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TO: DORNAN, ROBERT K

FROM: LAKE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 14, 1995

Dear Representative Dornan:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter concerning the normalization of relations with Vietnam. I want to assure you that both President Clinton and I share your concerns about the human rights situation in that country.

While the fullest possible accounting for our POW-MIAs will remain the highest priority in our bilateral relationship with Vietnam, human rights and democracy will be high on our agenda as well. Secretary Christopher made this point explicitly at every meeting in which he participated in Vietnam. The President's decision to normalize relations does not in any way condone the serious human rights problems that currently exist in Vietnam.

Sincerely,



Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable Robert K. Dornan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 5, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: STANLEY ROTH *SR*
SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Dornan

Representative Dornan wrote to the President to express his opposition to the decision to normalize relations with Vietnam. Attached at Tab A is a reply from you on behalf of the President.

Concurrence by: *WCB* Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Representative Dornan at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Dornan
Tab B Letter from Representative Dornan

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives



ROBERT K. DORNAN

August 10, 1995

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William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Clinton:

As a member of Congress who represents the county with the nation's largest Vietnamese-American population, I am concerned that your normalization of relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam fails to adequately address the Communist Vietnamese government's human rights abuses.

Proponents of normalization claim that normalization presents the opportunity and leverage to persuade the Vietnamese government to adopt internationally recognized human rights practices. However, throughout Secretary of State Warren Christopher's mission to Vietnam to open a U.S. embassy, the Vietnamese government dogmatically stated that their abuse of human rights was a non-negotiable "internal affair." In fact, Secretary Christopher was photographed smiling under a giant bust of the Stalinist war criminal Ho Chi Minh, whose minions violated every provision of the 1973 Paris Accords in order to conquer and enslave the people of South Vietnam. Meanwhile hundreds, if not thousands, of heroic Vietnamese citizens who crave democracy and religious freedom languish in prisons and forced labor camps.

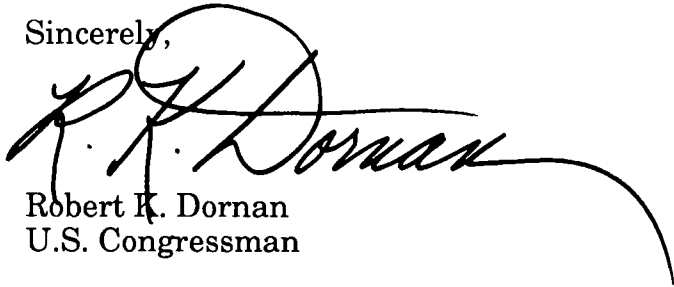
In order to convince the Vietnamese Communist leadership that our government values democracy and human rights above all other considerations, I urge you to link an end to all repression to any further political and economic agreements. To this end, political prisoners such as pro-democracy advocates Dr. Nguyen Dan Que, Professor Doan Viet Hoat; religious leaders the Venerable Huyen Quang, the Venerable Quang Do, Thich Tue Sy and Thich Tri Sieu; and Communist Party dissidents Do Trung Tung and Nguyen Ho must be released from detention and permitted to freely participate in Vietnamese society without fear of retaliation.

Equally important, American citizens Mr. Nguyen Tan Tri and Mr. Tran Quang Liem have been imprisoned in Vietnam since 1993 without charges or trial because they peacefully promoted democracy. They should be immediately released and allowed to return to the United States before any further economic discussions with Communist Vietnamese officials are considered.

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It is essential that as the leading nation of the Free World and the only international Superpower that we do everything possible to encourage all countries to respect basic human rights and the democratic process. According to senior Vietnamese Communist officials, despite their battlefield losses the American anti-war movement gave them "confidence" to keep fighting and ultimately impose a reign of terror on the free people of South Vietnam. As a student you played a prominent role in the betrayal of some 58,000 brave Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice and the enslavement of some 80 million Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. Today, I urge you and your Administration to uphold American ideals by placing democracy and human rights at the top of the agenda in all further discussions with Communist Vietnamese officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. K. Dornan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over the printed name and title.

Robert K. Dornan
U.S. Congressman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 21, 1995

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT K. DORNAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO
UPHOLD AMERICAN IDEALS BY PLACING DEMOCRACY &
HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA IN ALL
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNIST VIETNAM

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: DORNAN, ROBERT K

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR FM REP DORNAN RE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS W/ VIETNAM FAILS TO
ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN BY COMMUNIST GOVT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR LAKE

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 17, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: STANLEY ROTH *SR*

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Dornan

~~Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum for the President asking him to sign the letter to Representative Dornan at Tab A who wrote him to express his opposition to the President's decision to normalize relations with Vietnam.~~ *Attached at Tab I is a reply from you on behalf of the POTUS.*

Concurrence by: *W* Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Attachments

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