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512 Melvin Street  
Petaluma, Ca 94952  
April 27, 1975

Dr. Louis L. King  
Box C  
Nyack, N Y 10960

Dear Dr. King,

Enclosed please find a rather complete transcript of what I have done to date concerning the Christian Vietnamese refugees we are interested in assisting. Also enclosed is a copy of sponsorship procedures, as prepared by Mr. Lou Dechert (LTC). This same information is being sent to our Central Pacific District office for inclusion in the monthly news bulletin. While at the Alliance Men's retreat this past Saturday, contacts were made for sponsoring 3 families/individuals and others expressed a vague interest but did not commit themselves in any way. If you know of people who would be willing to sponsor a family or individual, please put them in contact with me or anyone else whom you would want to be the coordinator for the Society for sponsoring ECVN refugees. My only responsibility would be of assigning names of refugees to sponsors and informing the sponsors of who they would sponsor. Or, if there were different lists of refugees with no possibility of overlap, several individuals could do the same thing. Any suggestions from the Division of Overseas Ministries will be gratefully received and appreciated.

Sincerely,  
*Keith Kayser*  
Rev. Keith Kayser

"Life is one living agony,  
 And death a deeper, darker night;  
 Oh, can there be for such as we  
 A King of Love, a Land of Light?"  
 "Yes, weary children of the night,  
 We bring you words of hope and love;  
 There is for you a Land of Light;  
 There is for you a King of love."  
 (From "The Land of Light," ABS)

The Christian and Missionary Alliance has been faithful to call, send and support missionaries to the people in great darkness for nearly a century, to Vietnam since 1911. Hence, many do not have to view "death a deeper, darker night." However, in the tragic circumstances of Vietnam and Cambodia an undetermined number of refugee members and workers of the national churches are being rescued. These CMA associated individuals or families may require sponsorship. This provides a very practical means of providing the answer, "Yes, weary children of the night, we bring you words of hope and love!" Churches and individuals of the Central Pacific District are urged to pray and consider how they might undertake sponsorship - an excellent means of adding to the local Body, and ministry.

As a guide, the following information and procedures are provided concerning sponsorship. It should be borne in mind that each case is an individual matter and that sponsorship must be on a specific name in advance basis.

#### INFORMATION:

1. Central Pacific District: Mr. Kayser, 707-762-7017, or LTC Dechert, 707-869-0225.
2. US Government: State Department - Toll free 800-368-1180 (your question will be taken, your telephone number requested, and the appropriate State Department office will call you back); Immigration - 415-556-2070.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES - Determine what God would have you to do, either as a church or an individual.

#### GENERAL PROCEDURES:

1. Call Mr. Kayser or LTC Dechert, discuss your desires and obtain specific names to be sponsored.
2. Complete an affidavit according to sample.
3. Notarize affidavit.
4. Take or mail affidavit to:  
 US Department of Justice  
 Immigration and Naturalization Service  
 630 Sansome Street  
 San Francisco, CA 94105 (the telephone number is 415-556-2070)
5. Provide a copy of the affidavit to Mr. Kayser or LTC Dechert: 512 Melvin, Petaluma 94952, 16685 Guerneville Road, Guerneville, 95446, respectively. This is requested in order that the roster of refugees and their sponsorship status may be kept current both in the District and CMA Headquarters.

6. Refer any questions, or seek information on your family from Mr. Kayser or LTC Dechert.

7. Remain available to meet your family and take them to their new place of ministry. They will probably arrive at Travis Air Force Base (Fairfield, CA). Other possibilities are San Francisco and Oakland International Airports.

EXAMPLE AFFIDAVIT

A F F I D A V I T

I, (Husband's name) and (Wife's name), citizens of the United States of America, currently residing at (Complete street address, town, ZIP), County of (County), do hereby petition for necessary visas in order to sponsor the following foreign nationals into the United States:

Name	,(Nationality)* <u>See note</u>
Name	,(Nationality)
Name	,(Nationality)
Name	,(Nationality)

This petition is for all of the above named (Vietnamese or Cambodians) or for any of the named group, should all not be able to exit and enter.

We guarantee the support and conduct of the named individuals and offer as evidence of capability the following:

(indicate the occupation; in the event both are employed, indicate separate occupations and income. You may be asked by Immigration for additional financial data.)

All officials are requested to offer every assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 1975.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Husband's Typed Name,  
and Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Wife's Typed Name, and  
Signature)

(NOTARY INFORMATION FOLLOWS THE ABOVE)

\*As far as is known all refugees will be Vietnamese. You will be told by Mr. Kayser or LTC Dechert, when you obtain the specific names.

NOTES ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVING TRAVIS A F B

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Arni Shareski - 5,000 refugees will be resettled on Guam concerning mssys captured at Bmt. - Norm Johnson having daytime ministries among 10,500 prisoners who are soldiers and leprous people; Joan was able to get message out to her children at Dalat School; 11 other Caucasians are at the same camp, which is Đúc Co west of Pleiku. This message relayed by the North Vietnamese government to the Canadian embassy at Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. Louis L. King - concerning flight of Rev. & Mrs. Pham van Nam to Singapore. went illegally, no exit papers from Viet Nam, sons were pilots, stole plane to make the trip; 3 - 8 pastors on flight, including Rev. Nhuong's son An and the Ban Co pastor.

Dr. Le Hoang Phu and Rev. & Mrs. Le dinh Phuoc are to proceed to Nyack as soon as possible, they will be ministering with the C & M A

Dr. King's home phone number - 914 358-3928. Under the sponsorship of the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) 15 Vietnamese nationals will be coming to the U S.

Dr. Eugene Bertermann of Whittier, Ca, at 213 698-0438 is coordinating this work. 2 papers are needed to bring a Vietnamese in as a sponsor - 1 paper for the Immigration and Naturalization, the other is an Affidavit of Support (this is a very complete report of the financial status of the sponsoring individual).

Travis Air Force Base - 707 438-4011 main base switchboard, 438-2011 Public Information Office. Tonight about 10 P.M. a flight is due in from Clark/Guam(Anderson)/Hickam.

Spence Sutherland - I called and relayed all the above information, will call again about 6 P.M. today. Simpson College 415 334-7400.

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann - Orange County, city is Lawrence 714 998-3329 is his home phone number. FEBC is working on all the paper work necessary to bring the 15 Vietnamese nationals into the country; when the paper work is final they will send it up to San Francisco. They have cars standing by and people to transport the refugees when they are released from Travis AFB. He will send me the names and license #'s of the people. He gave me the names of the 15 people, but it was not possible to jot them all down. Rev. Le van Thai, 82 years old, chose to stay in Viet Nam until his daughter and children and get out, then he will come with them; his son-in-law is a student in the Chicago area. Mr. Norman Cummings is helping to coordinate things at this end for them. Mr. Cummings, of Overseas Crusades, home phone # 415 494-7768. KGEI - Redwood City, Mr. Jack Brook 415 591-7374 (home) office - 415 591-4820  
Mr. Norman Cummings - Overseas Crusades; Santa Clara - 408 249-7111.

At FEBC, Redwood City also contact Mr. Jim Bowman. News concerning OC mssys - Jo Newman is in Spokane with her daughter, John Newman is in the Philippines, either at Manila of Clark A F B to get word on the tribal people from Dalat he tried to get

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Cummings - out of Viet Nam. Glenn and Hallie Johnson with Timmy are in Bgk. Glenn returned to Viet Nam to do all he could to get 2 of their families out of V N, the Nguyen van Mai <sup>family</sup> and Dao and wife. He suggested that in order to get on the AFB I try to meet the Immigration officer, tell who with, mssy in V N, representing FEBC; if no paper work as yet will be there as they were unaware the flight's arrival. May I/we greet them though we know they can not yet leave the Base? United States Department of State - phone number relating to the Vietnamese refugees - 800 36801180 (toll free)

April 26

Yesterday I received permission to enter Travis A F B through the Public Information Office for last night. I talked to Lt. Dunn (sp?) who was very cordial and cooperative. A Col. Sturgess is the ranking officer in P I O, whose office phone number is 707 438-2011. The duty officer through next week is Cpt. Frank Deiter, 707 422-5745. Maj Gregg (sp?) may be willing to let me see flights' passenger manifests before arrival.

Yesterday I left Petaluma to meet a flight of Vietnamese refugees, practically all of these were dependents of U S citizens. Spencer and Barbara Sutherland were there also. None of the F E B C sponsored people were on the flight.

I talked to Mr. Melvin M. Babb of the American Red Cross at Travis A F B concerning the Vietnamese refugees coming to the States; he is the ARC coordinator for the project. Presently, only those who have sponsors are being permitted to leave Clark AFB and Guam to come here. The business phone number of Mr. Babb is 438-2261, home # is 707 429-4562 and the ARC office number is 707 437-3550. His Vietnamese interpreters are fully capable and at this time do not need any outside help. One of the ladies who interprets is the daughter of Rev. Nguyễn hữu Vinh of Can Tho, she would like assistance in getting her parents and 7 siblings over here. Her married name is Mrs. Baver. They were married at the Brocton, Mass. C & M A church. (Her husband is in the Air Force, stationed at Travis.)

Mr. Babb volunteered to assist me in getting on the Air Base if I ever had trouble getting through the main gate.

He said that the present the pre-arrival passenger manifests have not been accurate. A flight's passenger manifest is available after the refugees have cleared immigration. He is a born again Christian, willing to assist us in any way possible. He also said that if we wait too long for sponsoring refugees the U S government may bring them en masse to the U S to many scattered refugee centers, such as Camp Roberts California, Fort Lewis Washington, Arkansas, etc.

At 10 A.M. I contacted Dr. L. L. King, briefing him on our activities and the situation as it is here. I was told that Jack Revelle was at Clark AFB enroute to Wake Island with 80 Christians whom he was able to get out of Saigon. Not known who

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is among the group - no names. Tom Stebbins will be returning to Saigon from Manila or Clark today to assist in getting more Christians out of country. Rev. Doan van Mieng is at the IPC, he will remain there and Dr. King is working through him until Tom arrives on the scene. Possible there will be a World Airways charter flight from Washington, D.C. to Saigon; Rev. Franklin Irwin is to be on the flight if it flies (3 P.M. EDT). Rev. Le van Thai, his daughter and her 5 children are at Clark. Dr. Le hoang Phu is at Clark.

Towards noon I talked with Dr. Bob Greene M.D. and he shared the same leading of the Lord as we had received, also on last Thursday. He is willing to be of any medical help needed for ECVN refugees. His home phone is 408 227-8426. He gave me the phone number of Ron and Bonnie Revelle, ( ? ) 578-9245, perhaps living in Burlingame of Palo Alto.

This evening Rev. Ed Gustafson Sr., the West Coast representative for WRC, said that the circumstances surrounding the charter flight mentioned above by Dr. King are, in part, as follows - Thursday night Dr. Billy Graham and his wife Ruth could not go to sleep and were burdened for the Christian refugees in Viet Nam, with the need of getting at least the church leaders out of country. He talked with the treasurer of the BGEA, Rev. Wilson; eventually talking also to Dr. Nathan Bailey about the situation. They decided to contact personnel in the office of the President of the U S A for approval to take out of Viet Nam 25 families of ECVN leaders (178 people); permission was granted and the names were transmitted to the US Embassy in Saigon. Dr. N. Bailey said the C & M A would assume responsibility for them. Drew Sawin was also drawn into all this at some point. Mr. Gustafson thought that in addition to Franklin Irwin, Rev. John Sawin and Mr. Drew Sawin also were to be on the World Airways charter flight. At this time Pastor ..... Hieu and his son-in-law, Pastor ..... Linh are at Clark, their families total 40 people. Christian tribespeople from Dalat walked to Saigon and are now stymied as to where to go next, what to do next, etc. Also, 2 Vietnamese Christians who worked for WRC in Viet Nam, Mr. Mac and Mr. Do got 120 people on a small fishing boat, and are out in the ocean trying to contact the U S Navy.

Earlier this afternoon, Mr. Lou Dechert expressed to me his ideas concerning the Vietnamese refugees to be coming to the States and how the CMA could participate. As yet, there is little information concerning what the Society hopes to do and what it is doing. There is a need to coordinate all activities, whether it be WRC, CAMA or whoever. This could be done in conjunction with Travis AFB, ARC, US Dept. of Naturalization and Immigration, US Dept. of State, Army, Air Force, local churches and the news media, plus any local agencies that could be of assistance. There is a need for overall planning, which would include a survey of the situation. The Army EOC could possibly be of assistance in coordinating everything; there is also the

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need of communicating through telephone, printing. He feels our immediate tasks are 3-fold - must make decisions regarding the above, there should be some organization and a meeting of all concerned, and a plan for accomplishing our primary task. I appreciate his thoughtful concern and support and suggestions. They will be given much thought. For right now, I intend on keeping the news media out of it and having as much organization as is only absolutely necessary. Mr. Dechert is willing to assist as much as his time permits and he will be acting as a coordinator for non-religious contacts.

He ~~suggested~~ suggested that perhaps Simpson College or the Home of Peace may be able to billet refugees temporarily. Dr. Mark Lee volunteered space at Simpson College but says it would be difficult to billet extra people until after graduation the end of May, but if necessary in the meantime would help as much as possible. Dr. Greene suggested the Port of Call facilities at the Cathedral at the Crossroads, as those facilities are no longer being used as before. Mr. Dechert's home phone number is 707 869-0225.

I have discussed with Rev. Carl Measell part of the above, told him what I view my responsibilities as and that I will keep him fully informed.

The home and office phone number of Ed Gustafson is 408 267-3363.