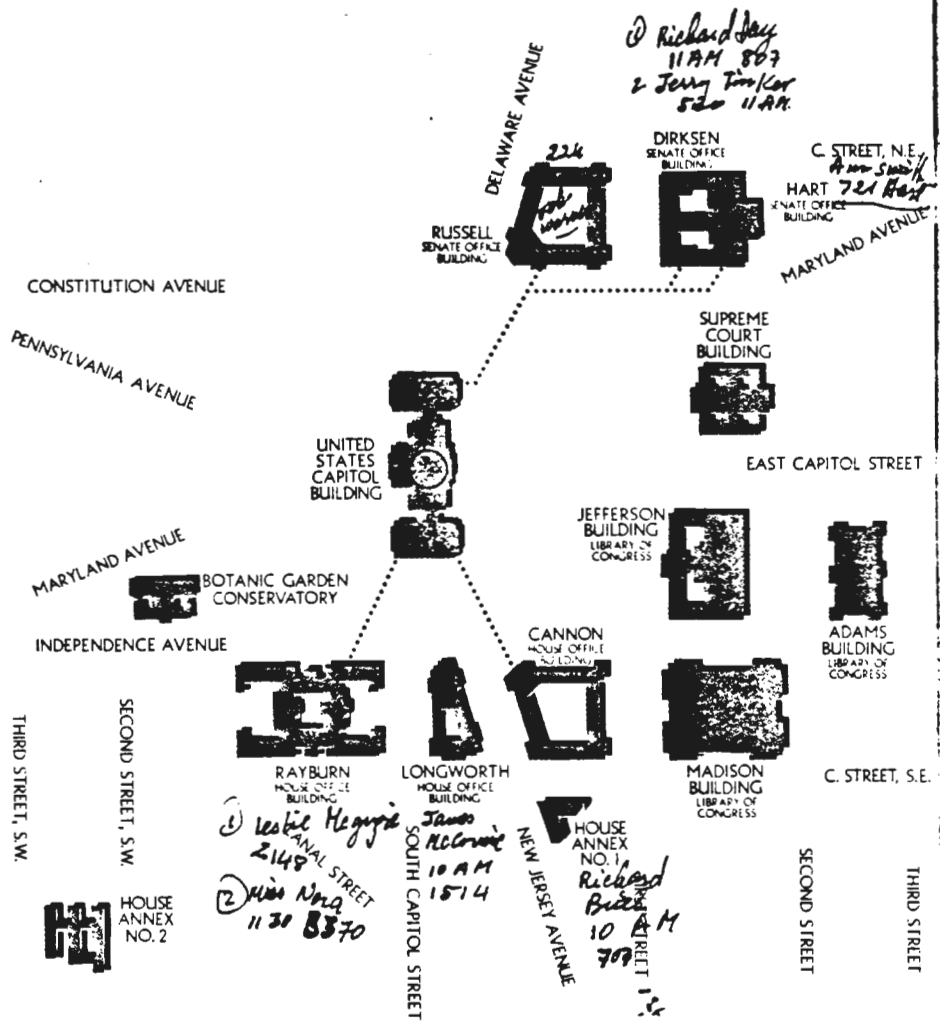
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BRIEFING FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

August 7, 1989

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. Opening remarks
 Charles Bacarisse, Office of
 Public Liaison
- 1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Karl Jackson**
 Special Assistant to the President
 for National Security Affairs
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. **Dr. William Smith**
 Acting Assistant Secretary for
 Civil Rights, Department of
 Education
- 1:50 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. **Robert Funseth**
 Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
 of State, Bureau of Refugee
 Programs
- 2:10 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Delia Combs**
 Assistant Commissioner for
 Refugee, Asylum, and Parole,
 Immigration and Naturalization
 Service
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Charles Bacarisse**
 Closing remarks

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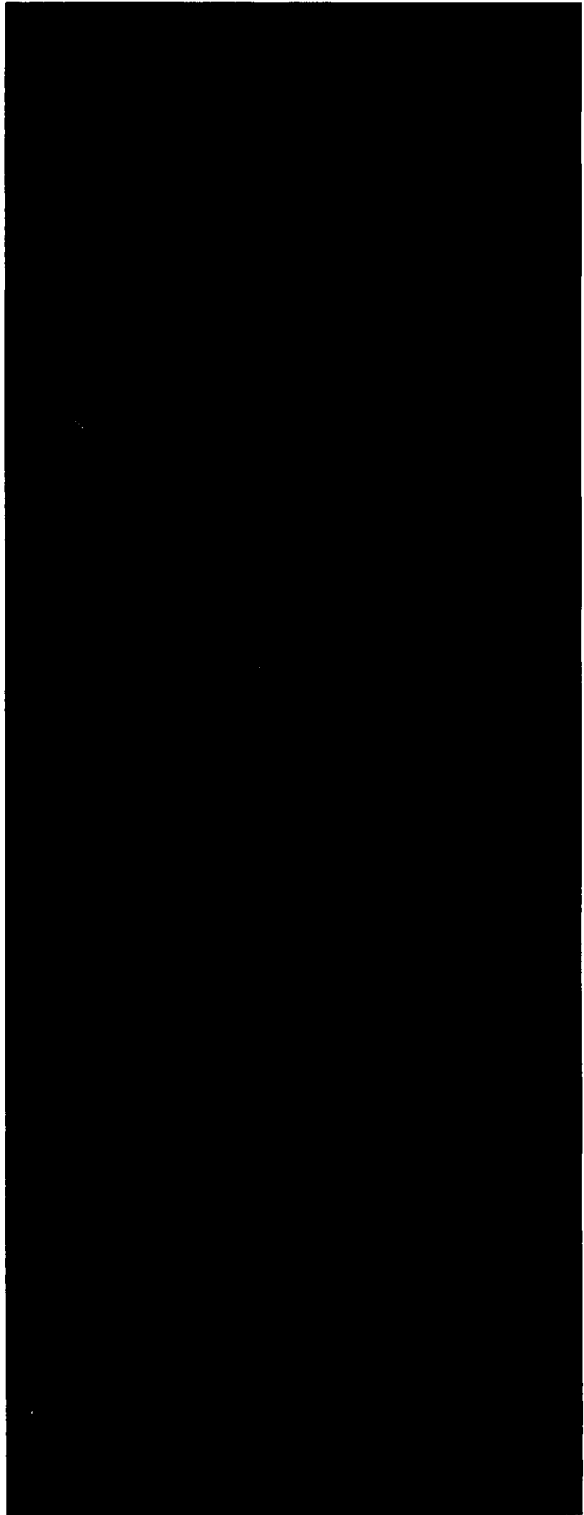
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BRIEFING FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

August 7, 1989

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Opening remarks Charles Bacarisse , Office of Public Liaison
1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Karl Jackson Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Dr. William Smith Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education
1:50 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	Robert Funseth Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Refugee Programs
2:10 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Delia Combs Assistant Commissioner for Refugee, Asylum, and Parole, Immigration and Naturalization Service
2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	Charles Bacarisse Closing remarks

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO: ROBERT FUNSETH
SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,
BUREAU FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS

FROM: HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
INTERAGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA BRIEFING

Please note the following information concerning the August 7 briefing:

- 1:00-1:10 -- Charles Bacarisse, Office of Public Liaison
(opening remarks)
- 1:10-1:30 -- Karl Jackson, Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs (general briefing on
U.S. policy in Indochina, Vietnam in particular)
- 1:30-1:50 -- Dr. William Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights at the Department of Education
(minority education, coping with the influx of
immigrants into our education system, and
discrimination of Asian students in higher
education) Julian Lee will accompany Dr. Smith.
- 1:50-2:10 -- Robert Funseth, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
of State, Bureau of Refugee Programs (recent
trip to Vietnam, and the Orderly Departure
Program)
- 2:10-2:30 -- Delia Combs, Assistant Commissioner for Refugee,
Asylum, and Parole (immigration of Vietnamese,
the refugee program) Kathleen Thompson will
accompany Ms. Combs.
- 2:30-2:40 -- Charles Bacarisse, closing remarks

There will be approximately 100 guests present at this briefing.
They are Vietnamese-American citizens, interested in the
Administration's policy on Indochina, Vietnam in particular.

You are welcome to stay for the entire briefing, but if your schedule does not allow, we can arrange for you to be present during your segment only. Please have someone notify me about your plans.

You need to enter through the Old Executive Office Building, 17th street entrance, where you will be escorted to the appropriate briefing room, room 450.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me (456-2245).

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR BETSY MUIR
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHARLES BACARISSE *CB*
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Briefing for the National Congress of
Vietnamese in America

On Monday, August 7, 1989, approximately 200 members of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America will be our guests for a briefing in Room 450, OEOB, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The group will hear from Karl Jackson of the NSC on the current political situation in Vietnam. Additionally, Robert Funseth, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee Affairs will brief the group on his recent trip to the region, and the ODP program for refugee immigration. Also, Dilia Combs, Assistant Commissioner for Refugee Asylum and Parole, INS, will speak on the normal immigration and refugee policy of the Administration.

As of today, we have not gotten a commitment from anyone at the Commerce Department. If the Vice President decides to come, we would not request any more speakers. We would like him to comment on his observations from the recent trip to Southeast Asia. This group is not particularly Republican in nature, although there will be many supporters in the group.

Robert Farneth

Dep. Asst. Sec. for Refugee
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ODP program & POW issue

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 21, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR KARL JACKSON
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS,
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: SICHAN SIV ¹²
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Your participation in a briefing for the
Congress of Vietnamese in America

As I mentioned to you during our phone conversation today, we are conducting a briefing for 150 members of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America on Monday, August 7, 1989, in Room 450, OEOB, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The group will hear from the Commerce Department on the "Trading with the Enemy" Act, and from the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding the ODP Program. I would like you to present the Administration's position on Southeast Asia, particularly Vietnam, and what you see for the future. The way the format is set up, you will make opening remarks for about 15 minutes, then throw it open for question and answer. I would like to have you participate for a total of 30 minutes, from 1:05 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

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Mr. Sichan Siv
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Siv:

The National Congress of Vietnamese in America (NCVA) will hold its fourth annual meeting from August 4 through August 6, 1986 to discuss major issues of interest to our community and elect new officers for the 1989-91 term.

We would appreciate it very much if you could arrange for a White House briefing on Monday, August 7, 1989 for members of the NCVA on U.S. policy toward Indochina in general, and Vietnam in particular as well as the government position on Indochinese refugees and Asian American education. We also hope that a reception could be given in the Indian Treaty Room for about 100 people including invited members of the Congress, diplomats, and other branches of the U.S. government.

It was good to talk to you on the phone. I trust that you would do whatever you can to set up a two-way communication between the Office of the President and the ethnic communities. And I thank you sincerely in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Nguyen Manh Hung
Program Chair
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date 7/14

TO: CB

FROM: SICHAN A. SIV
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Ref: Vietnam Briefing
Robert Funselt, Deputy
Assistant Secretary in the
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We should only have either
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but not both

THE WHITE HOUSE

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DRAFT OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

I am delighted to offer my warmest greetings to all those gathered at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the National Congress of Vietnamese.

I welcome this opportunity to salute you for the many contributions Vietnamese-Americans have made to this great Republic. We share a heritage of families who came to America's shores seeking liberty and the chance to build a better life for themselves and their children. American culture is a vibrant tapestry into which are woven hundreds of distinct ethnic traditions. You are a unique part of our tradition.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most enjoyable and productive meeting. God bless you.



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July 12, 1989

PRESIDENT BUSH COMMENCES NATIONAL SERVICE MOVEMENT FOR AMERICA

"From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

-- President George Bush

On June 22, President Bush addressed the New York Partnership, urging Americans to "join hands, and link hearts, to light the American sky" by entering a nationwide movement toward community service.

The President's strategy for overcoming the disintegration of communities across America -- not through a federal government program, but a nationwide service movement -- has three facets: **First, to issue a call to action; second, to identify, enlarge and recreate what is working; and third, to discover and encourage new leaders.**

I. Issuing the Call to Action

"To every corporation, large and small, I say: Begin a literacy program that teaches each employee how to read. And to every member of a body of higher learning: Start a Big Brother or Big Sister program for kids in your neighborhood. Of every church and synagogue, I ask: Become an around-the-clock community center. And of every restaurant and grocery store: Distribute surplus food to soup kitchens and local shelters regularly."

-- President George Bush

Speaking in New York to leaders from all walks of life but addressing Americans everywhere, President Bush called on:

- o **All Americans and all American institutions, large and small, to make service of central value in our daily life and work;**
- o **All heads of business and professional firms to include community service among the factors considered in making hiring, compensation and promotion decisions;**

- o **Newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations, cable systems, and other media institutions** to identify service opportunities, spotlight successful service initiatives and profile outstanding community leaders regularly;
- o **All state and local education boards** to uphold the value of service and to encourage students, faculty and personnel to serve others;
- o **College and university presidents** to recognize the value of community service in considering applicants, and to encourage and uphold the value of community service;
- o **Not-for-profit service organizations** to build the capacity to absorb increasing numbers of volunteers in purposeful roles;
- o And, the President challenges **all young people** to lead the nation in this movement of community service through the **YES -- Youth Engaged in Service -- to America Initiative**.

II. Identifying, Enlarging and Recreating What is Working

"There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere."

-- President George Bush

The President announced the formation of a foundation called the **Points of Light Initiative**, of which he will serve as Honorary Chairman. Formed to identify and build upon what is working, the Foundation will be a magnet for the best ideas and brightest programs in community service.

The Administration will ask Congress for \$25 million annually to support this Initiative, which will, in turn, seek matching funds from the private sector. The President will establish an advisory committee, to be headed by Governor Tom Kean of New Jersey, to determine the structure, composition and legislation needed to achieve the Foundation's goals. The Committee will report back to the President within 45 days of its first meeting.

The President has also encouraged all governors and mayors nationwide to join the movement by forming State and local Points of Light working groups composed of outstanding leaders. "For while countless service initiatives are already working successfully, they are too often isolated and unknown to others," President Bush said. "Our Foundation will change all that: By bringing success stories to other communities, we will repeat them across the nation."

Through a Foundation initiative called the **ServNet Project**, professional firms, corporations, unions, schools, religious, civic and not-for-profit groups will be asked to donate the services of some of their most talented and promising people for a period of time.

These extraordinary people will form and lead peer-to-peer working groups, bringing examples of successful initiatives and providing training, technical assistance and other support to enable other institutions to devise similar initiatives.

Another Foundation initiative, the **ServLink Project**, will help improve existing methods of matching would-be volunteers with purposeful service opportunities.

ServLink will stimulate the development through private sector resources of "technology links" between those who wish to serve and those needing service in the inquirer's own community.

III. Discovering and Encouraging New Leaders

"This is what I mean when I talk of 'a thousand points of light' -- that vast galaxy of people and institutions working together to solve problems in their own back yard. I ... ask that both sectors, private and public -- and all branches and all levels of government -- join this great movement to extend national service into every corner of America."

-- President George Bush

The Foundation will call upon existing organizations to identify the most promising new leaders in all walks of life, who are not now engaged in community service, and encourage them to devote part of their talent and energy to service.

The Administration will ask media from small-town weeklies to network television to profile the brightest stars of community service. The Foundation will also recognize successful community initiatives and outstanding leaders through two new Presidential Awards.

First, the **National Service Youth Leadership Awards** will be given each year to individuals. Secondly, the **President's Build a Community Awards** will honor those people and institutions who have worked together to rebuild families or to revitalize communities.

Through the Foundation, the President will recognize and present awards and other forms of commendation to talented community leaders and successful initiatives that are solving the nation's most critical social problems.

"YES TO AMERICA" PROMOTES YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Regardless of the life that you are living, there is something special about each and every one of you. And your gifts are all different. But you each have a gift that America needs and I'm asking you to give that gift now."

-- President George Bush, speaking to young leaders

Addressing a group of young Americans on the South Lawn, President Bush urged them "to commit yourselves ... make it your mission to make a difference in somebody else's life." Calling the Youth Engaged in Service movement "a way of looking at life," the President unveiled the **Youth Engaged in Service -- YES to America -- Initiative**. YES is sponsored by the Points of Light Initiative Foundation to encourage young Americans to become involved in service to others.

YES will annually select two college-aged young people from each State as **The President's National Service Youth Representatives**, who will spend a year as "service ambassadors." They will lead other young people in community service in their regions, suggest ways that other young people can engage in community service and assist in developing local programs.

The YES Initiative will also establish the **President's National Service Youth Leadership Forums**. The **National Service Youth Leadership Awards** will be given annually to outstanding young community leaders.

"All of this will fulfill us as Americans," said the President. **"By asking us to combat problems like loneliness and poverty, drug abuse and homelessness, we cannot afford to fail, and we won't. For as Americans, we know what is at stake. ... National service will succeed."**

NATIONAL LEADERS RALLY BEHIND COMMUNITY SERVICE MOVEMENT ...

"I believe firmly that the American people will respond willingly and generously to this call for help and involvement and I look forward with a great deal of anticipation to the task of building this national effort." -- New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean

"President Bush's challenge to all Americans to make public service a part of their lives will become a key part of the 1990s. Under President Bush's leadership, young Americans are being given a chance to participate in building a better America by being better Americans." -- Rep. Newt Gingrich

"More significant than the details of any bill ... is the leadership of the President ... President Kennedy understood the fundamental importance of that idea, and so does President Bush." -- Senator Edward Kennedy

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BRIEFING FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA

August 7, 1989

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. Opening remarks
 Charles Bacarisse, Office of
 Public Liaison
- 1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Karl Jackson**
 Special Assistant to the President
 for National Security Affairs
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. **Dr. William Smith**
 Acting Assistant Secretary for
 Civil Rights, Department of
 Education
- 1:50 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. **Robert Funseth**
 Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
 of State, Bureau of Refugee
 Programs
- 2:10 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Delia Combs**
 Assistant Commissioner for
 Refugee, Asylum, and Parole,
 Immigration and Naturalization
 Service
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Charles Bacarisse**
 Closing remarks

ABBREVIATED BIOGRAPHY OF DR. WILLIAM L. SMITH

Dr. William L. Smith was appointed Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education in March of this year. Dr. Smith, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, completed his undergraduate work in Texas but returned to Boston where he earned a master's degree in education from the Massachusetts State Teacher's College, and a doctor of philosophy degree from the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Smith's distinguished career as an educator, scholar and administrator after serving in the army in Korea during the Korean War is, indeed, rich and colorful.

Dr. Smith has authored over three dozen articles and presented papers at conferences on education including the UNESCO International Conference on Teacher Education at Geneva, Switzerland. He has lectured at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland.

His teaching career began in Cleveland, Ohio. He then became a principal of a junior high school. His Federal Government career includes posts as: Director, National Center for Improvement of Educational system; Associate Commissioner for Educational Personnel Development; Director of Teachers Corps, U.S. Office of Education; U.S. Commissioner of Education; Acting Under Secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs of U.S. Department of Education; and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Dr. Smith received many awards including Educator of the year, Distinguished Service in Education, and the Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive.



ROBERT L. FUNSETH

BIOGRAPHY

Present Position: Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State,
Bureau for Refugee Programs
Department of State

Rank: Minister-Counselor, U.S. Senior Foreign Service

Previous Positions:

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Refugee Resettlement;
Director, Office of Northern European Affairs;
Spokesman of the Department of State and Special Assistant
to the Secretary of State for Press Relations;
Counselor, American Embassy, Ottawa, Canada;
Senior Foreign Service Inspector
Coordinator of Cuban Affairs;
Director of Management, Mexico and Central America;
Deputy Director for Iberian Affairs;
Member, U.S. Delegation to the 20th U.N. General Assembly
Portuguese Desk Officer;
American Consul, Bordeaux, France;
Third Secretary, American Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon;
Vice Consul, American Consulate, Tabris, Iran.
Newspaper editor and correspondent before entering
government service.

Education: B.A., M.A., L.L.D.

Military Service: U.S. Navy, World War II, Pacific Theater,
USS STURGIS, Lieutenant, USN.

BIOGRAPHY

DELIA B. COMBS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER REFUGEES, ASYLUM AND PAROLE

Ms. Combs came to the INS in January 1983, as Special Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner. Among her responsibilities in that office was the drafting of the RFP and media program for public information on legalization under the Immigration Reform Act. In her capacity as Deputy Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, Delia coordinated and conducted extensive media training for INS personnel, liaison with the Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island restoration project, along with other duties. She became Assistant Commissioner of Refugees, Asylum and Parole in April 1985. Before joining INS, Delia was the legal advisor to the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. Her undergraduate and law degrees are from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Kathleen E. Thompson
Immigration Officer

Ms. Thompson began her INS career in 1972 as an immigration inspector at Kennedy Airport in New York. She served as an Immigration Examiner in NYC and San Francisco and for four years was assigned to the American Consulate General in Frankfurt, Germany. She is now with the Office of Refugees, Asylum, and Parole in the INS Central Office where her responsibilities include refugee policy development and implementation. She was responsible for establishing a program of direct refugee processing of Soviets at the American Embassy in Moscow and was the INS coordinator for the development of a private sector initiative for the nongovernmental sponsorship of refugees. Her undergraduate degree is from the University of Oklahoma and her law degree from Golden Gate University.

Ms. Thompson just returned from a trip to Vietnam where she interviewed applicants for admission to the U.S. under the Orderly Departure Program.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 13, 1989

The President today announced the appointment of Karl D. Jackson as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Senior Director (Asian Affairs).

Since 1986, Mr. Jackson was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, East Asia and Pacific Affairs. Prior to this, he was Deputy Director for Policy Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1983-1984; Assistant for the Philippines and Indochina in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1982-1983. Mr. Jackson has lived and conducted research in Indonesia, 1968-1969 and in Thailand, 1977-1978. He was editor of Cambodia 1975-1978: Rendezvous with Death, Political Power and Communication in Indonesia, ASEAN Security and Economic Development, ASEAN in Regional and Global Context, and United States-Thailand Relations. As a professor of political science at the University of California, Berkeley, he has written on the politics, national security, and economic development of Southeast Asia. He is the author of Traditional Authority, Islam and Rebellion.

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Mr. Charles Bacarisse
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Bacarisse,

The White House briefing last week for the National Congress of Vietnamese in America was extremely well organized and informative. Members of the NCVA were impressed with the caliber of speakers at the briefing and pleased to have an opportunity to hear from, and talk to authoritative sources about issues that concerned them.

On behalf of the members of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America, I would like to express my deep appreciation for your personal effort in making this useful and excellent briefing possible.

Please send my best regards and thanks to Mr. Sichan Siv.

Sincerely,



Nguyen Manh Hung
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cc: Mr. Sichan Siv

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