DATE: 2/28/96

TO: Chú Thảo

FROM: Anh

USCC/Refugees Services - Arlington, VA
Fax # (703) 524-2741

SUBJECT: Thưa chú Thảo,
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February 13, 1996

To: Mr. Daniel Solis
District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
U.S. Embassy/ Box 12
APO AP 96546

Re: Tran Ngoc Thach
IV- 110764

Dear Mr. Solis,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach, a Vietnamese refugee who arrived in the U.S. on 12/06/1995 with his wife, Ms. Doan Thi Ngoc My, under the Refugee Program, Former Political Prisoner.

Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach, his wife, Doan Thi Ngoc My, and his three children, Tran Hoang Trong, Tran Thi Tuyet Lan and Tran Thi Phuong Ton, were interviewed by an INS officer in Ho Chi Minh city on 3/11/1995. Unfortunately, the INS officer only approved Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach and his wife, Doan Thi Ngoc My, but denied their three children for resettlement in the U.S. The rejection was based on the fact that "the children live at a different household."

After Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach was released from the reeducation camp, he returned to his family at the address that he and his family members had been living since 1988. However, the local authorities refused to add him back to the family registrar. He was mandated to live in a different area away from his family, outside the boundary of the city of Can Tho. His wife and his children petitioned to move with him but were denied. Although that he was denied the right to live with his family members, Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach visited the family as often as he could. Mrs. Doan Thi Ngoc My and the children maintained one household throughout this time. Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach continued to support the family with income he earned while working at his brother-in-law's rice mill.

Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach was continuously been persecuted by the current regime. In 1994, the authorities returned the house where Mr. Tran van Thach's wife and children were living, through a decree, to the "his mother-in-law, Nguyen Thi Mung. However, in the same the authorities retained Mr Tran Ngoc Thach's weekly in full
force. I have submitted all pertinent documents attesting to the decisions of the Vietnamese authorities regarding Mr. Tran Van Thach's situation.

I believe that Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach's living arrangement was beyond his control. Although he was forced to live apart from his wife and children, who remained together in the same household, Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach tried at his best to maintain his family as an economic unit by supporting them and by visiting them.

I am appealing to you to reconsider the case of Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach's children so that they could join Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach and his wife here and not extend their suffering and separation any longer than it is necessary.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ngoc-Anh Davis
Senior Case Manager

CC: Mrs. Marthas Sardinas
    Director/ODP

Enclosures as stated
April 09, 1992

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AGENDA

VIETNAMESE TASK FORCE MEETING

November 8, 1990

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch *

12:30 - 12:50 p.m. - Approval of October Minutes.
   - DHS Director's response to memo on morale issues.


01:10 - 01:30 - Planning Report on Youth Workshop by Long Dinh.

01:30 - 01:50 - Formation of Self-help group(s) among the Vietnamese Ex-Political prisoners: A presentation by Mr. Cao Van Huynh, Chair of the VN Ex-Political Association in Washington Metropolitan Area.

01:50 - 02:00 - Miscellaneous.

* Bring brown bag, beverage provided.