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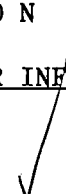
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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

NGUYEN, LAN QUOC

NEAR. STANDARD FORM LETTER THAT HAS BEEN
FAKED TO NSC/ASIA. ARE WORKING THRU U.S. - VIETNAM BUS. COUNCIL
PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A
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PLEASE STAFF

Hon. Sandy Berger
National Security Advisor
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Berger:

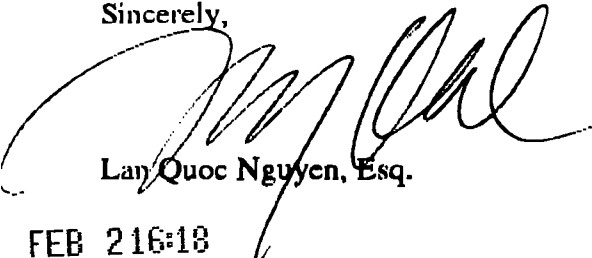
We strongly oppose the waiver of the Jackson-Vanik requirement for Vietnam at this time. That communist country continues to deny exit permission to many of its citizens, including many cases of particular interest to the U.S., not just in the ROVR program but also in many other programs which resettle former political prisoners, former U.S. Government employees, religious leaders with approved religious visa petitions, etc.

Even in the ROVR program, Vietnam has not removed the requirement for exit permission. It only delays this requirement until after the eligible applicant is interviewed and admitted by the U.S. for resettlement. At such time, the problem with exit permission will resurface. As you may know, many returnees are still without "household registration," which is a pre-requisite for exit permission. Vietnam has not indicated how it will address this situation.

We also would like to call your attention to the deteriorating human rights conditions in Vietnam. Since the U.S. government normalized relation with Vietnam in 1995, more dissidents and religious leaders have been arrested and imprisoned. Freedom of the press is currently severely restricted, much more so than a decade ago. Last month, a chief editor was arrested for divulging state secrets when he only exposed corruption. Executive Decree 31/CP issued earlier this year allows the security police even at the ward level to place any political suspect under administrative detention for up to two years.

Vietnam has not made sufficient progress on free emigration or in the general human rights conditions to justify the waiver of Jackson-Vanik. We call on you not to send a wrong message to Vietnam that it can gain trade privileges with the U.S. without having to make any real concessions on human rights, including the right to free emigration.

Sincerely,


Lan Quoc Nguyen, Esq.

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