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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NGUYEN HAU

SUBJECT: ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF  
CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DORNAN TO FACILITATE THE  
PROCESS TO BRING REMAINING SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
REFUGEES TO KUWAIT TO HELP IN THE REBUILDING

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9108619

Date July 20, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: PRESIDENT BUSH

From: MR. NGUYEN HAU

Date: 04/19/91

Subject: ASK THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF CONGRESSMAN

ROBERT DORNAN TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS TO BRING REMAINING SOUTHEAST

ASIAN REFUGEES TO KUWAIT TO HELP IN THE REBUILDING

WH Referral Dated: May 14, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 234789

The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.

The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.

Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 29, 1991

Mr. Nguyen Hau  
Chairman  
Vietnam Political Detainees  
Mutual Association  
P.O. Box 1953  
Garden Grove, Ca 92642

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

This is in response to your letter to President Bush requesting that the U.S. Government support Congressman Dornan's proposal to utilize Vietnamese asylum seekers as a labor force for the reconstruction of Kuwait.

The Government of Kuwait is not yet in a position to offer employment for post-war reconstruction. At present they are still assessing damages and making plans.

No doubt you are also aware of the great interest the prospective rebuilding of Kuwait is raising in the U.S. Many large and small U.S. firms and labor unions, as well as the man-in-the-street, have expressed considerable interest in obtaining the assistance of the State Department to enable them to participate in this immense undertaking.

Past experience indicates that when reconstruction begins in earnest, it will be done by contract between the Government of Kuwait and large international firms. These firms will be expected to provide their own labor force which will have to live in self-contained camps and will be required to return home at the termination of the work. Decisions on employment under these contracts will be made by the companies with the concurrence of the Kuwaiti Government. We doubt that private employers would be willing to assume the additional responsibility entailed in the recruitment and maintenance of a Vietnamese work force. Moreover, it appears unlikely that Vietnamese asylum seekers would be allowed to return to the first asylum countries from which they would have been recruited. For these reasons, the U.S. Government believes that no such program will be permitted by the Government of Kuwait.

These difficulties notwithstanding, I assure you that the U.S. Government shares your concern about the economic future of the asylum seekers. In that regard, I am happy to be able

to tell you that the European Community is beginning a program aimed at providing employment opportunities in Vietnam for those asylum seekers who volunteer for repatriation. Absent significant political and social change in Vietnam, the U.S. Government continues to oppose the involuntary repatriation of Vietnamese asylum seekers. Nevertheless, we do believe that those asylum seekers who do not qualify for refugee status must ultimately return home. We support the EC program as one way to provide something for the asylum seeker to return to .

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah E. Moten".

Sarah E. Moten, Ed.D.  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
International Assistance  
Bureau for Refugee Programs

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
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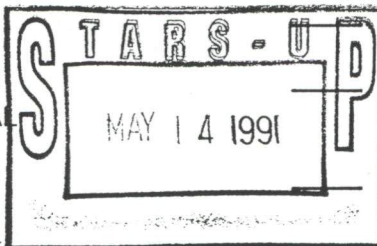
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MAY 14, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 234789

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 19, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. NGUYEN HAU  
CHAIRMAN  
VIETNAM POLITICAL DETAINEES  
MUTUAL ASSOCIATION  
POST OFFICE BOX 1953  
GARDEN GROVE CA 92642

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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*Molly Osborne*

Date April 19, 1991

The Honorable George Bush  
President of The United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20520

RE : Relocation Program of Vietnamese  
Refugees & Proposal of Congress-  
man Robert K. Dornan

Dear Mr. President,

The main objectives and goals of our organization are to assist the people who are presently suffering in Southeast Asian refugee camps. Although 65 million Vietnamese are continuing to be oppressed from the dictatorship of the communist regime, we must acknowledge that the escapees from the Vietnamese pulag deserve a right for working and enjoying the democratic freedom.

We are, so far, encountering the most unsolved problem at different Refugee camps in Southeast Asia thru several screening sessions that resulted in many Vietnamese Political Detainees who already showed their Release Certificate or Certification of former ARVN servicemen are still classified as Economic Refugees. These political detainees, once being forced to repatriate, will be unavoidably punished by the dictatorship of the Hanoi Regime.

With the above mentioned idea in our mind, we would like you to support the proposal of our Congressman Robert K. Dornan in facilitating the intergration process of the remaining Southeast Asian refugees into the Republic of Kuwait for rebuilding this war-torn nation.

Enclosed please find copies of the recent written communications from the office of our congressional representative. In our opinion, such proposal should be accepted and promoted by all the members of the Congress and the Senate for resolving a needed international problem.

We are willing to cooperate with you in developping the Vietnamese Refugee Development Project in Kuwait. Please delegate any interested party to review our files for generating an appropriate solution pertaining to this matter .

God Bless You and The People of this great Country

Sincerely,

Nguyen, Hau  
VNPDMA. Chairman

CC.Congressman Robert K. Dornan



ROBERT K. DORNAN  
38TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

April 5, 1991

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Mr. Hau Nguyen  
Vietnam Political Detainees Mutual  
P.O. Box 1953  
Garden Grove, California 92642

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

Knowing of your interest in matters affecting the Vietnamese community, I am writing to let you know of a program I have proposed to bring some of the 110,000 Vietnamese boat people in refugee camps in Southeast Asia to Kuwait as guest workers to help rebuild that war-torn nation.

There are many reasons why such a program would be extremely beneficial to all parties involved. The Vietnamese refugees are people in need of a country and Kuwait is a country in need of people. The Kuwaitis would get some of the hardest working and most industrious people on earth, while the Vietnamese would get what they want most -- freedom and opportunity.

During a fact-finding trip to Kuwait and the Persian Gulf region, I delivered a letter to the Emir of Kuwait which outlined my guest worker proposal. I have also sent a letter to Secretary of State James Baker asking the State Department to consider the feasibility of my proposal and, if it proves workable, to pursue it with vigor. I am currently asking congressional colleagues to co-sign a letter to President Bush urging him to direct his administration to pursue this refugee relocation program.

As a result of the destruction caused by the Iraqi invasion there is a tremendous demand for semi-skilled and unskilled labor in Kuwait. Prior to the August invasion, guest workers made up a majority of Kuwait's population. Some 16.5 percent were Palestinians, 22.5 percent were other Arabs and a full 9 percent were South Asians including Filipinos, Indians and Pakistanis. Many guest workers who were employed there previously may not want to return or may no longer be welcome. The Vietnamese refugees, a veritable gold mine of human potential, would be the perfect replacements. I know firsthand the impressive capabilities of the Vietnamese people, and they would prove to be extremely helpful in the rebuilding of Kuwait.

I plan to continue urging the Bush administration and the Kuwaiti government to pursue this matter and hope I can count on your support for this program.

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U.S. Congressman  
Robert K. Dornan  
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Immediate Release  
Contact: Paul Morrell

March 20, 1991  
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LET THE BOAT PEOPLE HELP REBUILD KUWAIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Robert K. Dornan (R-CA) has asked Secretary of State James Baker and the Emir of Kuwait to study the feasibility of bringing some of the 110,000 Vietnamese boat people in refugee camps in Southeast Asia to Kuwait as guest workers.

"The Vietnamese refugees are people in need of a country," said Dornan. "Kuwait is a country in need of people. The law of supply and demand suggests a solution: send Vietnamese boat people to help rebuild war-torn Kuwait."

"The Kuwaitis would get some of the hardest working and most industrious people on earth, while the Vietnamese would get what they want most -- freedom and opportunity," said Dornan.

On March 15, during a fact-finding trip to Kuwait and the Persian Gulf region, Dornan delivered a letter to the Emir of Kuwait which outlined the congressman's guest worker proposal. In addition, Dornan sent a letter to Secretary Baker, asking the State Department to consider the feasibility of his proposal and "if it proves workable, pursue it with vigor."

As a result of the destruction caused by the Iraqi invasion there is a tremendous demand for unskilled labor in Kuwait. Prior to the August invasion, guest workers made up a majority of Kuwait's population. (Some 16.5 percent were Palestinians, 22.5 percent were other Arabs and a full 9 percent were South Asians including Filipinos, Indians and Pakistanis.) Many guest workers who were employed there previously may not want to return or may no longer be welcome. The Vietnamese, Dornan said, would be the perfect replacements.

KUWAIT/BOAT PEOPLE  
March 20, 1991  
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"The Vietnamese refugee population is a veritable gold mine of human potential," said Dornan, whose Orange County California congressional district has the nation's greatest concentration of Vietnamese-Americans. "I know firsthand what Vietnamese refugees are capable of -- and it is impressive.

"We have heard a lot about the lessons of Vietnam and how those lessons related to the Gulf War. But the real lessons of Vietnam are crammed into refugee camps all over Southeast Asia," said Dornan. "One way to exorcise the ghost of Vietnam is to help these forgotten people gain the freedom and opportunity that was denied them because the United States in Southeast Asia lacked the moral commitment to achieve the goals of 'Desert Storm' in Southwest Asia"

Dornan is currently asking his congressional colleagues to cosign a letter to President George Bush urging him to direct his administration to pursue this refugee relocation program.

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