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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*
SUBJECT: Presidential Determination to Make Available Assistance for Refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam

In order to meet urgent initial expenses of refugee relief for persons leaving South Vietnam and Cambodia, funds may be transferred from a special account in the Foreign Assistance Act to the Department of State office handling Refugee and Migration Affairs. As a result of an earlier transfer of funds from this account for the support of Soviet refugees, \$5 million is left for transfer now. These funds can be used for subsistence, transportation and resettlement in the US or third countries. To transfer this money the law requires that you determine that assistance to refugees from South Vietnam and Cambodia will contribute to the defense or the security or the foreign policy interests of the United States. You must further determine that it is in the national interest to transfer a given amount of funds--\$5 million in this case--for the purpose of relief.

At Tab A is a memorandum to the Secretary of State incorporating such a Determination for the different groups of refugees we will want to help in the event they are forced to leave South Vietnam or Cambodia.

I believe--and Max Friedersdorf agrees--that Congress will readily accept your actions in view of the peril which many of our friends in Cambodia and South Vietnam could face.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A. [OMB concurs]

Approve *HK* Disapprove _____