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The President has asked me to acknowledge your telegram of April 21. He regrets that his heavy schedule did not permit him to meet with you and the Vietnamese children who accompanied you on April 23.

President Ford now hopes that all Americans will close ranks, avoid recrimination and concentrate on our agreements rather than on our differences.

Sincerely,

Mr. Baron Alex Ostoj^a Starzewski
Post Office Box 364

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#1: The President has asked me to acknowledge your telegram of April 21. He regrets that ~~the~~ his heavy schedule did not permit him to meet with you and the Vietnamese children who accompanied you on April 23.

Ek. # 2, 3 & 4.

cc: Warren Rustand



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975

Dear Mr. Starzewski:

I was deeply moved by the letters delivered to the White House by a group of Vietnamese children on April 22.

As I have pointed out in several recent public statements, I am greatly concerned about the fate of many Vietnamese if the situation in South Vietnam continues to deteriorate. We are now doing all that we can to provide necessary assistance for as many of these people as possible.

Since most of the letters do not include return addresses, I ask that you express my deep concern about this matter to the children and their families.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

Mr. Alex Starzewski
P. O. Box 364
Garrett Park, Maryland 20766

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letters from Vietnamese children



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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*
SUBJECT: Reply to Letters to You from
Vietnamese American Children

On April 22, approximately 30 to 40 Vietnamese American children escorted by Mr. Alex Starzewski came to the White House to deliver letters to you (Tab B). They were received by members of the NSC and White House staffs.

At Tab A is a suggested response from you to Mr. Starzewski thanking him for his concern and expressing your concern regarding this matter.

Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNETH QUINN

THRU: JEANNE DAVIS *JM*

FROM: TED MARRS *JM*

For NSC concurrence and return.

Thank you.

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: TED MARRS
SUBJECT: Presidential Reply

On April 22, at 10:00 AM, Mr. Kenneth Quinn (WSC) and Mr. John Borling (Office of Public Liaison) accepted, on behalf of the President - 22 letters from 30-40 Vietnamese children who are concerned with the safety / evacuation of their families and the situation in South Vietnam.

This group was brought together by Mr. Alex Starzewski, P.O. Box 364, Garrett Park, Maryland 20766 and a Presidential reply should be addressed to him. Mr. Starzewski's wife is of Vietnamese origin.

A statement of concern and appreciation for their sincere feelings is appropriate. I recommend that a few representative letters be included in the President's reading file.

The material should also be forwarded to the State Department for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

cc: Max Friedersdorf



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: April 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: WARREN S. RUSTAND

SUBJECT: Baron Alex Ostoja Starzewski, Garrett Park,
Maryland

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.



The White House
Washington

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PMS HONORABLE GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DLR
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT 50 SOUTH VIETNAMESE CHILDREN AGE 6-14 ASK FOR
PERMISSION TO PRESENT DAY PETITION TO YOU ON APRIL 23 1975 AT 1000AM
ON BEHALF OF THEIR RELATIVES IN SAIGON EXPECTING YOUR KIND REPLY
RESPECTFULLY

BARON ALEX OSTOJA STARZENSKI
TELEPHONE 9339136
PO BOX 364
GARRETT PARK MD 20766
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DATE RECEIVED
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MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER <i>WSC</i>
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

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Dear President Ford.

My name is PHO Quoc Viet.

I am 9 years old, I lived with my father, mother, brother sister and a baby sister in virginia.

A month ago things happened in our country really shook are whole family. Our house suddenly become very quiet my mother didn't go to work she cried all day long. we wantched the news in TV a lot.

every time it make me cry too to see all the people running and children at my

age get shot at and die.

we worried a lot about

grandpa, grandma, grate grandmother

and all the aunts and uncles, and

nieces, and nephews whom I met

when I went home every year.

every night we prayed our god,

Buddha to help our whole family.

I came back to Saigon every year

I had a good time with our

big family I had a family and a

country to come back too. It was a

whole family!

If Saigon fall not only I will Lose

a country but I also loose a

family!



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If you cannot help our country,
our people, the least you can do is
to help reunite our whole
family.

please help them to come here
and live with us. We cannot
survive by ourselves. I need my
grand ma, grand pa and all ~~at~~
my aunts, uncles to know what
a family like.

Please help us.

Viet

Nguyen Huy Thong
2012 N. George Mason Dr.
Bel. V.R. 22205
536-3937

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To
Mr. President of the United States

Would you please let my relatives come
to the United States to join me. Because
I am afraid the communist might kill
them. Thank You.

Thong

My relatives are: Mrs. Nguyen Huy That, Nguyen Huy
my father: Thong, Nguyen Huy Thanh (my half brother),
Hung, at 99 Pham Dang Hung Da Kao Saigon
telephone 257 10.

2) Dr. Nguyen Dang Cac: (my uncle) and his wife
Nguyen Thi Tha, Nguyen Thi Thu Cuc, Nguyen Thi
Goc Hung, Nguyen Dang Chi (my cousins)
at 68 B Chi Lang Gia dinh VN Saigon 4 telephone
4 0997

3) my aunts: Nguyen Thi Huu, Tho, Thu, ~~at~~ my uncle
Nguyen Huy Tham, Thao, Thai, Thuyet, at 99 Pham
Dang Hung Da Kao Saigon telephone 257 10.

4) my great aunts: Tran Kim, Thuyet at 503 Pham
Phan. Thanh Gian Saigon. Tel = 92 808



I NEED MY GRANDPARENTS
I LOVE them TOO MUCH
I MISS GRAND. FATHER,

GRAND-MOTHER
MY AUNT JANE

WHEN WILL THEY COME
HERE TO SEE ME AND MY
MAM AND DAD
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- Doctor NGUYEN-TRONG-THIEN
- + Mrs (5-12-1918 in HA-NOI)
- Mrs VU-THI-SON
(25-5-1921 in BAC-NINH)
- Miss NGUYEN-NGOC-TINH.
(20-1-1958 in SAIGON)
- Mrs NGUYEN-THANH-HA
(10-8-1941 in HA-NOI)
- ^{Doctor} ~~MR~~ NGUYEN-VAN-Y
(1st February in THUA-THIEN)
- NGUYEN-HOANG-QUAN
1-28-~~1965~~-1965 - SAIGON
- NGUYEN-BAO-THU
12-12-1969 - SAIGON
- MR NGUYEN-DINH-HAN
5-2-1910 NINH BINH
- Miss NGUYEN-THI-MAI-ANH
3-15-1968 SAIGON
~~5-2-1910 NINH BINH~~



DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

MY NAME IS YVONNE K. TRAN, I
AM 5 YEARS OLD AND I LOVE
MY GRAND PARENTS VERY
MUCH AND I WANT THEM
TO COME VISIT ME - PLEASE
HELP -

THANK YOU -

YVONNE

TRAN.

Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House, Wash, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We, the children who have relatives in Saigon
need your help. Please help us to get our relatives
from Saigon to America. We do not want them
to be killed by the Communists. We love our relatives
and we would like to see them saved and
love them just like other children do.

Can you help us, please we have sent letters to
Doctor Kissinger and to the United States Congress
also and we hope pray so you all can help
us.

Thank you very much.

Respect fully.

Tuan

Nguyen Xuan ANH TUAN
5628 Lothian Road
Baltimore Md 21212

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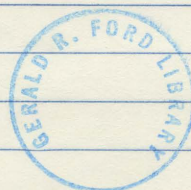
Dear president Ford,

Please help our Daddy to get out of Viet-Nam.

We miss him and we need him.

Thank you,

Huy Phan
2013 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20009



April 22, 1975

Dear President Ford,

I am a Vietnamese mother of the two children name Viet and Nam who came to see you to day.

First of all, we want to thank you for granting us a little of your precious time to see us to day, and secondly we want to express to you that we have been very touched about all your effort to try to convince Congress to ~~keep~~ their words to give us aids for our Survival.

If they choose to destrunct the 200 years old United States of America, instead of construct it, let it be so !

If they choose to isolate U.S.A to become only involve with their national affairs, let it be so !

And if they choose to let U.S.S.R. and Red China be stronger politically and military, let it be so !

But we, as a small NATION can not let them destroy us! We have learned a very bitter lesson. We have fought courageously more than two decades, only to give in the principles of U.S.A. We cannot lose our Country, our Freedom, our family ! It is ^{is}inconceivable to think of. To all of us it is like a nightmare.

My own family, among 2,3 millions of refugees have fled the Communists in North Vietnam during 1945-1954, to come down South to find Freedom and Kindness. My father has been forced to witness our Grand father buried alive, and many other atrocities of the Communist. Our case was only one case among millions of other cases.

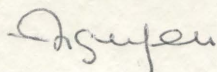


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We have fled away from them and hope to live peacefully in other half of Vietnam, under the protection of a Big Nation. Once again we are faced with a possible take over by force. If worst come to worst, where will the refugee go from here ? Where will our Family go ? I wish South Vietnam have another Mose to bring us to another piece of land and rebuild our Life again.

We are a minority here in U.S.A. , We worry about our family and relatives. We could not sit and watch them die of a slow death. Financially, we can support them if they come here. All theirs papers to emigrate have been finalize, they will not live under Welfare for sure. We are asking you with all our heart to help us by any means you can, to bring our Family reunite under one roof of Freedom. We might loose not only our country but our own family. We need them as much as our children need them for our Root, our own Survival.

Respectfully yours,



MRS NGUYEN

VIRGINIA



President Gerald Ford
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

My relatives do not want to live
under the communists. They want to live
in freedom and peace. Please allow them to
come and live with me here in America.
Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Myhoa

Nguyen

7052 31st Street
N.W. Washington
D.C. 20015



Dear President Ford,

Please let me bring my cousins
here so I can play with them.

7052 31st
Street N.W.
Wash. D. C.
20015

Sincerely,
Mytrang
Nguyen



please

help my relatives
to get out of Viet-nam

I Love my uncles and
aunts and want them
to be safe.

thank you Mr. president
thank you very much.

Vinh Hy Nguyen

7052-31st St

washington D.C.

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Honorable Gerard Ford
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

I am hopeful to you now that I have someone to tell my troubles to. I have a brother named Phan Thi Minh for which I love but haven't seen in years.

I'm afraid he will very soon be killed. If you could spare a little room for him on the plane, he could get along.

If there are no seats, he may sit on the floor. Just so long as he is alive. I now ask you for my one and only brother. I know you are very busy and don't have time.

But I know you are trying so much. A lot of American volunteers have been very helpful and you, Mr. President have worked so hard, with money and problems. So if you cannot bring my brother; I, who love him so much that I could die; will always remember your hardship.



Although I haven't seen him in a long time, I still remember certain wonderful things about him.

Please try to help my brother come over to America to live a happy life. He's the only^{son} in the family. My father is 80% invalid from the war. So my brother is the only boy. He has a permanent visa two years ago, and my mother works hard to save money and get a ticket from PANAM for him, but finally he couldn't come here!

You probably think I'm one of these girls writing to you for just someone, but I'm different because I have a very very special brother.

Please get him out of that dangerous place! His name is Phan Tap Minh, 10⁶ Hồng Tháp Tú, Saigon I.



Respectfully yours,
Ky-Huong Thi
Phan

Grade 6 Thomas Stone Elem. Mt. Rainier
M.D.

Honorable Gerald Ford,
The White House.

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Quê'-Huong Thi Phan; It's really a big opportunity for me to come here, to visit you, and to let you read my letter.

Mr. President, I would like to say that I was very lucky to come here last year, but I also don't have any good time since I am here. I always miss my father each time I think of him. I don't know what will happen to his situation. Maybe I'm not happy without the love of my father. I hear the news from Vietnam and I'm very worried! Specially at night, I couldn't sleep until midnight; I miss my father so much, I cry.

Please Mr. President, please help me to find my paternal love; I'm afraid that I'm going to lose him soon.

My father is an old man. He's 50 years old and he is invalid 80% by the war; His name is Phan, Chau. He's living in a small place at 10th Hong-Thap-Tu street, Saigon I.

Please Mr. President, please help him to come here; I appreciate very much. I never forget your help.

Sincerely yours,

Quê-Huong Thi Phan



10th grade, Northwestern High School. Hyattsville. Md.

Dear President Ford,

Please stop the killing in Viet-Nam.
Save our people. Save our family.

Thank you,

Vinh Phan
2013 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20009



The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We the children who have relatives in Saigon
need your help.

My grandparents and aunts fled the communists in North
Vietnam 20 years ago. They are very fearful for their lives
now if the communists take over South Vietnam. My other
relatives who are natives of South Vietnam are also fearful
for their lives. We do not want them to die.

Please help us save our country from communism, and
if necessary, please help us bring our relatives from Saigon
to America.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Nguyễn Đức

Age 9

4600 Oxford Street
Garrett Park, Md.



THE HONORABLE GERALD FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

We love you MR PRESIDENT and
we love you more if you CAN GET
my relatives out of the communists.

Please help us, please.

Timmy NGUYEN Thai.



The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We, the children, who have relatives
in Saigon need your help. Please help us
to bring our relatives to ~~help~~ America.

We do not want them to be killed by
the Communists. We love our relatives
and would like to see them safe here
with us.

Will you please help us? We hope and pray
that you will.

Thank you ~~very~~ very much.

Sincerely yours,
Marc Nguyen Hao
Alain Nguyen Hien



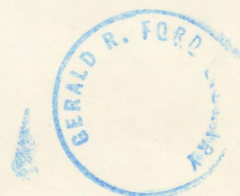
The Honorable GERALD FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

We love you MR PRESIDENT and
we love our relatives too, especially
our grand parents.

Please help us to take them
out. Thank you

Teddy NGUYEN THONG



Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,
We the children who have
relatives in Saigon need your
help. Please help us to get
our relatives from Saigon to
America. We don't want them to
be killed by the communists. We
love our relatives and we would
like to see them saved and
love them just like other
children do. Can you help us
please? We have sent letters to
Dr. Kissinger and to the United
States Congress also and we hope
and pray so you all can help us.
Thank you very much.
Respectfully,

Liem Vu
36 38 Cumberland St. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20008



April 21, 1975

Dear president Ford

My name is PHO QUOC NAM. I am 7 year old I have a brother named viet and a sister named van. Every year we went back home to Saigon. It was real good to see great grand mother, grand ma, grand pa, aunts, uncles . . . I had a good time, I really look forward to Summer to go "home, sweet home".

But now if South Vietnam lose, I will have no place to go, I will lose not only my country but also my big family!

My mother mentioned if communist take over, they will kill our grand pa, grand ma, because they ran away from communist long long time ago.

I don't want that to happen. I wish they could come here and live with us.

I need them, I miss them.

I pray to our God every night;

Now I ask for your help!

You alone can bring Miracle to
our family. Please help to bring our
grand parents, our aunts and
uncles to live with us.

Thank you for every thing you
can do for us.

Nam



The Honorable

Gerald Ford
President of the
United States of America
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear President Ford,

I am 12 years old. I came to the United States of America in 1969 with my Mother and Father. My Mother is Vietnamese, but now she is an American. I have two brothers and one sister, she is 6 years old and was born in Honolulu. My brother Minh is 10 years old and was born in Da Nang. My other brother Phong is 5 and was born in Maryland.

We have in Saigon our Grand Parents, Aunts and Uncles. You have helped my Mother to get the visas for my relatives and I thank you very much. Can you please help me, my two brothers, and my mother to bring my Grand Father, Grand Mother, my Aunts and Uncles to America? I did not see them since 1969 and my sister and my kid brother hasn't seen them at all. I am afraid that the Communist might kill them all. Please help us. I know you and the Congress can do it. I will write the same letter to Dr. Kissinger and Congress. I hope you and the Congress can help us. Thank you very much. We will pray for you and for the Congress so that you can help us.

Respectfully yours,
Hung Ostoja-Starzewski
Minh Ostoja-Starzewski

NGA C. OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI
PHONG OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI



LIST OF OUR RELATIVES

TRUYEN THI NGUYEN, gread mother, CHUYEN VAN NGUYEN, grand father,
CAN VIET NGUYEN, uncle, LIEN KIM NGUYEN, aunt, NGOV BICH NGUYEN,
NAM NGUYEN, HOANG MINH NGUYEN, SON MINH NGUYEN,
All of them have recived the visas-forty-five as stated in te-
legram from the State Department to Embassy in Saigon.
All live in : 73 Hoang Dao , SAIGON 3, South Vietnam.

Hung Ostoja Starzewski
Minh Ostoja Starzewski
Nga C.Ostoja Starzewski
Phong Ostoja Starzewski
Tel.301-933 91 36
3740 Bright View Street
Wheaton, Md.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTONACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{BAK}
~~BRENT SCOWCROFT~~

SUBJECT: Reply to Letters to You from
Vietnamese American Children

On April 22, approximately 30 to 40 Vietnamese American children escorted by Mr. Alex Starzewski came to the White House to deliver letters to you (Tab B). They were received by members of the NSC and White House staffs.

At Tab A is a suggested response from you to Mr. Starzewski thanking him for his concern and expressing your concern regarding this matter.

Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.



MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

*Retype Tab I
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*Tab I faxed
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ACTION

April 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: WILLIAM L. STEARMAN

SUBJECT: Reply to Letters to the President
from Vietnamese American children

On April 22, approximately 30 to 40 Vietnamese American children escorted by Mr. Alex Starzewski came to the White House to deliver letters to President Ford (Tab B). They were received by Mr. Ken Quinn and Mr. John Borling of Ted Marrs office who accepted a total of 22 letters on behalf of the President.

At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President transmitting these letters and a suggested reply (Tab A) from the President to Mr. Starzewski. Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.



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SUBJECT: <u>NSC Congress requested re on the Jan 30-40 Vietnamese children re the safe evacuation of their parents from Vietnam</u>								

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