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MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK BUCHANAN

FROM:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT:

Vietnam -- Ten Years After

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Appreciated your thoughts on the subject. There have been several meetings on this beginning in February in which a member of my staff participated.

One of the judgments made concerned media reaction to the anniversary which you have raised. It was determined, and thus far borne out, that rather than focusing on the war itself, except historically, the media would turn an eye towards current conditions in Vietnam, a subject you also covered. CBS coverage, The Wall Street Journal and some parts of the weekly news magazines have been making these points effectively for us. Clearly, there will be plenty of inaccurate reporting, especially about the US role, but the judgment of whether we could change it is problematic at best. Witness the opinion polls and some of the latest reporting in Newsweek and Time on the war itself -- but also being somewhat offset by President Nixon's book.

The parallels that are attempted between Vietnam and Central America are much less frequent than 2-3 years ago and we have worked hard to make sure that the distinctive differences in conditions are drawn. The case can be made in terms of parallel Communist behavior and Congressional reluctance, but the popular media tend to focus on direct US intervention into an insurgent environment, then proceed to draw parallels that have hurt us in the past.

As a result of our interagency work, specific actions that have taken place or underway include:

- -- Secretary Weinberger's speech on April 4 to the World Affairs Council, subject: Southeast Asia. His speech clearly highlighted the results of Vietnamese policy as you outlined.
- -- Secretary Shultz is considering an address which would draw on similar themes and make needed policy points on the current Cambodian struggle.
- -- Emphasis on honoring Vietnam veterans will be done by Secretary Weinberger at Arlington on Memorial Day.

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- -- State, Defense, NSC personnel have been doing backgrounders and on-record interviews for several weeks and will continue through the period.
- -- White House public liaison is considering an event highlighting the plight of refugees and has been coordinating with my staff.
- The President is scheduled to have lunch with Dith Pran (The Killing Fields) and the academy award winning actor who portrayed him. This event will be accompanied by appropriate publicity on the refugee situation and the President's personal concern over their plight.

We want to reinforce public focus on the results of Vietnamese behavior, but avoid an official debate rooted in direct US involvement. The current plight of those in Vietnam, economically and politically, the reeducation camps, the boat people, the Cambodian invasion and the new Soviet presence in Vietnam are powerful messages that the media understand and are reporting.

In various ways (privately in our negotiations and publicly), we have played on Vietnam's sensitivities to its own professed nationalism and Soviet dependence. We have emphasized that it is in Vietnam's national interest to look forward as we do. We have made it known to them privately and publicly that we are over the war and they can overcome it also by negotiating with ASEAN and resolving the bilateral issues between us (POW/MIA, reeducation, etc.). This path has worked well for us in a number of areas and is supported by our ASEAN friends in the region, two of which are treaty allies.

In the deliberations, a Presidential radio address, vice a speech, was discussed as a possibility, keying on the tone in the President's July speech to the National League of Families, at the entombment of the Vietnam Unknown and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It was decided not to put the President out front, but a draft could be considered if it would move Southeast Asian policy forward, reinforce our attempts to resolve the POW/MIA issue and free the reeducation camp inmates.

cc: Donald T. Regan
Ben Elliott
Mike Deaver



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Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you for your comment a few nights ago, About "Not Losing the Viet Nam War."

You are 100% correct we never lost a battle in the years that we spent defending South Viet Nam.

I'm very happy somebody else has had enough, of the media, distorting the Honor of America, and the men who fought for our Country. Thank you for standing up for the Americans who went to Viet Nam.

Honest "you made my day"

My Best wishes go out to you and your family.

J.R. Rosencrans

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Dear Dr. Chang:

Thank you for your letter of September 16 and for your article from Newsweek on the situation in Vietnam.

While I cannot schedule far in advance, I would be glad to chat with you when you are In Washington.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Buchanan Assistant to the President

Dr. Parris H. Chang 1221 Edward Street State College, PA 16801

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Sept. 16, 1985

Dear Mr. Buchannan:

Greetings from Fort Bragg. In the current academic year I am serving as a visiting scholar at the School of Internation studies at the Special Warfare Center here.

Enclosed please kindly find an article of mine in the overseas edition of <u>Newsweek</u>. If you approve of the idea I put forth(i.e. for the U.S. to play a more active and forceful role), please circulate the article to concerned friends.

You and I have changed letters for quite sometime. I wonder if you would see me if I come to Washington? I can be reached at this telephone number 919/396-5608, or 396-2523.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Parris H. Chang Visiting professor



America's Cambodian Dilemma

OPINION/PARRIS CHANG

Secretary of State George Shultz's visit last July to the refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodian border highlighted a continuing American policy dilemma. On the one hand, the United States repudiates both the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia and the puppet Heng Samrin regime installed there by Hanoi; it also wants to contain Vietnamese expansionism in Indochina. On the other hand, it is unwilling or unable to play a forceful role, due to its disappointing and demoralizing experience in the Vietnam War.

As a result, the Reagan administration has so far resorted to nonmilitary means to achieve its purposes vis-à-vis Cambodia. This low-key U.S. policy has failed to coax Hanoi to the negotiating table or compel it to withdraw the 160,000 Vietnamese occupation troops from Cambodia. It is true that Vietnam, despite its annual dry-season offensives, is unable to wipe out the Cambodian nationalists and extinguish the resistance led by Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann. The anti-Vietnamese forces have successfully pursued their guerrilla war inside Cambodia. The result is a military stalemate. "This will be a long, long war, with no clear winner or loser," Prince Sihanouk told me in a recent interview in North Korea.

Drain: This impasse may be acceptable, even desirable, to China, the United States and some members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. It serves to bleed and weaken Vietnam and drain Vietnamese and Soviet resources. However, there are also clear dangers that Vietnam, backed by the Soviets and indirectly aided by Washington's weak policy, could consolidate its hold on Cambodia. In time Vietnam could pose an even more severe threat to Thailand if Cambodia ceases to be a buffer zone. To protect itself from Vietnam, Thailand seems likely to align itself more closely with and depend even more on China. Such a development could divide Thailand from other ASEAN members that are apprehensive about Peking's intentions toward Southeast Asia.

But there is a way out of the current stalemate: a negotiated settlement that would mean concessions from all the parties and the creation of an independent, nonaligned Cambodia, whose permanent neutrality would be guaranteed by the United Nations or the major powers. It would have five points:

1. The termination of the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia and a phased withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

2. The introduction of an international or U.N. peacekeeping force and the establishment of a provisional governing authority.

3. The disarmament of all Cambodian factions

4. Free elections—under U.N. supervision—to choose a popularly supported national government.

5. The infusion of international aid to both Cambodia and Vietnam for their economic reconstruction.

Any solution hinges on the cooperation

Can Washington overcome its Vietnam syndrome and play a key role again in Southeast Asia?

of Vietnam. More active and forceful U.S. involvement could significantly raise the price of Vietnam's occupation and, eventually, compel Hanoi to come to the negotiating table and accept a political solution.

The \$5 million aid package recently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives is a good beginning, symbolizing the softening of congressional and public opposition to U.S. involvement in Indochina. But it's only a beginning. The amount pales in comparison with the annual aid-approximately \$4 billion—that Vietnam has been receiving from Moscow. To counter that, the United States should greatly step up both economic and military support to the noncommunist forces. This would increase the likelihood of defections from the Heng Samrin puppet forces and from the Peking-supported Khmer Rouge, whose 35,000 troops constitute the strongest anti-Vietnamese force. Such a strengthened resistance could also become a viable alternative to the Khmer Rouge. This would alleviate what remains a key concern of Hanoi's despite last week's announced retirement of Pol Pot: that the Khmer Rouge, whose brutal and tyrannical rule under Pol rot killed as many as 2 million Cambodians between 1975 and 1979, will take over if the Vietnamese forces leave Cambodia.

Distress: A negotiated settlement will allow Vietnam to extricate itself from the Cambodian morass and make peace with China and with the members of ASEAN. It will also initiate a reconciliation of relations between Vietnam and the United States and permit the flow of international economic aid for Vietnam's postwar rehabilitation and reconstruction. Vietnam has been at war for 40 years and is now one of the world's poorest countries. It is critically short of energy, raw materials and food. However tough and hardy Hanoi's top leaders may be, there are unmistakable signs of indiscipline, demoralization and corruption among the rank-and-file cadres after so many years of struggle, hardship and deprivation. Moreover, to the distress of the proud Vietnamese, their nation is totally dependent on Moscow's good will.

Moscow, for a number of reasons, may not block a settlement. The Soviets have to carry a heavy financial burden for Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia, and their resources are not without limits. Furthermore, Soviet support of Vietnam has exacerbated Moscow's difficulties with Washington, added another issue to the Sino-Soviet conflict and damaged Soviet relations with ASEAN. For its part, Peking, though a longtime supporter of the Khmer Rouge, has indicated its willingness to accept a negotiated settlement, regardless of the fortunes of its proxy.

This leaves Washington. Will it step into the conflict in Indochina and step up military aid to pressure Hanoi to reach a compromise settlement? For this to happen, America, a decade after its debacle in Indochina, would have to overcome the psychological paralysis of its Vietnam syndrome. That's a tall order—perhaps even one that is out of reach right now. But the fate of Cambodia depends on that order being filled.

Parris Chang is a visiting professor at the School of International Studies, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center, Fort Brugg, N.C. a file whole

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November 27, 1985

Mr. James W. Trullinger 36-20 Bowne Street Flushing, New York 11354

Dear Mr. Trullinger:

I have been asked to reply to your November 14 letter to Mr. Robert McFarlane in which you asked his advice concerning your effort to seek assistance for the United Front of Patriotic Forces for the Liberation of Vietnam.

We appreciate your desire to assist Vietnamese wishing to change the repressive regime now in power in their country, but it is the policy of the United States Government not to give support to such efforts. We are not in a position, therefore, to offer you the advice you ask for.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Johnson Country Officer for

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Robert McFarlane National Security Advisor The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. FcFarlane:

I am writing to introduce myself and to ask your advice in organizing to assist a superb group, the freedom fighters of Vietnam.

First, a brief word about myself. I was formerly a U.S. Foreign Service Reserve Officer and served in Vietnam. While there, I devoted my free time to assist a program with which you may be familiar, the Shoeshine Boys Project homes for orphaned children. Later, I conducted research for my Ph.D. in Vietnam, and in 1980 published the results as a book. Currently, I am working for a division of Capital Cities Communications in New York City.

As you can see from the attached documents, I have been honored with the title of official U.S. fund-raiser for the United Front of Patriotic Forces for the Liberation of Vietnam -- Vietnam's freedom fighters. This group is an effective and growing force on the ground in Vietnam, and it has mounted various activities there. In addition, the freedom fighters conduct limited activities in Cambodia, in conjunction with the Cambodian resistance.

As you probably know, the United Front and its leader, Mr. Le Quoc Tuy, are currently receiving some limited assistance from the world community. But serious needs remain, especially for food, clothes, medicine, and other types of non-military items.

Mr. Tuy and his fellow leaders are interested in receiving help from the U.S., but at this time not from our government. Their desire is to mobilize U.S. private sector resources for strictly humanitarian aid. As Mr. Tuy told me, his group only needs offer food and clothing to deserters from the Vietnamese Army in Cambodia, and they will come over in large numbers!

I am writing you to ask your advice in this important support effort, and to ask for introductions to private sector Americans who might be available to help establish a small support committee for the Vietnamese freedom fighters. I have already been in touch with Gen. Singlaub,

who has given encouragement. Can you think of any others I might approach? Frankly, I need your help getting started, but realize that I must not expect any official U.S. Government assistance.

I invite you or your associates, or those you may care to introduce, to contact me at your convenience. You may reach me from 9AM to 5PM at (212) 741-6726, and at home at (718) 539-4798.

I hope to hear from you directly or indirectly, and I hope that from it all some help will flow to an inspiring group of brave Vietnamese men and women.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures



UNIFIED FRONT OF PATRIOTIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF VIET-NAM

CERTIFICATE

To whom it may be concern,

This is to certify that:

Mr Jim TRULLINGER

Is the Official Fund raiser for the UNITED FRONT OF PATRIOTIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF VIET NAM (UFPF/LVN) (Art.117/b of 1976 Central Committee for all functions in abroad :...).

This document will serve as creditials of official autorisation specifically guaranteeing his quality to negociate with the American Enterprises and Organizations for all support to Viet Nam Resistance Forces fighting against Communist occupation in Indochina.

Signed, certified and registred on July 29th, 1985, in Paris with the reference FR/Eur~85/102.



On behalf of the Central Committee of UFPF/LVN,

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Nguyen Bathien, M.D, D.Sc; Special Counselor, Commission of Foreign Relations.

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Yank Gives Hope To Hungry Viet Children

and nearly always hungry, the man to see in Da Nang, South Jim Trullinger.

the crowds of chattering chil-Doi-"dust of life." dren who seek him out.

Since shortly after arriving in Da Nang in 1969, Trullinger has tional Development.

Although he usually deals in orphaned by the war or runaways, he has had to improvise to meet a wide range of problems.

the hostel, Trullinger has cared eat, or they'd steal food." In the two years he has run for infants, bailed youngsters out of jail, reunited lost children hardened by a decade of war.

"Their feelings are usually into the house. pretty confused, sometimes Syosset, on Long Island.

"But the one emotion they there. can't hide for long is an almost desperate need for love." he come up to me in the streets,"

dren who are usually homeless somebody to care about them."

"Dust Of Life"

Although the children are Vi-Vietnam, is a lanky, handsome, etnamese, they are largely ig-26-year-old American named nored by local government officials already burdened down by He's easy to find, a conspicu-other problems, said Trullinger. ous man at 6-feet plus next to Da Nang residents call them Bui

Trullinger's own involvement with the children began a few months after he arrived in Da run a youth hostel for 50 chil- Nang and set out to practice his dren, a volunteer project that Vietnamese on two shoeshine dovetails with his job as an offi- boys. They told him about their cer of the Agency for Interna- residence, and he asked to see

"I went there and found about the essentials: food, medicine 15 boys living in an old and shelter for children either abandoned house at the end of an alley," he said. "The kids would just go there at night and sleep on the floor. The rest of the time, they'd be out in the streets trying to earn money to

Got Student To Help

Although a newcomer himself. with relatives and counseled Trullinger appealed to local Viyouths emotionally hurt and etnamese for help, and he per- months, spent most of a onesuaded an older student to move month vacation seeking dona-

Slowly, there were other imthey're hostile or cynical or just provements: sleeping mats on totally withdrawn," Trullinger the floor, a regular meal every said during a recent vacation day, the beginnings of a school, ten, and it was discouraging to visit to his parents' home in And other children, approaching me," he said. "It seems that shyly or defiantly asked to live Americans just turn away from

"A lot of times, the kids just Vietnam.

New York (A)-For 500 chil-streets, and they've never had is to turn them away. But we have room for 50 and it filled up pretty fast."

> At about the same time Trullinger was setting up the hostel in late 1969, he met Richard Hughes, 26, another American who had organized two similar youth hostels in Saigon.

From their chance meeting at the Da Nang Press Club, the two men agreed to combine their projects and seek private donations in the United States and elsewhere.

Their new umbrella organization, called Shoeshine Boys Foundation, Inc., now operates the one hostel in Da Nang and four in Saigon.

"The biggest problem always has been money," said Trullinger. "After two years, we still operate one month at a time. First we pay the rent, and whatever is left over goes for food.

Hunger Persists

"Some months, our kids still go hungry," he said.

Trullinger, home from Vietnam for the first time in 18 tions for the foundation, its only source of income.

"I would talk to groups of kids, to anyone who would lisanything that has to do with thing else, we're doing it be- ing for boys at the hostel. But mats, and there is still only one

"But the point is that we have Trullinger said the foundation is the biggest problem.



FRIEND OF CHILDREN-Jim Trullinger, lower left, operates several hostels in Da Nang and Saigon for homeless, hungry youngsters. Trullinger, now on a visit to Manhattan, to raise funds, took the photos, top and lower, right, of children he has helped care for.

cause

said. "Some of these kids have said Trullinger. "The hardest no ax to grind. It has nothing to hopes eventually to provide In Da Nang, 50 boys sleep in a stalled by such things as shortlived most of their lives in the thing in the world for me to do do with politics. Above every some type of mechanical train- single room on quarter-inch age of writing material.

for now, providing the essentials meal a day. School work can be assigned only sporadically,

Rallying support for a Vietnam cause

Resistance group seeks to oust communists

By Larry Peterson The Register

ANAHEIM — The United States will be used as a support base for a movement to overthrow the communist government of Vietnam, a representative of a resistance movement said here Saturday.

Le Quoc Tuy, speaking through an interpreter, briefed reporters on the resistance after his appearance at a rally at Anaheim High School. Applause from the audience of about 300 frequently interrupted his remarks during the rally, sponsored by a coalition of Vietnamese groups.

He said he was in the United States to "join hands" between the "freedom fighters" and Vietnamese living in the United States. He will speak today in San Jose before traveling to Houston and Washington, D.C.

He said he hoped that the United States would become the same kind of support base for anti-communist insurgents that France was for Vietnamese procommunist movements in earlier decades. But he was vague about how that would be accomplished.

Tuy said the resistance has received no help from the U.S. government and has not tried to recruit volunteer fighters among Vietnamese living in the United States.

"We have enough hands in Vietnam to do the job," he said.

He said the group intends to seek financial help from Vietnamese living in the United States. There was no apparent solicitation of funds at the rally, during which all the speeches were in Vietnamese.

The Register Sunday, Jan. 27, 1985

At the rally and during the interview, Tuy and other resistance supporters answered questions about the movement and about three rebels executed earlier this month by the Vietnamese government.

The three have been proclaimed martyrs in the local Vietnamese community and were honored Monday at a Santa Ana rally attended by 1,000 people. They also have been pictured on posters and in local Vietnamese newspapers.

Chuyen Nguyen of Stanton, a former Vietnamese air force officer and a rally organizer, said the three were among 21 resistance members tried in December. The sentences of two others initially sentenced to death were commuted to life terms and the others were imprisoned for terms of eight to 15 years, he said.

Tuy said the 21 were seeking to attack government facilities at two air bases and to blow up a hotel where Soviet advisers are billeted, but succeeded only in blowing up a bridge about 30 miles from Saigon.

He said the group was caught when members were discovered trying to smuggle arms from the southern part of the country, near the Cambodian border, to the Saigon area.

Tuy declined to say how many resistance members are in Vietnam. He said most rebels have remained in groups of 10 or less recently to avoid detection and have concentrated on fomenting opposition rather than fighting.

He said losses suffered by the group in heavy 1980 fighting forced the group to reduce the scale of its activities. An entire resistance battalion of 180 men



Le Quoc Tuy, a resistance movement member; addresses a raffy in Anahelm on Saturday.

was wiped out, but only after it killed 300 government troops, he said.

Tuy lamented that the American public is resigned to Vietnam remaining under communist control. He also said he hopes that resistance-support efforts won't renew the divisions that split the American people during the controversial American military involvement in Southeast Asia.

Nguyên said the rally was sponsored by the Committee For Just

Cause of Free Vietnam, a coalition of 18 Orange County Vietnamese groups that supports ousting the communists.

Conspicuous among rally organizers were veterans of the Vietnamese armed forces and uniformed members of the anti-communist Vietnamese Youth Organization. Among those who questioned Tuy at the rally were a legless Army veteran, a former general and a member of a Vietnamese students' group at the University of Southern California.



Viet Struggle Gaining, Says Rebel Leader

By GARY JARLSON, Times Staff Writer

Efforts to overthrow the Vietnamese government have been going on for nearly 10 years and the plot for which three men were recently executed was part of a continuing struggle rather than just an isolated incident, a rebel leader said Saturday in Orange County.

Le Quoc Tuy, identified as the mastermind of the

plot and sentenced to death in absentia, said the Communist rulers of his homeland have for years been covering up the activities of his group, the United of Patriotic Forces for the Liberation of Vietnam.

Tuy, speaking through an interpreter, said that while the trial last December of 21 men charged with espionage and sabotage was the government's first public admissión that there had been attempts at overthrow, such activities have

Le Quoc Tuy, giving a speech to Vietnamese in Anaheim.

been going on regularly since the Communist takeover of South Vietnam in 1975.

Some of those on trial had been arrested as long ago as 1979 and 1980, Tuy said, and included two field commanders who were captured in the last pitched battle his organization fought with government forces. Tuy escaped from Vietnam in October just before the government arrested a large number of suspected piotters.

All 21 were convicted and three were sentenced to death, including Tuy's younger brother, Le Quoc Quan. The three were executed by firing squads earlier

Tuy was in Orange County on Saturday as part of a speaking tour that will take him to San Jose today and then on to Houston and Washington, D.C. He appeared at Anaheim High School before an estimated 350 members of the Vietnamese community, telling them of his organization's activities and answering questions

Tuy's appearance, which was videotaped for broadcast at other meetings, came a week after a rail; in Santa Ana at which more than 1,000 people turned out to honor the three men who were executed.

While noting that the "American public doesn't have any expectations of regaining Vietnam from the Communists," Tuy said Saturday it was the aim of his group to try to stir up the Vietnamese populace to attack the government through such activities as terrorism and sabotage. Its most recent victory was the destruction of a major highway bridge 30 miles from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon.

After suffering the loss of an entire battalion in the 1980 battle near the Cambodian border, Tuy said, his organization underwent a marked change in strategy and no longer operates with large units. Instead, in an effort to avoid detection, activities are now carried out

by very small groups.

Tuy said his organization has also developed ties with Cambodian rebels who have been battling for months with Vietnamese invasion troops.

Tuy, a former member of the Vietnamese air force who was educated as an engineer in France, denied charges the government made at his compatriots' trial that the group was being supported by the United States, China and Thailand. But he also said he would not rule out asking for aid from other governments at some time in the

The rebel leader also said his purpose in coming to the United

States was not to raise money or volunteers for his organization.

"We have enough people already in Vietnam, and we are gaining more from among those who are being drafted into the military, especially those who have gone to fight in Cambodia," he said.

If Vietnamese living in the United States want to donate aid. Tuy said, he will set up a committee to ensure that it gets to his people in Vietnam.

Tuy said that one thing he did not want was for his presence in this country to rekindle the divisiveness the American public experienced during the Vietnam War.



Ringleaders of coup plot against Vietnam to face firing squad

Ho Chi Minh City (Reuters, FP) - Vietnam's Supreme AFP). Vietnam's Supreme Court yesterday sentenced five people to death by firing squad for plotting to topple the Government with help from China, Thailand and the United State.

The five were among 21 dissidents found guilty of treason and espionage after a five-day trial in which China was named as paymaster of the plot which was allegedly to have been mounted next year. Three others were sentenced to life imprisonment and the rest were

given jail terms ranging from eight to twenty years.

About 1,000 spectators packed into the court here.
There were gasps as the death sentences were announced

One defendant closed his eves and swayed as if he were about to faint. Another tried to speak but a guard clamped a hand over his mouth and huctled him away in handcuffs. 21 were ordered to stand shoulder-to-shoulder before the five civilian judges for the sentencing which lasted two

Judge Huynh Van Thang said the five, sentenced to death, Mai Van Hanh, Tran Van Ba, Le Quoc Quan, Huynh Vinh Sanh and Ho Thai Bach, were ringleaders of a plot funded and armed by China and backed by Thailand, with US connivance. Many of the defendants served in the former South Vietnamese Army. They admitted their guilt and pleaded for leniency. Under Vietnam's (£250,000) in cash and more penal code, the five have seven days to appeal to have their sentunces commuted to life rebels. sentences commuted to life imprisonment. There is no appeal against the jail terms.

During the trial, the biggest of its kind since the whole country came under Communist rule at the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, the prosecution said part of the plot was to kidnap or kill French and Soviet diplomats and technicians to sour Hanoi's relations with Paris and Mos-

The defendants. between 20 and 63, were among more than one hundred rebels captured after infiltrating the country since 1981, the court in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, was told.

The aim of the "United Front of Patriotic Forces for the

interation of Vietnam" was to launch simultaneous guerrilia and sabotage attacks in 1985, including blowing up Soviet ships, the court was told.
One of the defendants, Ho Thai Bach, a leader of the Cao Dai religious sect which has many followers in the Mekong Delta of southern Vietnam, dissociated himself from the Front and protested that he was Front and protested that he was

The prosecution said China financed the plot with \$300,000 (£250,000) in cash and more than 100 tonnes of weapons, while the Thai Army trained the rebels.
One of the accused, Tran Van

Ba, had concessed to meeting five Americans in Bangkok, including Mr Donald Coleman, the Second Secretary at the embassy, to tell them of the plan. But the US Embassy in Bangkok denied that American diplomats in Thailand took part in, or knew of, the plot. The Thai authorities dismissed the trial as a farce and described the

allegations as groundless.

One alleged ringleader, Mai
Van Hanh, said he made several visits to Peking after 1975 to discuss spying and sabotage and that his main contact was the Vice-Foreign Minister, Mr Han Nianlong. During the trial, people queued to see piles of Chinese weapons and ammunition the defendants were alleged to have brought with

A government spokesman said a few members of the rebel group, including a leader, Le Quoc Tuy, were still at large. But he said: "Basically, the spyring has been destroyed".

China denied acting as paymaster and said the charges were fabricated.

Guy Wright



Fall of Saigon

HILE OTHERS looked backward last week across the 10 years since Saigon fell, some expatriate Vietnamese looked forward to the next decade with a hope of seeing their country free.

At their anniversary observance in Civic Center Plaza, those who share that dream were told what they want-"ed to hear: "Yes, there is a resistance imovement in Vietnam, and it is grow-"ing."

The bearer of the good news was Le Quoc Tuy, a founder of the Unified Front of Patriotic Forces for the Liberation of Vietnam — which, as the name suggests, hopes to unite that nation's diverse resistance groups.

From this distance there is no way to verify Tuy's account of growing defiance of the Hanoi regime, but he , is accepted by responsible members of the local Vietnamese community, and he offered some tangible evidence that the resistance is more than just

For example, every American who spent much time around Saigon knows the Bien Hoa bridge. It is gone, blown up last August by anti-Communist guerrillas, Tuy said.

Vietnam's controlled press suppressed the news, just as it had suppressed news of all guerrilla activities. But in December the Hanoi government suddenly switched strategy.

It televised a show trial of 21 resistance fighters. Two leaders were executed, including Tuy's brother, who had been captured delivering arms. Tuy himself was sentenced to death in absentia. He had left the country shortly before.

During the trial the government revealed resistance activity far greater than it had previously admitted, including the capture of 119 guerrillas. since 1980 and discovery of 2,000 weapons in a single cache.

The 21 men on trial were charged with planning a concerted attack on the Saigon power plant, oil tanks and the barracks of Russian soldiers targets that Tuy confirmed.

Incidentally, the Vietnamese have coined their own term for their Russian advisers — "Americans without money."

Tuy said the resistance now has secret camps and arms caches in the Vietnamese hinterland. He showed photos of uniformed men with rifles, machine guns and rocket launchers in a jungle compound.

He made no claim that the guerril-

las are ready to take on the Vietnamese army. Their efforts run more toward sabotage and small-scale ambushes. As he described it, the resistance is at about the stage the Viet Cong had achieved in the late 1950s.

But the tables are turned now. The Communists are the visible establishment bedeviled by a shadowy opponent who has the sympathy of a resentful populace.

There is an element of deja vu about it all. The resistance is centered in the Mekong Delta, historic hatchery of rebels, including the Viet Cong. The Unified Front was formed by expatriate Vietnamese in Paris, where Ho Chi Minh got his start. It has ties to the Vietnamese religious sects, which have always provided partisan fighters.

Tuy himself belonged to a substantial group of Vietnamese who were, unwilling to support either Hanoi or Saigon and sat out the war in France, hoping to formulate a third alternative. With that hope in mind, he returned to South Vietnam the year before the Communists took over and soon plunged into the resistance movement.

He made it clear that he does not seek American military involvement — "the Vietnamese must liberate" themselves" — but he would welcome financial help from almost any quarter. Even from China if the terms were right, he said. After all, the Chinese would sleep better if there were no Soviet naval base at Cam Ranh Bay.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON - OMB

FROM:

WILLIAM F. MARTIN WOF

SUBJECT:

State draft report on H.J.Res. 328, to condemn

the Government of Vietnam for violations of

human rights

The NSC has reviewed and concurs in the above subject draft report.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 11, 1985

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Legislative Liaison Officer-

National Security Council Department of Defense

SUBJECT: State draft report on H.J.Res. 328, to condemn the

Government of Vietnam for violations of human rights.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

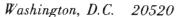
A response to this request for your views is needed no later than FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1985.

Questions should be referred to SueThau/TraceyLawler (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

RONALD K. PETERSON FOR Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

cc: Bob Howard





Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing in reply to your July 23 letter to the Secretary to convey the Department of State's comments on H. J. Res. 328, which would condemn the Government of Vietnam for violations of human rights.

There can be no doubt of the truth of the general accusation. The Government of Vietnam is a totalitarian regime which shows contempt for political, economic and religious freedoms and other basic human rights. Indeed, one might say that it isn't so much that it shows contempt for these rights, but is unaware that such individual rights might even exist. Observers of Vietnam might argue about some of the specific charges contained in the bill, however, and if you wish, we would be glad to arrange for our Vietnam desk to discuss them with your staff.

The charge dealing with missing Americans deserves particular comment. We are now at a critical moment in what has been a long drawn out process to get the Vietnamese to a point where they are really serious about resolving this issue. There is some evidence that they are now ready to cooperate at a significantly higher level than heretofore. We are now engaged in talks with them at the policy level to test the sincerity of their expressed desire to arrive at a resolution of the issue within two years. This may not lead anywhere, but we owe it to our missing men and to their families to take it seriously and find out how far the Vietnamese are willing to go. In this context it is not a good idea to charge them with failing to perform in the POW/MIA area. Certainly as of today the charge is justified, but just now might not be the time to make it. Therefore, we would prefer not to have a resolution containing this language on POW/MIA cooperation passed by the Congress at this time.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Dante B. Fascell,
Chairman,

Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives.

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H. J. RES. 328

To condemn the Government of Vietnam for violations of human rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 27, 1985

Mr. Burton of Indiana introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To condemn the Government of Vietnam for violations of human rights.

- Whereas the Government of Vietnam is a totalitarian regime which shows contempt for political, economic, and, religious freedoms, and for other basic human rights;
- Whereas there are currently imprisoned in Vietnam, without any reasonable legal basis, approximately two hundred thousand citizens of the former South Vietnam;
- Whereas Vietnam has used torture within its concentration camp system;
- Whereas Vietnam has forced laborers to go to the Soviet Union to work under harsh conditions to repay Vietnam's war debts to the Soviets;
- Whereas Vietnam maintains the fourth largest army in the world to further its future aggressive goals;

- Whereas Vietnam has brutally deprived its people of necessities to build a war machine that goes beyond any defensive need;
- Whereas Vietnam has a policy to expel people of Chinese ancestry from Vietnam because of racial hatred;
- Whereas Vietnam has executed about sixty-five thousand Vietnamese since 1975;
- Whereas Vietnam has forced over one million persons to flee Vietnam in the last decade because of the inhumane conditions there;
- Whereas Vietnam has invaded Cambodia with the intent of making it a captive nation, and contributed to causing seven hundred thousand deaths in the first year of occupation;
- Whereas Vietnam's attacks in Laos and Cambodia show evidence of the use of chemical warfare;
- Whereas Vietnam has not made a full accounting for American prisoners of war, or those Americans missing in action in the Vietnam War;
- Whereas Vietnam has proven itself to be a dictatorship which practices rule by terrorism, and which threatens the peace and freedom of the peoples of Southeast Asia: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the Government of Vietnam is condemned for its many
- 4 past and present violations of human rights.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 18, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR BILL MARTIN

FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

State Draft Report on H.J.Res. 328

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Raymond, Steiner, and Sable concur.

Approve William Disappr

Disapprove ____

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