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The action from
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Mary Lawrence

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U.S. Department of Justice
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Office of the Commissioner

425 Eye Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20536

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Honorable Robert T. Matsui
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Matsui:

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The appropriate field office of this Service has been requested to submit information in this matter. Upon receipt of the information, you will be further informed.

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FOR THE COMMISSIONER

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CC: EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ROOM 4414,
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JULY 6, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATTN: INS

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 145617

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 3, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

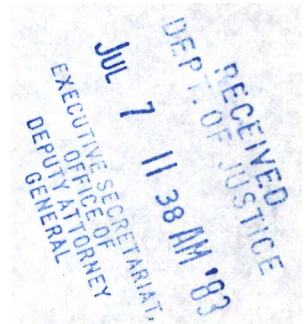
FROM: THE HONORABLE ROBERT T. MATSUI
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES YOUR HELP ON BEHALF OF 11-YEAR-OLD HANG TRUONG, A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE, AND HIS 4TH-GRADE CLASSMATES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE RELEASE FOR CHUONG, HANG'S 15-YEAR-OLD BROTHER WHO HAS BEEN HELD IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN MACAO SINCE 1979. EXPLAINS THAT CHUONG HAS BEEN DETAINED SIMPLY BECAUSE HIS AUNT GAVE HIS INCORRECT BIRTHDATE AND MIDDLE NAME TO CAMP OFFICIALS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE





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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

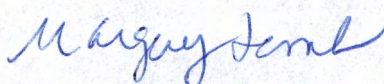
June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
The White House

SUBJECT: June 3 Letter from Mr. Robert T. Matsui

The attached correspondence was forwarded to the Department of State for a direct reply with a comeback copy.

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe that action on this matter more appropriately rests with Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).


Office of the
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

REFERRAL

DATE: 16 JUN 83

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: MATSUI, ROBERT T

DATE: 03 JUN 83

KEYWORDS: VIETNAM

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SUBJ: CONCERN RE BROTHER OF TROUNG WHO IS HELD CAPTIVE IN VIETNAM

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY FURNISH INFO COPY

COORDINATE REPLY W/ JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

DUE DATE: 23 JUN 83

COMMENTS: CC: OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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COMMENTS TO NSC/S

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June 8, 1983

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

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June 3, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to draw your attention to a group of twenty-three letters sent to you from Peter J. Shields School in Rancho Cordova, California. This correspondence represents the efforts of eleven-year-old Hang Truong, a Vietnamese refugee, and his fourth-grade classmates.

Hang and his classmates are writing about the inability of the Truong family to secure release for Chuong, Hang's fifteen-year-old brother who has been held in a refugee camp in Macao since 1979. Hang, along with his mother and sister, was able to escape from Vietnam to Hong Kong and later to the United States. Mr. President, the tragedy is that Chuong has been detained simply because his aunt gave his incorrect birthdate and middle name to camp officials.

This family has been separated for four years because of this discrepancy. I am sure you understand the strength of family ties, and how much it would mean for the Truongs to be reunited. After so much struggle and hardship, they deserve to be together, free and safe in America.

Mr. President, it is a mere blunder that has torn this family apart. Quick action to remedy this situation would symbolize the American tradition of compassion and would again demonstrate America's ability to bring a little more justice to an unjust world.

As the school year will be ending very soon, I would appreciate the quickest possible attention to the letters from the children of Shields School. I urge that you instruct your staff to give special consideration to these letters and to make it possible for Chuong to come to America.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Matsui

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*John Sparks
in Matsui's
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