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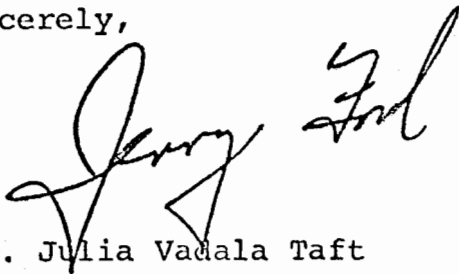
January 15, 1976

Dear Julia:

As you and your colleagues on the Interagency Task Force for Indochina complete your important work, I commend you for your outstanding performance in bringing the resettlement of almost 131,000 Indochinese refugees to a successful conclusion.

That difficult and challenging undertaking reflected the American spirit of charity in its finest sense. The success of that effort required the dedication, skill, and cooperation of many men and women of goodwill in both public and private life. Our Nation owes them its appreciation. Your superb leadership was vital in this extraordinary effort, and you have my own personal and deeply felt thanks for a job in which you can take great personal and professional satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerry Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the recipient.

Mrs. Julia Vadala Taft  
Director  
Interagency Task Force for Indochina  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FOR INDOCHINA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

December 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Mr. James T. Lynn, Director  
Office of Management and Budget *Ohira*

FROM: *Julia Taft* Julia Vadala Taft, Director,  
Interagency Task Force

SUBJECT: Status Report on the Indochina  
Refugee Resettlement Program

Attached is the status report on the Indochina Refugee Resettlement Program through December 18, 1975

Attachment:  
As stated.

cc: Secretary Mathews  
Dr. Marrs  
Mr. Eisenhower  
Mr. Semerad  
Mr. Cannon  
Mr. Oaxaca  
Mr. Puritano  
Mr. Barri

*I want to strongly  
recognize & compliment  
Julia Taft & her associates.*

STATUS REPORT ON THE INDOCHINA REFUGEE  
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM - DECEMBER 18

REFUGEE STATUS (as of December 18)

Total Refugees entered US System	140,664
Total Released	140,072
Total Remaining in US System	592

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US	131,894
Third Countries	6,632
Repatriated	1,546
(Requesting Repatriation - 20)	

Average Daily Releases

		Total Releases (for the week)
Week ending 12/18	278	(1,945)
Week ending 12/11	290	(2,029)
Week ending 12/4	299	(2,093)
Week ending 11/27	371	(2,598)
Week ending 11/20	336	(2,352)
Week ending 11/13	261	(1,825)

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Total Remaining in US System	592
Fort Chaffee	592
In Transit	0

## Close-Out

The last refugees in the Task Force system are scheduled to leave Fort Chaffee for their new homes on Saturday, December 20. With the closing of Fort Chaffee, we will be terminating our operations and will turn over residual responsibility for domestic aspects of resettlement to a Refugee Task Force in the Office of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare on January 1. International aspects of resettlement became the responsibility of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs in the State Department on October 31.

## Oversight Hearing

On December 18 I testified before the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law chaired by Congressman Eilberg of Pennsylvania. The Subcommittee gave high praise to the Task Force, the Administration, and all involved with the resettlement program for completing the program "on schedule" and "in the black."

## Awards

I am earnestly hoping for a decision on Presidential recognition of the key civilian, military and voluntary people who contributed significantly to the resettlement program and your Task Force. I understand that my memoranda to you of November 10 and 11 on this subject are now being reviewed at the White House staff level.

## Final Report

This is the final report in the series of weekly reports I have been sending you on the status of the Indochina Refugee Resettlement Program. It has been a privilege and an honor for me to have been the Director of your Task Force for this noble undertaking and I am grateful for your confidence and support.