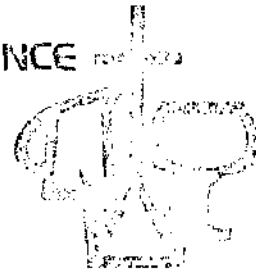


Dr. Louis L. King

THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE



OPERATION HEARTBEAT

August 4, 1975

NYACK, NEW YORK 10963  
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Mrs. Julia Vadala Taft  
Director, Interagency Task Force  
Room 912, Universal Building  
1875 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20523

Dear Mrs. Taft:

It was a pleasure to be able to introduce myself during a recent visit to the Task Force. Ambassador Brown initially, and now yourself, and all Department of State personnel involved in the Indochina Refugee Relief have continued to have our support and prayers. It was a very special privilege to meet an old comrade - Harry Johnson - working in your office. He was particularly helpful in breaking through the dam that had held up movement of Alliance pre-sponsored refugees from Guam.

The purpose of this letter is to officially seek assistance, and to offer our own assistance as appropriate, in gaining the release and U. S. Government movement of several small groups of Vietnamese and Cambodian churchmen who have been washed up in the backwaters of this flood of tragedy and left stranded as it were throughout Asia. For ease of presentation as well as for your convenience, I have discussed the details of these pitiful little groups in the following case annexes:

- Annex A - Cambodian Orphans (Thailand)
- Annex B - Phnom Penh Chinese Church Members (Thailand)
- Annex C - Chinese Citizens and Churchmen from Viet Nam (Thailand)
- Annex D - Vietnamese Churchmen (Hong Kong)
- Annex E - Vietnamese Churchmen (Korea)

The Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) will undertake to sponsor as many of these individuals as are transported to the Pendleton Processing Center and registered with the IRC for CMA action. My authority is at Annex F. We have been informed that the only means of these refugees being released is by "Special Parole Authority" from your agency.

I would particularly petition the U. S. Government to intercede in behalf of all of the refugees whom I have cited and any others who were members of our churches in Viet Nam and Cambodia. In the case of the eighteen Cambodian orphans, we are prepared to send our agents to Thailand to take

Mrs. Julia Vadala Taft

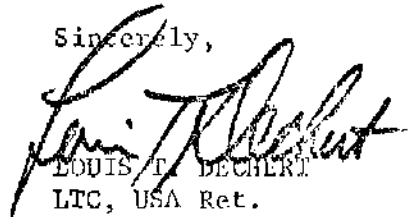
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charge of the group. We will direct-sponsor them from there, if this should be your desire. We are not seeking these children for adoption purposes and will abide by all federal restrictions pertaining to their future status. However, we have a clear moral responsibility in their case as they are related to members of the twenty-seven churches which we had in Phnom Penh.

Thank you again for your consideration and assistance. We have been informed that some of these refugees only have a few more days before "repatriation"; hence, time is extremely important. Within the limitations of funds and requirements for official status we will continue to assist you in whatever way possible.

Sincerely,



LOUIS T. DECHERE  
LTC, USA Ret.

North American Coordinator

LTD:dc

Annexes A-F as stated

Copies to:

U. S. Embassy, Bangkok  
U. S. Embassy, Seoul  
U. S. Embassy, Hong Kong  
Dr. N. Bailey, CMA  
Dr. L. King, CMA ✓  
[REDACTED]  
Rev. T. Stebbins, Guam  
Rev. K. Kayser, Pendleton  
Rev. R. Drummond, Chaffee  
Rev. G. Irwin, Eglin  
Rev. J. Revelle, Indiantown Gap  
Rev. C. Westergren, Hong Kong  
Mr. A. Bishop, Thailand

ANNEX A

CAMBODIAN ORPHANS IN THAI CUSTODY

CASE SUMMARY: Eighteen orphans or abandoned children, Cambodian nationality and citizenship, were sent from the Kmer Republic prior to its final destruction. Their parents were related to the MISSION EVANGELIQUE (The Christian and Missionary Alliance - CMA) in Phnom Penh. Individual descriptions are attached as appendices.

PROPOSAL: North American churches of The CMA are ready to immediately assume sponsorship responsibility for these children. Considering the emotional and cultural damage which would possibly ensue from dividing the children into different groups, it is our proposal to sponsor them all to one church/institution. The former chairman of our American missionary work in Cambodia is now a resident pastor near the Toccoa Falls Bible College, an accredited college associated with The CMA. The college is located at Toccoa Falls, Georgia. An academy is operated in conjunction with the college. It would be our intention to place these children in the academy until their ultimate status could be determined. Representatives of the Society are available to go to Thailand and assume responsibility for and accompany the group to Toccoa Academy.

NAMES:

KONG LEAKHENA - Age 14  
KONG KALYANN - Age 9  
KONG THAVORITH - Age 8  
SON SAO CHAN - Age 14  
NGET BORIKATH - Age 12  
NGET SENERUM - Age 10  
NGET THANARATH - Age 9  
THON BOPHA - Age 12  
THON CHANSOPHEA - Age 12  
NOP SAMPHANA - Age 13  
NOP RATANA - Age 10  
NOP THAPANA - Age 8  
TEP PHALLA - Age 13  
PHUONG DARARATH - Age 9  
NEV SARAN - Age 9  
MAU PHIRA - Age 9  
MAU PHIRAN - Age 8  
MEAS VISOCHNEA - Age 14

NAME: Kong Leakhena

DATE OF BIRTH: April 21, 1961

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, Voie 444,  
No. 71-72 R., Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Samith Um

Mr. Kong Kan

PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS: Instructor at Chau Ponhea Hok School

State Controller

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to Ream (Kompong Som) to spend  
New Year's with uncle.

NAME: Kong Kalyann

DATE OF BIRTH: December 23, 1965

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, Voie 444,  
No. 71-72 R., Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Samith Um

Mr. Kong Kan

PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS: Instructor at Chau Ponhea Hek School

State Controller

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to Ream (Kompong Som) to spend  
New Year's with uncle.

NAME: Kong Thavorith

DATE OF BIRTH: September 30, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, Voie 444,  
No. 71-72 R., Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Samith Um

Mr. Kong Kan

PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS: Instructor at Chau Ponhea Hok School

State Controller

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to Ream (Kampong Som) to spend  
New Year's with uncle.

NAME: Son Sao Chan

DATE OF BIRTH: June 18, 1961

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, Voie 828,  
No. 59, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. EK Sokhom

Mr. Man Son

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Senator

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation in Ream.

NAME: Nget Borirath

DATE OF BIRTH: September 25, 1962

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, No. 387  
Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. EK Kolab  
Mr. Mget Hean

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Senator

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation in uncle's house  
in Ream.



NAME: Nget Sineruh

DATE OF BIRTH: March 3, 1965

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, No. 387  
Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. EK Kolab

Mr. Nget Hean

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Senator

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation in uncle's house  
in Ream.

NAME: Nget Thanarath

DATE OF BIRTH: May 15, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Pracheathipatei, No. 387  
Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. EK Kolab  
Mr. Nget Hean

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Senator

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation in uncle's house  
in Ream.

NAME: Thon Bopha

DATE OF BIRTH: December 30, 1962

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: No. 25, Tuol Kork, Voie 132, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Thon Langsath

Mr. Leon Phon (deceased)

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: Telephone operator in Minister of  
Sanitation Office

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENT: Went to Ream to spend the New  
Year with aunt.

NAME: Thon Chansophea

DATE OF BIRTH: August 18, 1962

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Bd, Sereipheap, Voie 323, No. 58  
Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Som Bori  
Mr. Thon Sorin

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: Nurse in Son Mam Hospital

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to Ream to spend the New  
Year with aunt.

NAME: Nop Samphana

DATE OF BIRTH: November 11, 1961

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: No. 8R Road, No. 79, Tuol Kork, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Huor Chhun Ly

Mr. Nop Nem

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Actor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation at uncle's house  
in Kompong Som.

NAME: Nop Ratana

DATE OF BIRTH: July 15, 1965

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: 8R Road, No. 79, Tuol Kork, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Huor Chhun ly

Mr. Nop Nem

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Actor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation at uncle's house  
in Kompong Som.

NAME: Nop Thapana

DATE OF BIRTH: December 21, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: 8R Road, No. 79, Tuol Kork, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Huor Chhun ly

Mr. Nop Nem

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Actor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Spent the vacation at uncle's house  
in Kompong Som.

NAME: Tep Phalla

DATE OF BIRTH: June 8, 1962

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: No. 65, Voie 136, Tuol Kork, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Neang Nuon

Mr. Tep Kim Heng

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Member of SKD Office

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to aunt's house in Kompong Som.



NAME: Phuong Dararath

DATE OF BIRTH: March 3, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Kompong Cham Province, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Phsar darn Skaur, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Koi Chandara (deceased)

Mr. Ly Peang Leang (deceased)

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to live in aunt's house in  
Kompong Som.

NAME: Nev Saran

DATE OF BIRTH: May 3, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Svay Rieng

FATHER'S NAME: Mr. Nev Sim

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Officer

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENT: Went to live with aunt in  
Kompong Som.

NAME: Mau Phira

DATE OF BIRTH: October 9, 1965

BIRTHPLACE: Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Beng Keng Kang, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mr. Mau Yat

Mrs. Chen Ngan

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Professor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to uncle's house in Ream.

NAME: Mau Phiran

DATE OF BIRTH: August 25, 1966

BIRTHPLACE: Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: Beng Keng Kang, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mr. Mau Yat

Mrs. Chen Ngan

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Professor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to uncle's house in Ream.

NAME: Meas Visochnea

DATE OF BIRTH: October 10, 1960

BIRTHPLACE: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

HOME ADDRESS: No. 38R, Voie 97, Tuol Kork, Phnom Penh

PARENTS' NAMES: Mrs. Sam Lorn

Mr. Meas Samoeun

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Doctor

DEPARTURE DATE FROM CAMBODIA: April 17, 1975

HOW: By ship from Kompong Som

HOW SEPARATED FROM PARENTS: Went to uncle's house in Kompong Som.

ANNEX B

PHNOM PENH CHINESE CHURCH MEMBERS IN THAI CUSTODY

CASE SUMMARY: The CMA had a Chinese-speaking church in Phnom Penh. Several Chinese with Cambodian citizenship have escaped and have contacted CMA representatives for assistance in resettlement in the United States.

PROPOSAL: The CMA will sponsor the following named members of this group to:

The North Seattle Alliance Church  
Reverend Ralph Shellrude  
2150 N. 122nd Street  
Seattle, Washington 98133

(206) 363-7570

MR. LO MENG  
MRS. NGO PHONG  
LO TONG  
LO EANG  
MR. WU SHIH (alias Ngote)  
MRS. TRINH TO  
MR. HENG CHAMROEUN  
MRS. BOUN CHIUGOUNG  
HENG SOPHON  
HENG SOKA  
MRS. LAM DUNG  
DUONG GUECK  
DUONG TRANH

The CMA will sponsor the following named members of this group to:

Mr. Roy Bishop  
Route 1, Box 193A  
Quincy, Washington 98848

(509) 787-2477

MR. CHOW HUI AI  
CHOW HUI KWANG  
CHOW HUI CHIA  
MR. KWOK HANG  
MR. KWOK SHI LI

ANNEX C

CHINESE CITIZENS AND CHURCHMEN  
FROM VIET NAM IN THAI CUSTODY

CASE SUMMARY: The CMA had several Chinese-speaking churches in Viet Nam. Several Chinese with Vietnamese citizenship have escaped and have contacted CMA representatives for assistance in resettlement in the United States.

PROPOSAL: The CMA will sponsor the following named Vietnamese citizens of Chinese origin to:

The North Seattle Alliance Church  
Reverend Ralph Shellrude  
2150 N. 122nd Street  
Seattle, Washington 98133

(206) 363-7570

QUACH VINH  
LU MO DUNG  
QUACH VAN THAI  
HA THI THANH LAN  
QUACH VAN DUNG  
TU DO CHAY  
QUACH HAN HUNG  
TRAN KIET  
MAI DUC QUY

ANNEX D

VIETNAMESE CHURCHMEN IN HONG KONG

CASE SUMMARY: Nineteen Vietnamese citizens who were members of The CMA Church in Viet Nam and escaped to Hong Kong in the fall of that nation have petitioned for assistance in resettlement in the United States.

PROPOSAL: The CMA will sponsor the following named Vietnamese citizens to:

The Omaha Gospel Tabernacle  
Mr. Ronald L. Griffiths  
2006 Douglas Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

(402) 342-6362

DOAN QUANG TAN  
DOAN TRUNG VIET  
DOAN TRUNG LUONG  
PHUONG VINH PHUOC  
PHUONG PHUOC AN  
DO TRONG TRUNG  
TRAN TROUNG HAI  
PHAN SI BANG

MRS. NGUYEN THI SOM  
Child NGUYEN THI THINH  
Child NGUYEN DUC DUNG  
Child NGUYEN DUC PHUONG  
Child NGUYEN DUC TRUYEN  
Child NGUYEN THI THANH THUY

DO HOANG PHUOC  
MRS. PHAM THI HYONG  
MISS DO THI HOANG ANH  
MISS LE THI YUAN  
MR. PHAM KHAC CHANH



ANNEX E

VIETNAMESE CHURCHMEN IN KOREAN CUSTODY

The Tenth Avenue Alliance Church, 11 West Tenth Avenue (Zone 10), Vancouver, B.C., Reverend Paul Edwardson, has accepted sponsorship responsibility for all Vietnamese refugees who were former members of the Vietnamese CMA churches and are in Korean custody. Several families have already arrived at Vancouver. Reverend Edwardson's telephone number is 604-876-4342. He is in contact with appropriate Canadian officials and should be contacted directly.



ANNEX F

## The Christian and Missionary Alliance

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May 6, 1975

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that LTC Louis T. Dechert, USA, Ret. is authorized to sign certificates of sponsorship for Vietnamese refugees on behalf of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Your cooperation in facilitating all required procedures in regard to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

NATHAN BAILEY  
President

NB/esm

State of New York

County of Rockland

Sworn to before me this  
6th day of May in the  
year 1975.

JACK A. RICHARDSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 44-3272910  
Resides in Rockland County  
Certificate filed in New York County  
Commission Expires March 30, 1977