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May 20, 1975

Dear Miss Sabrin:

On behalf of President Ford, I wish to thank you for your kind message in support of our efforts to aid the South Vietnamese.

The United States has had a long tradition of opening its doors to displaced persons. Certainly, the President is understanding of the economic concerns that have been voiced, but he feels that we are a country built by persons from all areas of the world, and we have always been a humanitarian Nation.

The President is convinced that the vast majority of Americans share your belief that these people must be given an opportunity to live in freedom, and he is heartened to know of your support.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

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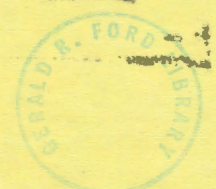
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Dear President Ford,

I don't often agree with you, but on the Viet Nam Refugee problem, I support you.

I have long opposed the war, but I think we have a special obligation to aid these people whose country we destroyed. I think it's ironic that the same people who let congress spend billions of dollars on defense ~~spending~~ ^{equipment} to ravage Viet Nam won't support a few billion to help these unfortunate people.

No matter how they left Viet Nam--whether under official sanction or in desperate flight (do people really expect human beings fearing for their lives to "go through proper channels?")--they should be welcomed here. If Americans are exposed to enough different kinds of cultures here at home, then perhaps they will learn to respect the ways of life in ~~the~~ other ^(countries) ~~cultures~~, and the Viet Nam war won't happen again.

Sincerely,

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