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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: TED MARRS *Jum*

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on Refugees

The President has agreed to form an Advisory Committee on Refugees. Staff deliberations have resulted in the formation of a concept that a group of about 150 citizens representing a cross-section of America should be invited to the White House for an East Room briefing on welcoming refugees, announcement of the Advisory Committee with signing of the Executive Order, and a reception. This group would serve as a resource magnet to attract private sector support and encourage a positive, national mental attitude toward refugees from Southeast Asia. The representative 20 member Advisory Committee would be the focal point for their efforts.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

(Buchen, Marsh, Baroody, NSC, Cavanaugh, Marrs, Woods, Ambassador Brown, Concur)

The Advisory Committee developed with Personnel will number about 20. The list with alternates, is attached (TAB A).

Approve *MAR 9* _____ Disapprove _____

A staff of three professionals and secretarial assistants will be required to staff the Committee operation. Authorization is requested to detail or, as necessary, hire this staff.

Approve *MAR 9* _____ Disapprove _____

Enclosure



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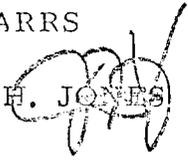
May 12, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TED MARRS

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

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Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rurnsfeld
Phil Buchen
Jack Marsh
Brent Scowcroft
Bill Barody
Jim Cavanaugh
Alan Woods

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: May 12, 1975
FROM: Ted Marrs
THRU: Bill Baroody
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Address a group of 150 distinguished Americans, Announce the Advisory Committee on Refugees, and Reception.

DATE: May 16, 1975
May 19, 1975
May 21, 1975

FURPOSE: Encourage private sector support for the refugee resettlement programs; announce, with signing ceremony, the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Refugees.

FORMAT: Location-The East Room. (15 minutes)
Participants-20 member Advisory Committee, 130 citizens representing a cross section of the country. (To be provided by Ted Marrs.)

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Kissinger

SPEECH MATERIAL: To be prepared by Paul Theis.

PRESS COVERAGE: Full press coverage.

STAFF: Ted Marrs

RECOMMEND: Mr. Buchen
Mr. Marsh
Mr. Baroody
NSC
Mr. Cavanaugh

BACKGROUND: The Interagency Task Force on Refugees is meeting its operational role in regard to movement and care of refugees. To complement its role, the President has decided to establish an Advisory Committee on Refugees.

Recognizing that a broad spectrum of this country's interests will best attract private sector support and encourage a positive, national mental attitude, the 20 member Committee will be announced in the presence of 150 distinguished Americans representing all walks of life.

This large group will receive briefings on welcoming refugees and the current situation by Ambassador Brown and the Commanding Officer, Camp Pendleton. The President will address the group, announce the Advisory Committee, sign the Executive Order, recognize the Co-Chairpersons, and a reception will follow.

This event is intended to be a major catalyst to get the refugees out of the camps and into society.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

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May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

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FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *W. Walker*
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Marlow Cook _____
John Eisenhower 1
Walter Hickel _____
George Romney _____
Lenore Romney _____

Democrats

Reuben Askew 2
Archie Davis _____
Ella Grasso _____
Ethel Kennedy 1
George Meany 3 *or alternates*
Robert Wagner _____

I would also propose that the individuals from this list that you do not select as Co-Chairpersons be asked to serve on the Committee.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



W. N. Walker

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

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THRU: COUNSELLOR MARSH
FROM: DR. TED MARRS *JCM*
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Marsh prefers Option 1.

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(experienced in refugee matters)
- *Dr. Richard Meiling, past President, Ohio State Medical School
- *Dr. Howard Rusk, prominent Humanitarian

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- *Joe Benites, President, League of United Latin American Citizens
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- *Minor George, prominent Arab-American, Republican
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ENTERTAINMENT

- *Pearl Bailey
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- Douglas Dillon
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Lady Bird Johnson
John Eisenhower

MEMBERS

Mayor Joseph Alioto (D - San Francisco)
Governor Reubin Askew (D - Florida)
Archbishop Joseph Bernardine, United States Catholic Conference
Asby Boyle, National Youth Chairman, March of Dimes
Reverend W. Sterling Cary, President, National Council of Churches
Gaetana Enders, wife of Assistant Secretary of State
Governor Dan Evans (R - Washington)
Mayor Maurice Ferre (D - Miami)
Marshall Field, President, Field Enterprises (Chicago)
Edgar Kaiser, Chairman of the Board, Kaiser Industries
Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL/CIO
William J. Kuhfuss, President of the American Fram Bureau
Ellie Peterson
David Riesman
Dr. Malcolm Todd, President, AMA, Long Beach, California
Elder A. Theodore Tuttle, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints

ALTERNATES

John Denver, popular singer
Minor George, prominent heritage leader
Ethel Kennedy
John McCormack, former Speaker of the House
Richard Meiling, past President, Ohio State Medical School
Clarke Reed, Republican National Chairman, Mississippi
Mayor Carlos Romaro-Barcelo (R - San Juan); President, National League
of Cities
Walter Wriston, Chairman of the Board, CITICORP

INCUMBENT GOVERNORS AND MAYORS - POSSIBLE MEMBERS

Mayor Joseph Alioto (D-San Francisco)

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Governor Daniel Evans (R-Washington)

Governor James Longley (I-Maine)

Mayor Richard Lugar (R-Indianapolis)

Governor William Milliken (R-Michigan)

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FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Membership on the Presidential Advisory
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_____ Ernie Lee, Director, International Section, AFL/CIO
_____ Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL/CIO

EDUCATION

_____ Kingman Brewster, President of Yale University
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_____ Minnesota
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_____ North Carolina

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_____ Governor George R. Ariyoshi (D-Hawaii)
_____ Governor Reubin Askew (D-Florida)

_____ Mrs. Ruth Klotz, President, Soroptimist Federation
_____ of the Americas, Inc.
_____ Mr. David Hale, President, The United Jaycees
_____ Ms. Eleanor Jammel, President, Zonta International

VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

_____ U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee
_____ Services, President - John McCarthy
_____ American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees, President -
_____ Dr. Jan Papanek
_____ Church World Service Immigration & Refugee Program
_____ President - Rev. John W. Schauer
_____ Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, President -
_____ Mr. Donald Anderson
_____ United Hias Service, Inc., President - Gaynor Jacobson
_____ Tolstoy Foundation, Inc., President - Dr. Tadeusz
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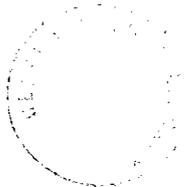
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_____ Richard L. Leshar, President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

AGRICULTURE

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_____ Kuhfuss
_____ Master of the Grange - John W. Scott
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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL



TO: Lady Bird Johnson
John Eisenhower

DATE: May 7, 1975

RECOMMENDED BY: Suggested by the President.

PURPOSE: To request their participation, as Co-Chairpersons, on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees.

BACKGROUND: The Interagency Task Force is meeting its operational role in regard to initial movement and care of refugees. It has been decided to form an Advisory Committee to complement the efforts of the Task Force, advise on the orientation and resettlement of refugees, and enlist the support of the private sector to assist in the resettlement effort (further background attached at Tab A).

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
1. I am forming a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees, and I would like you to serve as Co-Chairperson. Your personal prestige and leadership can greatly assist in the resettlement process.
 2. The Committee will be a bipartisan effort, and I want to enlist people who represent a cross-section of American life to aid in the resettlement.
 3. I have been very concerned about the so-called "anti refugee" attitude which has been reported. It is totally contrary to the American experience and think it is important

that a broad segment of American leadership be involved with the refugee program.

4. As George Meany said yesterday, "This is a nation of immigrants," and I think that with leadership such as yours the American people will respond with compassion to the plight of these people.
5. It is my intention that this committee be a resource magnet to attract the efforts of all Americans. Would you serve as Co-Chairperson of the Committee?

May 7, 1975

Action _____



Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

Purpose: To advise in regard to an expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia. This role will be one of facilitating and convening to insure obtaining resources not otherwise available, overcoming legal and governmental barriers and providing general backup support.

Composition: The Committee will be chaired by a private American citizen with prestige. He will be assisted by a group of about twenty well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, civil rights leaders, and private citizens, including members of the Vietnamese/American community. An executive staff would be established to facilitate the operations of the Committee and to supervise the allocation of resources to reception sites located in the United States.

Liaison: Will establish lines of communication with the Interdepartmental Task Force, with the voluntary agencies who will play a leading role, the Domestic Council, Naturalization and Immigration Service and the Vietnamese-American community and others as needed to enhance understanding and coordination.

Scope: Will give consideration to the following:

1. Moral responsibility.
 2. Economic impacts.
 3. Community reaction to the refugees and refugee reaction to the community.
 4. Food--adequacy and appropriateness.
 5. Transport and geography of resettlement.
 6. Social and traditional factors.
 7. Health and environmental matters.
 8. Interrelationship of governmental and volunteer roles.
 9. Education - bilingual, work oriented and other.
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10. Housing -- temporary and permanent.

11. Cultural understanding.

The Committee should call upon all Americans to contribute time, money, and resources to this effort. The Committee would not be designed to coordinate evacuation and resettlement activities, but would act only to locate and elicit and help distribute the private resources which will be available to assist Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in this country, to assist the activities of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and to provide advice and guidance on refugee resettlement matters generally.

Administration: Meetings to be arranged through Office of Public Liaison.

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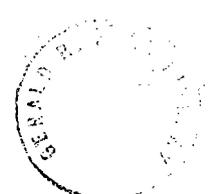
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL



TO: Lady Bird Johnson
John Eisenhower

DATE: May 7, 1975

RECOMMENDED BY: Suggested by the President.

PURPOSE: To request their participation, as Co-Chairpersons, on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees.

BACKGROUND: The Interagency Task Force is meeting its operational role in regard to initial movement and care of refugees. It has been decided to form an Advisory Committee to complement the efforts of the Task Force, advise on the orientation and resettlement of refugees, and enlist the support of the private sector to assist in the resettlement effort (further background attached at Tab A).

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
1. I am forming a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees, and I would like you to serve as Co-Chairperson. Your personal prestige and leadership can greatly assist in the resettlement process.
 2. The Committee will be a bipartisan effort, and I want to enlist people who represent a cross-section of American life to aid in the resettlement.
 3. I have been very concerned about the so-called "anti refugee" attitude which has been reported. It is totally contrary to the American experience and think it is important

that a broad segment of American leadership be involved with the refugee program.

4. As George Meany said yesterday, "This is a nation of immigrants," and I think that with leadership such as yours the American people will respond with compassion to the plight of these people.
5. It is my intention that this committee be a resource magnet to attract the efforts of all Americans. Would you serve as Co-Chairperson of the Committee?

May 7, 1975

Action _____



Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

Purpose: To advise in regard to an expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia. This role will be one of facilitating and convening to insure obtaining resources not otherwise available, overcoming legal and governmental barriers and providing general backup support.

Composition: The Committee will be chaired by a private American citizen with prestige. He will be assisted by a group of about twenty well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, civil rights leaders, and private citizens, including members of the Vietnamese/American community. An executive staff would be established to facilitate the operations of the Committee and to supervise the allocation of resources to reception sites located in the United States.

Liaison: Will establish lines of communication with the Interdepartmental Task Force, with the voluntary agencies who will play a leading role, the Domestic Council, Naturalization and Immigration Service and the Vietnamese-American community and others as needed to enhance understanding and coordination.

Scope: Will give consideration to the following:

1. Moral responsibility.
2. Economic impacts.
3. Community reaction to the refugees and refugee reaction to the community.
4. Food--adequacy and appropriateness.
5. Transport and geography of resettlement.
6. Social and traditional factors.
7. Health and environmental matters.
8. Interrelationship of governmental and volunteer roles.
9. Education - bilingual, work oriented and other.

10. Housing -- temporary and permanent.

11. Cultural understanding.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Henry A. Kissinger

Subject: Transfer of Indochina Task Force

The evacuation of refugees from Indochina has been essentially completed and, as the flow of refugees enters the United States, the national security aspects of the operation are receding.

The time has come to focus on the long term resettlement issues which could be with us as long as one year. I believe that new organizational arrangements must be established to deal with this different set of problems, once Congress has completed action on your request for funds.

Specifically, I recommend that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare assume overall responsibility for the resettlement operation, and the operations of the present Task Force be physically moved to that Department. In order to ensure high level attention and inter-agency cooperation in the days ahead, I would further recommend that the new Task Force remain at the White House level. This arrangement could be reexamined in six months.

The new Inter-Agency Task Force would include the interested Departments and Agencies which are presently working on the problem -- DOD, Justice, INS, Interior, Labor, HUD, AID and State. State would be charged with handling the international aspects of resettlement and State/AID/USIA would continue to provide personnel support to the reception centers and the Task Force, as determined by the Director of the Task Force.

If we take this step, I am confident we will have created the proper mechanism for coping with the resettlement of refugees, which has become an essentially domestic issue and concern.

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MR 92-8, #17, State ltr 6/4/92
By KBH NARA, Date 7/1/92

Should you agree to my recommendation, I will instruct Ambassador L. Dean Brown to make arrangements for the transfer directly with Secretary Weinberger with the understanding that HEW will request White House approval for the new Director of the Task Force.

Recommendation:

That you approve the transfer of responsibility for the resettlement to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, while maintaining the Task Force at a White House level.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Draft Presidential Announcement.



PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am today appointing _____
as my Special Representative and Director of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the resettlement of refugees from Indochina. The Task Force, which will be located in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will be responsible for all aspects of the domestic and international resettlement of refugees from the states of Indochina. The Task Force director will work under my direction and in close coordination with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. His responsibilities will involve all interested departments of government.

The new Task Force will continue the work which Ambassador L. Dean Brown launched under my direction. The resettlement problem now has a decidedly domestic orientation and is no longer primarily a subject of national security concern.

I wish to congratulate Ambassador Brown and the Task Force which worked for him for their achievements. In the short period of a month they successfully supervised the evacuation of our Mission in Viet-Nam and almost 50,000 endangered Vietnamese. About 60,000

other refugees were rescued at sea. Staging areas in the Pacific were constructed; three reception centers in the United States prepared; a program of United States' and third country resettlement was launched. I would like to express my particular gratitude to Ambassador Brown and his Task Force and to our armed forces which responded so quickly and effectively, often in the face of great danger.



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

May 17, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Indo-China Refugee Resettlement Task Force
(Memorandum on the same subject to you from
the Secretary of State).

The Secretary of State has proposed to you that in view of the essentially domestic character of the resettlement effort which must now be made through the summer and fall, the State Department is no longer the appropriate agency to lead the task force which has been developed to deal with this subject. He suggests that HEW instead assume the responsibility for leading the task force; the director of the task force would remain as a Presidential appointee, under the Secretary's proposal, though I understand that a replacement for Ambassador Dean Brown will have to be found.

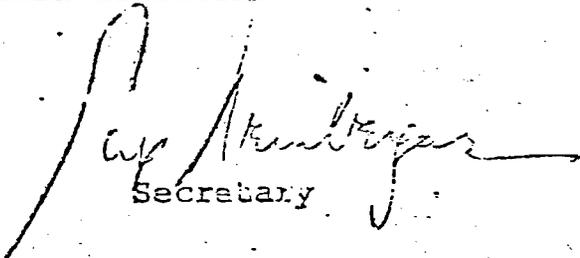
I agree with Secretary Kissinger that a domestic orientation of the task force is now appropriate. I also join him in recommending that a Presidential appointee lead this effort. I understand that the staff of the task force is already in place and that logistical support is ongoing; what is needed is only a change in leadership. I believe careful consideration should be given to identifying a new director and a new lead agency responsible for coordinating the task force's activities.

Certainly, Secretary Kissinger's suggestion that HEW take the lead is one option. We are an agency with direct operating responsibilities across the nation, and our programs have special relevance to the needs of the refugees and the concerns of the communities receiving them. While we do not deliver many services directly, we give financial support to virtually every entity that does. If we were given this responsibility, we would, of course, do everything we could to carry it out effectively, as we have attempted to give all the support needed to the existing task force under State's leadership.

There are, however, other options which have advantages of their own and which should be considered. Three in particular suggest themselves.

- The White House. Obtaining the effective cooperation of many agencies and the needed assistance from private organizations can best be done at this level. Also, the need to act quickly and the temporary nature of the program would be emphasized.
- The Office of Management and Budget. This office has experience in coordinating government-wide activities. It is in a good position to arbitrate differences between operating agencies.
- A Special Agency. On the model of the Energy Agency, this office would have a single mission to which it could devote all its efforts.

Our objective in this effort is to place virtually all the refugees in ongoing communities by year's end. By far the largest number of these placements will be in the United States. Each of the options presented, including the HEW option, has its advantages and drawbacks in achieving this objective. I believe that all should be considered before a decision is reached. I would like to discuss this with you or your staff prior to a final decision.


Secretary



cc: Honorable Theodore Marrs