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P. Criteria

2 People

- Man & woman
- GOP & Dem -

Funding - O'Neill looking
People - Pels,
Civic groups

Size - Why 25 - 1/2
double or 1/2

- How well they
actually work -

How much
emphasis does it deserve??

Approved Sarg Schmeier - etc

- PC

- Armstrong will serve -

Steps

1. Criteria -
- Dem. Pol. ?

Let's look
at list -

2. Decide Rec

When have
we done

3. Get to serve

this before

4. Get Ready To Announce -

- WIN

- Clemency Bd.

≠ We are about to have a disaster!!

What should we do today -

- Announce Ch. - ????
- How are we going to pay?

+ Ralph Gensbrough -

+ Beltracchi

+
+



Mass -

Service Clubs

1. All lined by P., All met with Brown -

Giving material to them -

- 26 major civic groups -

- Vol. agencies -

- Ellie Peterson -

- Red Cross

- USO -

+ 6 Volunteer Agencies -

+ Liberal
Church Tavern

2 - Bays

- Rampton & Evans

// - Robert Morgan

{ Rammeny



Where is P's decision
to end Viet Nam Benefit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THEODORE MARRS
BRENT SCOWCROFT. *BS*
JOHN MARSH *jm*

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Committee
on Refugees



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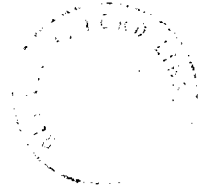
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Date: April 28, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION:

Bill Baroody
Phil Buchen
Jim Cannon
Jim Lynn

cc (for information):

Ron Nessen
Bill Seidman
Bill Walker

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: TODAY, April 28, 1975

Time: 5:00 p. m.

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Marrs/Scowcroft/Marsh memo (4/27/75) re:
Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Sp - Baroody WCB 6²⁵ Baroody ok
Buchner has not seen WCB approved
Cannon on the tape
~~Lynn Bill Walker WCB~~
~~Hicken WCB~~



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JWS*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

ALAN WOODS



SUBJECT:

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We concur with the recommendations and the individuals
for consideration as Chairperson in the following priority:

John Harper
Winfield Dunn
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REMARKS:

CANNON RECOMMENDATION:

Approves concept with modification. "I think the effort should be led by a woman."

Additions to list on Page 2

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 Secretary of Cultural Resources
 of North Carolina

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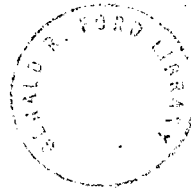
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REMARKS:

*Approve subject to point made
by Jim Lynn that Committee expenses
are chargeable to Budget of White House.*

J.W.B.

*Based on
meeting this a.m.*

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MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

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I believe a strong Presidential statement recalling America's tradition of compassion for the helpless victims of war would help turn around this growing public opposition to take in the refugees.

OMB



Generally, no problems. Problems are:

1. Title -- ought to reflect specific area (i. e., SE Asia)
2. President should announce the intent rather than he will because there are some major problems with who will support it (OMB doesn't have the funds, nor WH). Possibly, HEW (they funded essentially the same thing for the Cubans). This would have to be studied.
3. Would rather see it an Advisory Committee to State or HEW rather than the President.
4. ~~President would be~~ Would be good if President could line up Chairman when he announced intent.

C

5. Most like Hungarian
the Dec. 1956 12/12/56
Camp Kelmer NY
Military in Chairman
Cuban - no advisory
Comm. (HEW)
Consolidated Supplemental
2/3 to HEW findings

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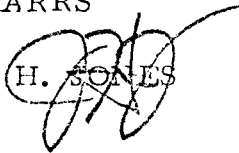
May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TED MARRS

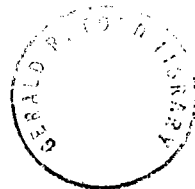
FROM:

JERRY H. JONES



Attached is your memorandum to the President regarding a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees and OMB's comments on the subject. You should get together with General Scowcroft and Jack Marsh and incorporate OMB's suggestions in your memorandum to the President.

Thank you.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAY 1 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JERRY H. JONES, STAFF SECRETARY

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Attachment

National Advisory Committee on Indo-China Refugees



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will
The Committee ~~should~~ be chaired by a private American citizen with ~~international~~ prestige, ~~who would be the~~ President's ~~personal representative~~. He ^{*will*} be assisted by a group of about twenty ~~similarly~~ well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, ~~voluntary organizations~~, civil rights leaders, and private citizens. *including members of the Vietnamese/Indo-Chinese community*
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The U.S. Government would have representatives on the Committee, but its primary role would be to provide resources otherwise unobtainable, overcome legal and governmental barriers, and provide general backup support where required.

II
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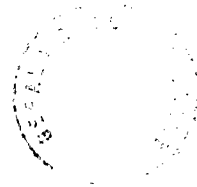
May 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: TED MARRS *by [signature]*

Consistent with your comments in your May 1 Memorandum, the reworked memorandum is submitted, attached.

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a memorandum recommending that a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees be created. The reference in the memo to your Tuesday, April 29, meeting is no longer appropriate; however, the question of setting up a Commission to assist in developing those resources necessary to conduct a refugee settlement program is an important one and should be considered.

Staff views are as follows:

Lynn -- Questioned the original charter which was reworked to reflect their concerns regarding purpose (comments at Tab I).

Buchen -- Approve if appropriate funding can be worked out.

Baroody -- Approves memo.

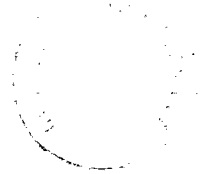
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Seidman -- Good idea; would make co-Chairpersons Harper and Armstrong.

Walker -- Priority for Chairperson would be John Harper, Winfield Dunn, Anne Armstrong, Caleb Boggs.

Nessen -- Comments at Tab II.

Don



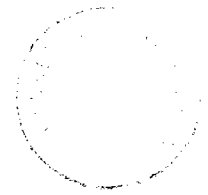
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Caleb Boggs	_____	_____
Marlow Cook	_____	_____
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Reed Kirkland	<u>MR7</u>	_____
John Love	_____	_____
Eugene McCarthy	<u>MR7</u>	_____
Ross Perot	_____	_____
Sargent Shriver	<u>MR7</u>	_____





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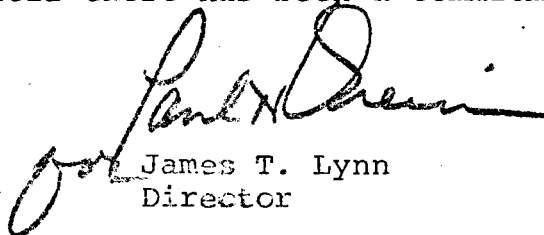
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[5/2/75]

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I have approved above,
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members.

Should be "male & female"
Co-Ch. / Dem & G.O.P.
Also, Business, Labor, etc.
or Committee.

Rees Maysor - could be
potential.

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 3, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: JERRY JONES
SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory
Committee on Refugees

The President has reviewed your memorandum of May 2nd on the above subject. He approved the concept of your memo as presented at Tab A. He also initialed the approve line by the following names suggested for his consideration as chairperson.

Anne Armstrong
Peter Frelinghuysen
John Harper
Reed Kirkland
Eugene McCarthy
Sargent Shriver

Finally, he made the following notation:

-- I have approved above (names), not as Chairperson, but as members. (Chairperson) Should be "male and female" Co-Ch./ Dem and G.O.P. Also, Business, Labor, etc. on Committee. Bess Myerson could be potential.

cc: Theodore Marrs
Brent Scowcroft
Donald Rumsfeld
William Walker



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BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
JOHN MARSH *jm*

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Committee
on Refugees

The Interagency Task Force on Refugees is meeting its operational role in regard to initial movement and care of refugees. Its intragovernmental role would be complemented by:

1. Establishing a Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees. This is believed by Secretary Kissinger and Ambassador Brown to be a much needed complement to the task force operation.
2. A Presidential appeal to the major civic organizations for their support. You will have an opportunity to do this at a Tuesday, April 29 meeting which will be attended by twenty-five Presidents of major civic clubs. You are scheduled for a few words and picture taking with them.

A paper which describes the Advisory Committee on Refugee concept is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve concept as presented in Tab A

Approve concept with modification _____

Disapprove _____

If the concept of the President's Committee on Refugees is approved there should be a prompt announcement of a chairperson. That person will then, in consultation with us, select other members of the committee.



The following names (in alphabetical order) are suggested for your consideration as chairperson:

	Approve	Disapprove
Anne Armstrong		
Caleb Boggs		
Marlow Cook		
Winfield Dunn		
Peter Frelinghuysen		
John Harper		
Reed Kirkland		
John Love		
Eugene McCarthy		
Ross Perot		
Sargent Shriver		

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Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

Purpose: To advise in regard to an expeditious and coordinated orientation and resettlement of refugees from Southeast Asia. This role will be one of facilitating and convening to insure obtaining resources not otherwise available, overcoming legal and governmental barriers and providing general backup support.

Composition: The Committee will be chaired by a private American citizen with prestige. He will be assisted by a group of about twenty well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, civil rights leaders, and private citizens, including members of the Vietnamese/American community. An executive staff would be established to facilitate the operations of the Committee and to supervise the allocation of resources to reception sites located in the United States.

Liaison: Will establish lines of communication with the Interdepartmental Task Force, with the voluntary agencies who will play a leading role, the Domestic Council, Naturalization and Immigration Service and the Vietnamese-American community and others as needed to enhance understanding and coordination.

Scope: Will give consideration to the following:

1. Moral responsibility.
2. Economic impacts.
3. Community reaction to the refugees and refugee reaction to the community.
4. Food--adequacy and appropriateness.
5. Transport and geography of resettlement.
6. Social and traditional factors.
7. Health and environmental matters.
8. Interrelationship of governmental and volunteer roles.
9. Education - bilingual, work oriented and other.

10. Housing -- temporary and permanent.

11. Cultural understanding.

The Committee should call upon all Americans to contribute time, money, and resources to this effort. The Committee would not be designed to coordinate evacuation and resettlement activities, but would act only to locate and elicit and help distribute the private resources which will be available to assist Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in this country, to assist the activities of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and to provide advice and guidance on refugee resettlement matters generally.

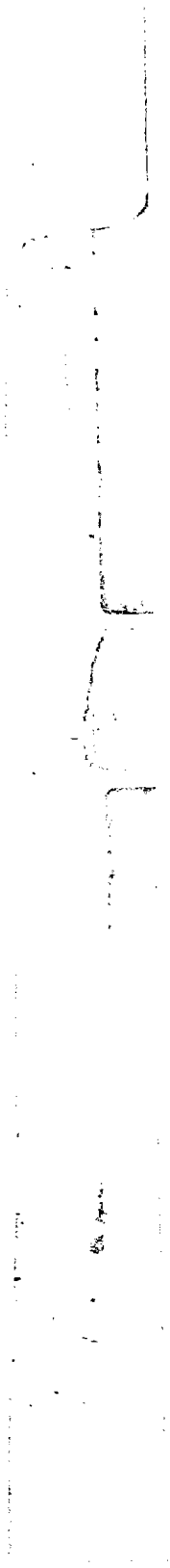
Administration: Meetings to be arranged through Office of Public Liaison.

"Up front" administrative support from OMB and other White House offices should be directed to insure the prompt development needed for effectiveness. Staff office should be in EOB.

Financing for this Committee is expected to be provided with funds appropriated under the Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act of 1975.

Meetings will be in accord with legal requirements for advisory groups and Counsel will provide a specific point of contact.

Public understanding will be supported by keeping the White House Press and Congressional Liaison offices informed as well as by contact with civic and other private associations.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAY 1 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JERRY H. JONES, STAFF SECRETARY

Subject: Advisory Committee on Refugees

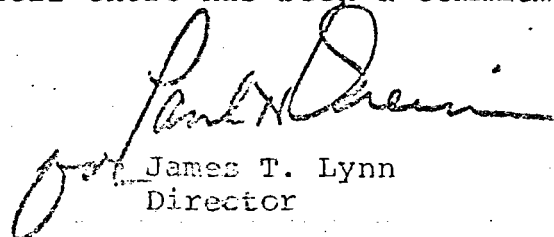
The Marrs/Scowcroft/Marsh memo which we have reviewed poses significant problems.

- Use of action verbs like "assist in ... orientation and resettlement" and "will give consideration to all aspects," including transport, food, housing. This language gives the flavor of a heavy management and directive role for the Committee, rather than a convener/facilitator role. In a management role, the Committee would be totally unacceptable to the voluntary agencies, whose role is essential in the resettlement operation.
- We have major reservations in the Committee becoming a coordinative body with a broad scope of management responsibilities. This is the appropriate role of the voluntary resettlement agencies who will receive contracts for this purpose, and not of this Advisory Committee.
- By not stressing the availability of crucial private resources and roles in the assistance which will be required, the U.S. Government might have to assume full financial and program responsibility.

We have prepared an alternative concept paper, attached.

Financing for this Committee is expected to be provided with funds appropriated under the Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act of 1975.

Finally, while we believe that the formation of this Committee is urgent, we would strongly recommend that the President not announce its establishment until there has been a commitment by a qualified chairman.


James T. Lynn
Director

Attachment

National Advisory Committee on Indo-China Refugees

Purpose: Because of the numerous expressions of interest received from the private sector, and the immeasurable contribution that can be made by American voluntary agencies, it is recommended that the President establish immediately a National Advisory Committee on Indo-China Refugees which would identify and mobilize private resources to assist in the resettlement of Indo-Chinese refugees entering the United States.

These efforts would be designed to marshall available resources to provide general resettlement assistance, employment opportunities, scholarships, and other social services that will be required by these refugees.

The Committee should be chaired by a private American citizen with international prestige who would be the President's personal representative. He would be assisted by a group of about twenty similarly well known people from a broad spectrum of the private sector, including businessmen, educators, labor leaders, voluntary organizations, civil rights leaders, and private citizens. An executive staff would be established to facilitate the operations of the Committee and to supervise the allocation of resources to reception sites located in the United States.

The U.S. Government would have representatives on the Committee, but its primary role would be to provide resources otherwise unobtainable, overcome legal and governmental barriers, and provide general backup support where required.

The Committee should call upon all Americans to contribute time, money, and resources to this effort. The Committee would not be designed to coordinate evacuation and resettlement activities, but would act only to locate and elicit and help distribute the private resources which will be available to assist Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in this country, to assist the activities of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and to provide advice and guidance on refugee resettlement matters generally.

The concept as outlined above will provide Presidential leadership in a unified national effort by stressing the very urgent and crucial participation of the private sector in mobilizing a humanitarian reception for these refugees into our society.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: RON NESSEN *RNN*
SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Committee on Refugees

I don't have any particular recommendation on the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. I do feel that the President should do something or say something almost immediately to turn off what I believe to be a growing public and Congressional opinion that few if any refugees should be taken into the United States.

I get a number of questions at my briefing each day and I see comments from the public and from politicians suggesting that the United States does not have the resources, housing, jobs, or support money to take care of Vietnamese refugees.

I believe a strong Presidential statement recalling America's tradition of compassion for the helpless victims of war would help turn around this growing public opposition to take in the refugees.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: DICK CHENEY



Jerry, it's possible we will want to announce the Citizens Advisory Committee on Vietnam Refugees Tuesday night at 7:30 when the President holds a Press Conference.

You ought to have that in the mill in terms of timing for action.

We would want to announce all of the members at that time, and that means we'll have to move fairly fast.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THRU: COUNSELLOR MARSH
FROM: TED MARRS
SUBJECT: Membership of Presidential Advisory
Committee on Refugees

The attached list has been developed in conjunction with the Personnel Office. It represents a broad spectrum of this country's interests.

Assuming a committee membership of about 25, an asterisk has been placed beside the 25 names deemed most preferable. The remaining names are alternates.

Recommend you approve for membership those individuals denoted by an asterisk.

Approve _____

Approve as changed _____

Disapprove _____



Authorization is requested to make direct contact with those approved and alternates as needed.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Enclosure

REPRESENTATION ON THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE

EDUCATION

- *Kingman Brewster, President of Yale University
- Malcomb Moos, former President, University of Minnesota
- *David Matthews, President, University of Alabama

LABOR

- *Peter Bomarito, President, Rubber Workers Union
- *Lane Kirkland, AFL/CIO
- Ernie Lee, AFL/CIO

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- *Archbishop Joseph Bernardine, United States Catholic Conference
- *Reverend W. Sterling Cary, President, National Council of Churches
- *Philip Klutznick, former President, B'nai Brith
- *Bishop James Matthews, The United Methodist Church

BUSINESS

- *Joe Danzansky, President, Giant Foods
- Kim Firestone
- John Harper, former Chairman of the Board, ALCOA
- Edgar Kaiser, Chairman of the Board, Kaiser Industries
- Al Rockwell, Chairman of the Board, Rockwell Industries
- *Walter Wriston, Chairman of the Board, CITICORP

MEDIA

- Helen Copley, Owner, San Diego Union
- Frank Murphy, President, Times Mirror Corporation (Los Angeles)
- *Ernesta Procope, Amsterdam News (Black Newspaper, NYC)
- *Frank Stanton, formerly CBS, presently President, Red Cross

MEDICAL

- *Dr. Kazumi Kasuga, Director, Indian Health Service (Albuquerque)
(experienced in refugee matters)
- *Dr. Richard Meiling, past President, Ohio State Medical School
- *Dr. Howard Rusk, prominent Humanitarian



HERITAGE

- *Joe Benites, President, League of United Latin American Citizens
- **Tran Van Chuong, former Ambassador to the United States (Vietnamese)
- *Minor George, prominent Arab-American, Republican
- *John Slezak, successful businessman, immigrant

ENTERTAINMENT

- *Pearl Bailey
- *John Wayne

OTHER PROMINENT CITIZENS

- Anne Armstrong
- *Ashby Boyle, National Youth Chairman, March of Dimes
- Douglas Dillon
- *Gaetana Enders, wife of Assistant Secretary of State
- Peter Frelinghuysen
- *Jeannie Holmes, General, USAF
- Ethel Kennedy
- Eugene McCarthy, former Senator
- Bess Myerson
- *Ellie Peterson
- George Romney
- Robert Sargent Schriver
- Elvis Stahr, Chairman, USO
- Cornelia Wallace, wife of Governor Wallace

**recommended by State Department

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES
FROM: TED MARRS *TM*
SUBJECT: Funding

I have been advised by Paul O'Neill that \$50,000 has been made available for the Advisory Committee on Refugees. This will be from a State Department source that is appropriate for this particular use.

Hopefully, these funds will allow operations until the Congress acts and additional monies are available.

