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COMMENTS: *NFAR - Inappropriate for Pons Reply. S.K*

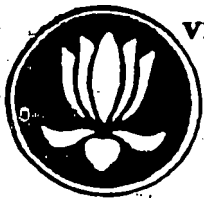
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January 30, 1998

Hon. President WILLIAM CLINTON  
C/o Mr. Samuel Berger, NSC.  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington DC. 20501

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**PLEASE STAFF**

Dear President Clinton :

We are disturbed by news that your Administration intends to recommend a waiver to the Jackson - Vanik Amendment for Vietnam. Its communist government continues to violate the human rights of its citizens, including the right to free emigration.

Vietnam's recent change in the procedure under the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) only delays the requirement for exit permission until a later stage - applicants approved for resettlement still need exit permission to emigrate. there is also mounting evidence that local authorities have invented many different ways other than the denial of exit permission to block access to ROVR.

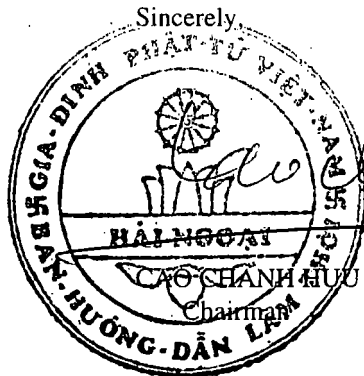
Beside ROVR, many eligible applicants under the general Orderly Departure Program (ODP) are also facing problems with exit permission. They include former political prisoners, former U.S. employees, religious leaders, dissidents, immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, etc. As you may agree, Jackson - Vanik was not created just for ROVR.

We also would like to call your attention to the deterioration in the general human rights conditions in Vietnam since the U.S. normalized relations with that country in 1995. More political dissidents and religious leaders have been imprisoned. Freedom of the press has been much more severely curtailed than before. And this trends continues.

Last month the Ministry of Interior established a new center to futher tighten its grip on the press. In November 1997, the chief editor of a trade journal was arrested for exposing high - level corruption. In April 1997, the government promulgated Executive Decree 31/CP, authorizing the administrative detention of political suspects for up to two years without trial.

The U.S. should not reward Vietnam with trade privileges until its communist government makes significant concession on human rights by truly honoring the right of its citizens to freely emigrate and by releasing all political and religious dissidents from its system of prisons and labor camps.

Sincerely,



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**PRESIDENTIAL/NSA CORRESPONDENCE**

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PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

**FROM:**

Huu, Cao ChaNh

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