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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
Congressman Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman,
Committee on International Relations
Congressman John J. Sparkman, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Relations
Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman,
Committee on Appropriations
Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman,
Congressman George H. Mahon, Chairman,
Committee on Appropriations,
Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975 requires that I transmit within thirty days after its enactment a report to six committees of the Congress describing the status of refugees from Cambodia and South Vietnam.

In response to that requirement, I am forwarding a report prepared by the acting director of the interagency task force for Indochina. It sets forth current progress in receiving and resettling the refugees.

Progress to date has been good when considered in the context of the magnitude of the refugee situation -- the large numbers and great distances -- and the short period of time available to deal with it. The cooperation and sacrifices made by private individuals and organizations, by Members of the Congress, by Federal, State and local officials, and by military personnel have been exemplary. I compliment all of them, and I ask that as many more people as possible contribute their efforts toward complete resettlement.

I am also transmitting a report regarding retrieval of assistance funds to Cambodia and South Vietnam by the Department of Defense and the Agency for International Development as required by section 4(b) (3) of the Act.

I anticipate that the subsequent supplementary reports required by the Act will provide the committees additional information on these activities.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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