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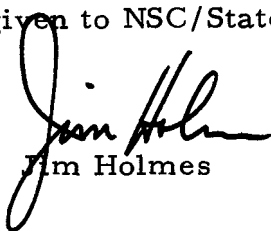
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1975

FOR MR. RON NESSEN

The attached is for your information.  
Action has been given to NSC/State.

  
Jim Holmes



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GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THIS IS AN APPEAL TO YOU PERSONALLY AS ONE FATHER TO ANOTHER,

IT IS A REQUEST THAT YOU ARRANGE FOR THE SAFE ESCORT FROM PHNOM PENH OF THREE AMERICAN NEWSMEN WHO CHOSE TO REMAIN IN THAT CITY LAST WEEKEND IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS.

ONE OF THE NEWSMEN WAS MY SON, RICHARD BOYLE, FOREIGN EDITOR FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE OTHERS WERE SYDNEY H. SCHANBERG OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND AL ROCKOFF, A FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED TODAY THAT AMBASSADOR DEAN HAS DECIDED THAT EVACUATION ASSISTANCE WILL NOT NOW BE PROVIDED THESE NEWSMEN "SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY" TO GET OUT OF PHNOM PENH.

THE NEWSMEN CHOSE TO STAY BECAUSE OF AN APPARENT DEDICATION TO THEIR PROFESSION.

NOW, THEY WANT OUT--FEARING REPRISALS FROM SEVERAL POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS.

PLEASE, MR. PRESIDENT, PERSUADE THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS TOWARD A RECOGNITION OF THE VIEWPOINT THAT THE BEST PUBLIC INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY THE SAFE DELIVERANCE OF THESE NEWSMEN.

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