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Dear Miss Lyke:

Thank you for your kind message in support of our efforts to aid the South Vietnamese refugees.

The United States has had a long tradition of opening its doors to displaced persons. Certainly, I can understand the economic concerns that have been voiced, but we must not forget that we are a country of immigrants and that we have always been a humanitarian Nation. I am convinced that the vast majority of Americans share your belief that these refugees must be given an opportunity to live in freedom and I am heartened to know of your support.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Jean^X Lyke
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I SHARE YOUR IRRITATED FEELINGS AND ALSO I SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE FUNDS 100 PERCENT. I AM AN AIRLINE FLIGHT ATTENDANT AND PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENT. I HAVE JUST RETURNED THIS EVENING FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE AIRLIFT TO EL TORO CALIFORNIA FROM GUAM. THE RECEPTIVENESS OF THESE PEOPLE TO KINDNESS, WARMTH AND SINCERITY WAS BEYOND DOUBT THE MOST MOVING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE. MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN HELPING THEM TOGETHER WITH THE WARM RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED AT EL TORO FROM BOTH THE MARINES AND THE RED CROSS WAS A MOST MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE. I FELT VERY PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN, THERE ARE MANY AMERICANS THAT DO CARE AND WE WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

RESPECTFULLY,

JEAN LYKE, FLIGHT ATTENDANT
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