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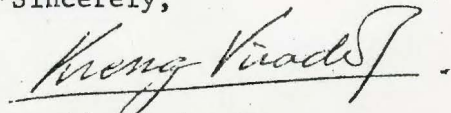
Mrs. Betty Kozasa
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Dear Mrs. Kozasa:

As I mentioned to you previously, I am concerned about the fate of eleven Cambodian artists presently stranded in Taipei, Taiwan ever since the fall of Cambodia. Under a cultural exchange agreement between Taiwan and Cambodia back in 1973, these artist were assigned to the National Taiwan Academy of Arts in Taipei.

The Cambodian community shares this concern and urges me to request action by our Asian American Voluntary Action Agency on behalf of these artists in order to obtain the State Department's approval to the artists' admittance to the United States. The preservation of Cambodian cultural and artistic heritage will be tremendously enhanced by their presence in this country. The artists' representative, Nareth Ouk, has written the U. S. Embassy in Taipei and the Cambodian Veterans Association has written the State Department regarding this matter as you can see from the attached copies of correspondence. The request was turned down for the reason that their case is not the most compelling one to merit attention and the suggestion is that they file for entry admission through regular immigration channels, which might take tremendous time. Furthermore, these individuals have no immediate relatives in the U. S. I would appreciate any action you can initiate to expedite this crucial case on behalf of the Cambodian community.

Sincerely,



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