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Dear Father Thiep:

This is in reply to your July 9 letter to President Reagan regarding the recent arrest and imprisonment of Father Dominic Tran Dinh Thu and other members of your order by authorities in Ho Chi Minh City.

The lack of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam makes it impossible to make any direct representation to Vietnamese authorities on behalf of your coreligionists, but our fundamental positions in defense of religious freedom and the right to due process are well understood there and around the world.

Please accept our sincere hopes that Father Thu and the other priests and brothers are released quickly and returned to their important work.

Sincerely,

Jeff V. S. Millington

Director, Acting

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The Very Reverend Barnabas M. Thiep, CMC, Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix U.S. Assumption Province, 1900 Grand Avenue, Cathage, Missouri.

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CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER COREDEMPTRIX U.S. ASSUMPTION PROVINCE

1900 Grand Avenue - Carthage, Missouri 64836 - (417) 358-7787

July 9, 1987

The President of the United States The White House Washington, DC 20500-0001

Dear Mr. President:

We are the religious priests and Brothers of the Congregation of The Mother Coredemptrix, a Vietnamese Community located in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri, since June 30,1975 through the kindness of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, then our Bishop. We have just received some bad news and documents concerning our Superior General and Brothers at our Mother House in Vietnam.

Enclosed please find a copy of the above mentioned documents translated from Vietnamse into English. By those documents, you will understand how cruelly the Vietnamese Communists have treated our priests and Brothers in Vietnam at the present time. Moreover, we were newly informed that our Superior General, Father Dominic Tran Dinh Thu, 81 years old, and a group of his priests and Brothers have been arrested and strictly jailed at Hochiminh City. Please note that Father Dominic is imprisoned for the second time. We sincerely implore you to please do your best to intervene in their defence, urging the Vietnamese Government to set them free and give them back their homes as soon as possible.

With all my anticipated thanks and best wishes on behalf of my whole Community, Dear Mr. President, I have the honor to be

Very truly and respectfully yours,

(Very Rev.) Barnabas M. Thiep, CMC

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Enclosure

- * WHAT HAPPENED?
- * CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
- * REACTION OF THE PEOPLE.

I. WHAT HAPPENED?

The evil intention of religion-oppression is the top priority of the Communist government's policy. To them: religion is the first enemy to be demolished. The terms "Freedom of Religion" is just a front or a label that the communists use to deceive people.

Right from the moment the Communists occupied the South, they have applied and carried out their intention in earnest. Thousands and thousand of the churches and temples were closed. Many priests and members of the religions were gradually imprisoned, and a great number of the faithful were jailed in the "Re-education Camps" because of their religion.

Having the same ill fate with other religions under the Communist regime, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has had to sacrifice tremendously with 15 of its members being detained without knowing of their whereabouts; Brother Dinh Khiem Ton was brutally tortured to death; many priests and brothers of the Congregation were jailed cruelly, among these is Father Nguyen Hien Tan who has been imprisoned in the "Re-education camp" for 12 years until now; and even the Reverend Founder Tran Dinh Thu was imprisoned in solitude for 2 years.

Last May, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix was destroyed by the communists completely. Although since 1975, much of the property of the Congregation were seized and occupied by the Communist government such as the High Schools of My Chanh, Phu My, Nha Da of Binh Dinh; the monastery at Nha Da; the Theological Seminary at Quy Duc, Binh Dinh; the Rang Dong dormitory for college students, Da Lat; the monasteries and the plantations at Di Linh, Dai Nga of Lam Dong; monasteries and properties of the Congregation at Dong Xoai, Bu Dop of Phuoc Long; the Dong Cong High School of Thu Duc, and the Congregation then had to live in a small area on the hill of Thu Duc, but the Communist were not satisfied, they still wanted to seize, and rob the last houses and put the priests and brothers of the Congregation in jail on last May 20, 1987.

II. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

According to our reliable sources recently sent from VietNam, the detail of the religion oppression in the total destruction of Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix happened as follows!

At approximately 9:30 AM May 15,1987, about 40 security officials of the district of Thu Duc suddenly raided the area of the Congregation where a brick building (better known as the 30 Room Building) is located on the Hill of Thu Duc. Security officials demanded a search and inspection of the residents. It is known that

during the period of this time, the Congregation was organizing a Religion-Education course named the Co-redemptrix Family; its purpose was to help the faithful to live a better religious life. The Religious Education course this time consisted of 62 members both males and females who came from different places as were frequently permitted in previous years. Security officials filed the reports on the inspection site, forced everyone to file the census report and dismissed these people at 12:00 noon. The Congregation obediently complied with the order. Everyone thought that this was nothing serious, and the routine activities continued. No one doubted that this was just a preliminary probe to prepare for a large scale "assault" that followed.

At approximately 9:00 AM on the following day, May 16, 1987, Reverend Tran Dinh Thu, the General Superior and also the Founder of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix and brother Tran Trung Than were invited by the security officials of Thu Duc District to report for "work" at the security office of the district. After 3 hours of interrogation, questioning, the writing of a self-confession on the organization and the routine activities of the monastery; at 12:00 noon on the same day, security officials drove Father General Superior back to the Congregation on a La Dalat automobile with an "escort" of 40 armed security officials who bursted in and surrounded the whole area of the Congregation in Thu Duc. They read an order of an administrative census to search and inspect the whole area of the Congregation. Right after that, they closed the entrances and exits to conduct a tight blockade to prevent any movement in or out of the Congregation; everyone was to stay right where They searched the private quarter of the Reverend General Superior, inspecting every book, every paper, then searched other rooms. Some responsible brothers received the order to guide 2 officials Tran Thanh Ta and Nguyen van Dang from the Internal Security Bureau (PA 16) of the Security Office of the City of Ho Chi Minh to inspect every place in the monastery.

At 3:00 PM on the same day, security officials of the district of Thu Duc pressed for a search and inspection of another piece of property of the Congregation located northeast of the main monastery. This area was called the Christ the King area (or the Jack Tree Forest, the chicken farm), and was the agricultural cultivating land providing food for the members of the Congregation, especially after 1975. Although this area was just 400 meters apart from the main monastery, it belongs to the territory of the province of Song Be, not to the district of Thu Duc and the City of Ho Chi Minh. In this area they detained 5 brothers and seized all the possessions. Moreover, they used vehicles to carry away rice and the possessions of the Congregation without filing any report. This is plainly an act of robbing and destroying the evidence of the greedy security group of Thu Duc District. They exceeded the administration of Song Be Province.

III. REACTION OF THE PEOPLE.

But there was a surprise!

Popular uprising is an event that has never happened in a Communist country, but here it did. About 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 16, 1987, when the local population learned of the news that the Congregation was searched, inspected, its possessions being confiscated, and its priests and brothers being detained, they on their own initiative converged on the monastery. Adults carried knives, axes, crow-bars; young people and children brought along rocks, bricks, fire, kerosene and gasoline (for making Molotov cocktails). They even used the 3-wheeled carts to transport bricks and rocks. The older people had rosaries in their hands. In an instant moment, people swarmed around the monastery, surrounded the whole large area of the Congregation,

and were ready to fight back the security unit. They gathered on the Congregation right at the moment the fourth vehicle of the security unit was transporting rice from the Christ-the-King-Area. People rushed to stop the vehicle and questioned the officials. A number of transporting vehicles were stoned; glasses were broken, and the drivers were wounded by people. They stopped one vehicle, and some security officials were beaten into unconsciousness by the people. Because of these riots, the security officials were frightened and they, fled from the scene, abandoning their vehicles. Encouraged, the people poured into the main areas of the monasteries at Thu Duc and the Christ-the-King-Area, reviling the robbers fearlessly. They broke the siege to free the priests and brothers during the night by confusing the security officials. All through the night of Saturday and the morning of Sunday, more people gradually converged to the Congregation and crowded a large field next to the monastery. With their anger and spirit rising, people were determined to fight to the death with the security officials. That night was called "Vigilant Night." People stayed up all night; some setting up camp-fires, shouting and cheering; some guarding; others patrolling, determined to kill the security officials. The elders gathered together to pray aloud. They brought their blankets and reed-mats so as to stay in the lobby of the monastery to guard. They no longer had fear.

At times, the clash was so intense that hand-to-hand combat occurred between the people and the security officials. The security unit was reinforced. So was the people, and their reinforcement increased rapidly. The see-saw clash lasted all through the night until morning. Also during this night, the Christ-the-King-Area was burned to the ground. Sometimes the flame rose high in the night that reminded the people of the destructive fire of Rome when Emperor Nero burned that city down. The sea of fire and the shouting of people caused a great noise. No government official dared to come near for being afraid of being killed. The remaining houses in this area were destroyed completely. Confronted with explosive anger of the people, the security officials were powerless and had to ask the Regional Moderator priest for his intervention to dismiss the people in that night so that the security officials could "work" with the Congregation; but the people did not listen to them. The boiling anger and the fighting spirit of the people paralyzed and completely stopped the activities of the security unit in charge of the transportation of the seized possessions of the Congregation. Security official Dang-Huu-Sy had to beg the brothers Tran-Trung-Than, Mai-Duc-Chuong, Nguyen-Minh-Quan and 2 diocesan priests, Father Minh and Father Do-Quang-Chi to intervene with the people so that the security officials could easily accomplish their task of "robbing" the possessions of the Monastery. These priests and brothers had calm the people so as to disperse them so that the government officials could do their transportation task. This enabled the security officials to carry out their intention of robbing easily. The rumor of the Congregation being occupied by government, its possessions being seized, its members being detained was spread out quickly to the distant places like Saigon, Ho-Nai, Bien-Hoa. It was too upsetting to eat or sleep for many people, and they lost weight because of this. Many others cried bitterly as if they had a great loss in the family upon learning this news as a thunderbolt stroke out of the blue. Others hurriedly rushed to Thu-Duc, determined to protect the Congregation. They, on their own initiative, joined forces with the local population to form the human waves, fervently fighting back the injustices with the intention of destroying the religion of the government.

The people at Ho Nai, Bien Hoa, upon learning of this news, gathered together to pray for the Congregation for several days.

The "Saigon Giai Phong" newsletter, the official voice of the Vietnamese Communist Party and Government, in the copy issued on May 30, 1987 acknowledged

the sudden break-out with the uprising spirit of the local population. Also according to this newsletter, the government raised the issues concerning a number of the socalled "anti-revolutionary" activities of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix such as the Co-redemptrix-Family-Religion- Education courses with purely religious goal aimed at helping the faithful to live religiously in their life. However, copies of the Co-redemptrix-Family-Religious by-laws were labelled anti-revolutionary pamphlets by the government. The crude office supplies such as an old Roneo printing machine, a small paper-cutter, some papers and some Roneo-ink tubes used to print the prayer-books only for the domestic use in the Monastery were classified as the evidences of the "anti-government organization." Also during that night, because Reverend Vu-Duc-Long, Pastor of the Chau-Binh Parish was in confinement, and because there was no Sunday Mass on May 17, 1987, people who came to attend the Mass moved to the "demonstration site;" the crowd grew larger, their courage reinforced, and their spirit increased. Further more, people from the adjacent areas, upon learning of the news, poured into the area as a noisy assembly. People came to visit the priests and brothers, to see how the houses, possessions of the Congregation were destroyed. They were glad to meet a number of the priests and brothers who were "defending the Congregation to the death."

At 8:00 AM of Sunday, May 17, 1987, when the human sea came pouring into the area of the Congregation, the government recurity Group had to retreat. Sunday night, people still crowded, surrounded the Congregation area to protect the Monastery. As in the previous night, they patrolled, prayed and sang aloud. The spirit of these "sleepless nights" rose high to the point that some people stated "if anyone either admitted to being a communist or was discovered belonging to the opposite side would immediately be killed or wounded."

Monday morning, May 18, 1987 passed; the situation remained tense. The crowd The priests and brothers advised people to disperse but were not still gathered. People were determined to stay and protect the Congregation. listened to. Confronting the difficult situation, the security officials of the village and city had to invite the Pastors and Associate Pastors of the local parishes to meet with the City Committee and the City Security Officials. The meeting lasted a whole day on the topic of the Congregation matter in general such as that "the government advises the priests to inform the people not to gather, that the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix intends to oppose the government, stores the forbidden commodities, and to prevent the culprits from taking advantage of the situation to do bad things." Also at this very meeting, they read a letter from the Most Reverend Nguyen Van Nam, the Auxiliary Bishop of Saigon, (Archbishop Nguyen Van Binh was in Europe at this time) in which he asked the Regional Moderator priest to solve this matter. He also advised the priests to talk to their faithful not to gather in order to let the government do their job easily.

But the matter remained the same. At nightfall, people still crowded around to conduct "the sleepless night" as in the previous nights. However, in this night of May 18,1987, violence did occur when people discovered the plainclothes security-infiltrating-agents in the crowd. They attacked with crow-bars, stabbing an agent to death in his abdomen and fatally wounded two others.

Tuesday, May 19, 1987, the people still crowded in the afternoon and evening as in previous days. At midnight, 12:00 sharp, the situation changed differently. Security officials crowded overwhelmingly on the streets; they were reinforced by the soldiers. The public-address system announced "We ask the people to return home. The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix is a reactionary organization,

possessing many anti-revolutionary religious by-laws, materials and commodities with the intention of anti Marxist-Leninism and the Socialist Republic. The government found many anti-government documents, thus the citizens should return home to your peaceful life, and let the government deal with the Congregation later..." Perhaps because of some Roneo-printed copies of the By-laws of the Consecration to Our Blessed Mother that they have just found, the Congregation was charged with the crime of anti-government by security officials?

Wednesday morning, May 20, 1987, security officials completely secured the situation in every place of the village. Security officials guarded all the streets, forbidding all traffic. They searched many people, and detained the suspects. Also during that night, 40 priests and brothers in the monastery. Which included the sick and retired priests of the Co-redemptrix-Retired-Priests Residence were detained and put in a house-arrest at another location of the Congregation, usually known as the printing house (or the fishery area); this area was located at the Thu Duc foothill. On those days, the security officials were-well prepared for their duties with telephones, wireless telephones, helmets, hunting dogs, charged billy clubs, tear gas. etc... They bursted in and searched very carefully the houses next to the monastery, searching for the agitators especially the members of the Parish Council, Parish Council Leader, Group Leader... Those who were even lightly involved with the people's uprising were all captured and carried away. All the young people who lived around this area fled to the country side. Security officials always had a motto "Seizing a wrong person is still better than missing him."

Living during these days was very tense. Security officials always patrolled day and night. Once in awhile a salvo of ear-splitting gunfire made people think of a riot or bloody violence, but no, it was the hunt for the suspects. May 21, 1987, a people's meeting was organized. The government reported the newly-occurred event at the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemtrix. They concluded "that is a reactionary organization, possessing documents, printing machines, typewriters, 21 tons of rice. The by-laws of the Congregation had an anti-government nature. Father Thu has not yet been captured, and security officials have official order to search for Father Thu."

The security officials and soldiers occupied the monastery completely till the afternoon of May 21, 1987. Nobody could guess what would happen to the Congregation tomorrow; people saw only vehicles of the security official and the soldiers parked bumper to bumper in the Monastery with a great number of security agents and high-ranking officials coming from the City. Until today, June 21, 1987, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has been considered totally lost. A majority of people in the area wept bitterly and felt hopeless before this crisis. What a pity!

Confronting the unjust and blunt slandering, defamation, and oppressive acts against religion, Reverend General Superior Tran Dinh Thu and all the members of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix in Viet Nam filed the complaints with Mr. Nguyen Trung Ham, Chairman of the People's Committee of the district of Thu Duc, and Mr. Nguyen Van Linh, General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party. Simultaneously, the United States Province of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix strongly protests and denounces this oppressive act of the Vietnamese Communist Regime before the International Public Law and the world's press.

The freedom, justice and peace-loving people are going to read the following truthful and complete explanations of the Venerable Reverend Tran Dinh Thu in the complaints sent to the high authority.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX 33 B/2 TAM PHU - THU DUC

THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE - LIBERTY - HAPPINESS.

TO: THE GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

CC: - CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS
- PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MINISTERS
- THE PEOPLE'S SUPREME COURT
- THE PEOPLE'S SUPREME CONTROL INSTITUTE
- THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
- THE NATIONAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE
- THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE CITY
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- THE PEOPLE'S CONTROL INSTITUTE OF THE CITY
- THE SECURITY OFFICE OF THE CITY
- THE INSPECTION COMMITTEE OF THE SECURITY OFFICE OF THE CITY OF HO CHI MINH.

SUMMARY:

Reverend Tran Dinh Thu, The statement of complaint and petition of General Director of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix regarding:

- The reconsideration of the accusation of the "Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix of its possession of many anti-government documents, damaging the national security and operating in the black market." accusation is untrue and legally unfounded.
- The rescinding of the illegal order to blockade and occupy the monastery and respect the right of freedom of religion of the members of the Congregation as defined by law.
- Releasing the members of the Congregation, parishioners, and their families who are being detained by the security officials in the blockade and occupation at the monastery.

REFERENCES:

- 1/ Article 82 of the Criminal Laws:
 - The crime of propaganda against the Socialist government.
- 2/ Article 83 of the Criminal laws:
 - The crime of sabotaging national security.
- 3/ Article 165 of the Criminal laws:
 - The crime of profiteering.
- 4/ Inter-Communique No. 06/TTLN issued on December 20, 1982 and the Executive Order issued on June 30, 1982 regarding the punishment of this crime.
- 5/ Article 166 of the Criminal laws: The crime of concealing the forbidden goods.
- 6/ Decree No. 162/QDQB dated October 13th, 1985 of UBND/TP-HCM which defines the procedures for criminal search and detention.
- 7/ The Reports of Censure of the Evidence in accordance with the Order No. 490/KTHC dated May 16, 1987 of the UBND of the District of Thu Duc regarding the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix.
- 8/ The Report of Sealing the Evidence in accordance with the Order of KTHC No. 490.
- I, the undersigned, Reverend Tran Dinh Thu, born in 1906, of at 33 B/2, Phu Chau village, Tam Phu, Thu Duc District Ho Chi Minh City, enclose explanation in this petition dated May 21, 1987 sent to the central and local government authorities.

At approximately 12 noon on May 16th, 1987, two officials of the Internal Security Office (PA.16) of the City of Ho Chi Minh (Tran thanh Ta and Nguyen van Dang) inspected the properties of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix as defined in the Administrative Censure Order No. 490/KTHC dated May 16th, 1987. The two inspected properties of the Congregation-are located 400 meters apart; one in the territory of the province of Song Be, and the other in the territory of the City of Ho Chi Minh:

- Residence No. 112; the head of the residence is Nguyen Ngoc Ngoan of Binh Duong Village, Di An, Thuan An District, Song Be Province. This residence is located on an approximately 4-acre piece of land.

- Residence No. 33 A/2, 33 B/2 and 34/2 located within the city limits of Tam Phu Village, Thu Duc District, Ho Chi Minh City.

We did obey and correctly comply with the Administrative Censure Order, and guided the concerned officials to inspect every place as requested; the total search of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix was completed at 6 PM May 16th, 1987 with two reports of censure of the property and one report of sealing the evidence (please see the enclosure).

At 9 P.M. on the same day, May 16th, 1987, the Security Officials of the district of Thu Duc intended to transport 190 bags of rice from the Congregation monastery in Song Be Province territory; their fourth vehicle was discovered by parishoners and its progress was hampered by the people's resistance. The Priests and Brothers of the Congregation explained to the people and suggested that they leave and allow the vehicles to proceed. Thus the security officials were able to transport all 190 bags of rice.

At 6:00 AM the following day, May 17th, 1987, security officials of the District of Thu Duc used their public address system to announce the false information:

"The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix possesses many antigovernment documents, is sabotaging national security. We appeal to our fellow citizens to be calm."

After the two reports of censure and one report of sealing the evidence dated May 16, 1987, and after the above-mentioned broadcast were over, the concerned-government authorities did not issue any other report regarding the newly developed situation until 11 P.M. May 20th, 1987; all the residences of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix were seized, and all the members of the Congregation and their families were detained.

Based on the established facts and on the concrete evidence of the two reports of censure and one report of sealing the evidence that the government sent us, we wish to present our case in detail and in accordance with legal norms, with the spirit of respecting the Constitution and the laws in order to have the affair solved justly on the basis of law as the Party and the country have established to guarantee the justice of the Socialist Republic and to strengthen the belief of people.

We wish to present our case step by step as follows:

I - THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENSURE DID NOT CONFORM WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE NATION:

- According to the definition regarding the administrative census issued with the Decree No. 162/QD-UB dated October 13th, 1986 by the People's Committee of the City of Ho Chi Minh:

Article 2: The Administrative inspection must be performed carefully and only in the utmost necessary situation based upon the concrete proof of a violation of the laws. The inspection must be performed with a clearly stated objective and in agreement with the laws in order to guarantee both the rights of ownership and the rights of freedom of the citizens.

Article 7: The Writ to inspect and search must clearly define the area and commodities to be inspected. The investigating officials cannot by their own initiative inspect outside the defined areas or commodities.

Article 9: The Writ to inspect must clearly record the name of the residence (or name of the head of household), the address to be inspected, the reason of the inspection, the area and commodities to be inspected, and the agency responsible for initiating the investigation.

Article 10: Agency, officials who are given responsibility for the inspection must conduct the inspection properly according to the laws and must be held responsible for the results of the inspection.

Article 13: The inspecting officials cannot by their own initiative devise their own rules of procedure.

Article 17: The seizure of evidence and the final decision regarding the faith of the evidence must comply with the regulation of the Council of Ministers and the People's Committee of the Cities.

If evidence of criminal action is discovered, the inspecting agency must transfer the case to the Criminal Investigation Agency or to the People's Control Institute to continue the investigation according to criminal procedures.

Article 20: The inspected party has the right to appeal the decision.

Based upon the regulations of the nation and the concrete facts of the events that occurred on May 16th, 1987, we wish to present our opinion:

** Each province and each city which is directly under the central government has its own proper jurisdiction and territory, and each province or city's official business must have been approved by the proper government of the province or city.

In the case of the administrative censures on May 16th, 1987, if the People's Committee of the district of Thu Duc decided to conduct an administrative census, this decision should be conducted in the area within the jurisdiction of the District of Thu Duc, and it must be conducted by the officials of the District of Thu Duc who are responsible for the implementation of the inspection.

However, in reality, the administrative census order of the People's Committee of the district of Thu Duc was executed by the officials of the Internal Security Office (PA. 16) of the Security Office of the City of Ho Chi Minh. If done correctly according to the law, the People's Committee of the City of Ho Chi Minh would issue the decision of an administrative census, and the Security office of the City would execute this decision. The fact that the security officials of the city implemented the decision of the People's Committee at the district or village level is irregular.

Moreover, the administrative census also dealt with the Congregation's property located in the territory of the Province of Song Be, while the other property of the Congregation does reside in the jurisdiction of the City of Ho Chi Minh. These 2 areas are 400 meters apart and divided by a road and a cemetery. The inspecting agency neither informed nor co-operated with the authorities of the Province of Song Be. They clearly exceeded their authorized jurisdiction.

Besides, the decision to search the properties did not clearly state the purpose or reason of the inspection or the commodities to be searched.

In implementing the inspection, the inspecting agency confiscated 190 bags of rice stored in the territory of the Province of Song Be and neither reported nor rendered a reason for this confiscation.

On May 16th, 1987, after the administrative census was completed, two reports of census and one report of sealing the evidence were issued and handed over to us. The inspecting agency did not inform us of any possible legal actions. Then suddenly at 6 AM on May 17th, 1987, the security officials of the district of Thu Duc broadcasted the accusation that: the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix possessed many anti-government and anti-revolution documents. This is clearly "precondemning" the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix without complying with the procedures of the code of criminal law. According to the principles of the law: everyone is innocent until proven guilty by a court.

On the legal matter, the administrative inspection of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc definitely violated the above-mentioned provisions. We propose that the concerned and interested officials reconsider the facts.

II - THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX DOES NOT CONCEAL ANTI-OVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, OR POSSESSES ANY DOCUMENTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF SUBVERTING THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC REGIME.

As mentioned above, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix complied seriously with the administrative inspection and guided the inspecting officials to inspect every place as requested; and this resulted in two reports of census of the evidence and one report of sealing the evidence which were recorded at the site of investigation.

In these reports, it was recorded that the evidences included Christian prayer-books, the French language-tapes by G. Mauger, and some letters from relatives abroad. There was no material with an immoral, anti-government or propagandistic attitude (Please see the enclosed reports).

The reports of censure and sealing the evidence were established by the government authority in the presence of the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix. These are the true and concrete evidences for the concerned authorities to investigate, for the Control Institute and the Court to use as the legal basis to ratify the "GUILTY-OR-NOT" verdict. Every citizen has the obligation to believe these facts.

The confiscated articles recorded at the Congregation did not display any proof of anti-government activities or intention.

The administrative census was conducted seriously - this meant every place was searched and no evidence of anti-government materials, or anti-revolutionary documents being found; because, in reality, the Congregation has operated purely in the religious realm with the motto "Love God and Love the nation." The Congregation has no political activity.

Previously, in May 1975, some Priests, Brothers and I were laboring at the Djilinh plantation; I subsequently was detained and jailed for nearly 2 years. After examining my case and finding that I was not guilty, the Deputy Minister, Cao Dang Chieu, signed the order to release me, and when contacting me he said: "I have examined them and now know that the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has national spirit, self reliance and is not dependent on others."

Article 82 of the Code of Criminal Law concretely defines the criminal action of propaganda against the Socialist regime as follows: "Whoever conducts fallacious propaganda against the Socialist regime, spreading false rumor, causing confusion in the population, or producing, concealing and circulating the products with the anti-Socialist content is breaking the law."

The Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix has only a variety of prayer books and French language-tapes. We do not have anti-government documents as was falsely broadcasted by the security officials of the district of Thu Duc.

Thus, based on what evidence, what reason, did the security officials of the District of Thu Duc broadcast as search? What is their purpose? An agency which is entrusted with the implementation of the laws when it does not conform to the laws causes us to be confused and bewildered.

III - THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX DOES NOT PAR-TICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO NATIONAL SECURITY:

Article 83 defined concretely the criminal action of sabotaging national security in the Code of Criminal Law of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as follows:

"Anyone with a purpose against the People's government, who agitates, recruits and gathers people to sabotage security, to resist the officials doing their public business, obstruct the activity of government authorities or social organizations, is committing the crime of sabotaging national security."

We affirm that the charging of the Congregation with the crime of sabotaging national security is absolutely untrue, if not an intentional attempt to defame the Congregation.

When wishing to indict the Congregation of concealing anti-government materials, on what legal basis did the concerned agency (security office of Thu Duc) base their indictment? On which witness or what evidence?

The incident occurred as follows:

** After completing the inspection on May 16th, 1987 at 6 P.M. and after handing over to the Congregation two reports of census on the commodities found within the monastery, and one report of sealing the evidence, the inspecting delegation (the Security Office of the Ho Chi Minh City + security officials of the District of Thu Duc and Representatives of the local authority) left the monastery; but at 9 P.M., Security officials of the District of Thu Duc with their vehicles arrived to transport the 190 bags of rice which were not originally recorded in the reports. This ricestorage is located in the Province of Song Be.

The rice was transported peacefully at first, but after the fourth vehicle arrived, this activity was discovered by the local population; and people on their own gathered and besieged the vehicles. Security officials had to open fire as a precautionary measure to clear the road for their vehicles to reach Thu Duc.

The remaining officials were surrounded, yelled upon and questioned by people for their reasons of taking away the rice of the Congregation. Official Dang Huu Sy had to ask the Brothers Mai Duc Chuong, Tran Trung Than, Nguyen Minh Quan, Nguyen Ngoc Ngoan to explain to and ask people to disperse so the government officials could accomplish their given task, but there was no compliance with the brothers' request. The Brothers and Security officials had to request help from the Regional moderators, Father Minh, Father Do Quang Chi, joined by the People's Committee of the Village of Tam Phu. All the Brothers and Priests explained to the people in the presence of the Representatives of the District and Village government, but the people did not agree to disperse.

At 6 AM on May 17th, 1987, the officials of the District returned to Thu Duc after being reinforced by a security unit.

The whole event occurred in the presence of everyone. The District and Village officials recognized the compliance of the Congregation with the Writ of inspection of the People's Committee of the District; everyone recognized that the Congregation protected the lives of the officials from the people's anger; and everyone recognized that the Congregation explained to the people the situation and asked them to disperse.

The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix did not agitate the people, gather them nor obstruct the activity of the government authorities. Thus why charge the Congregation with sabotaging?

If the Congregation had been greedy or sorry for the loss of the goods, we would have found every possible means to resist the inspection and would have asked people to stop the very first rice-transporting vehicle; and if there had been a violation to the life of the working officials, then who would have been the culprit amid the crowd?

However the Congregation did not do so because we still believed in the Party, in the government and in the laws of the Socialist Republic, especially after the launching of the Reformed Ideology, Reformed Deed, and the Movement of Respecting the Law, competing to live and work in accordance with the Constitution and the laws.

The accusation of the Congregation on the charge of sabotaging national security from the officials of the District of Thu Duc revealed a painful truth "To save someone, and then receive a slap in the face!" Do the officials not have a conscience, rationale when filing those charges? If so, who protected them in front of the chaotic crowd? Who calmed the people, who explained to them, who dispersed them so the officials could leave peacefully?

And if the government of the District of Thu Duc still intends to condemn us, then please prove:

- Who agitated the people?
- Who recruited and gathered the people to obstruct the officials' transportion of the rice to Thu Duc?

IV - CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX DID NOT COMMIT THE ACT OFSPECULATION:

The Code of Criminal Laws defined in the Article 165 on speculation as: --

"Anybody who buys, stores goods, food, private commodities... or provides services with the purpose of re-selling them to make profits illegally" commits the criminal act of speculation.

The Inter - Communique No. 06/TTLN dated December 20th, 1982 clearly defined the crime of speculation as follows:

"Buying some commodity with an amount clearly exceeds the requested activity or regular storage that influences the distribution and legitimate need of others with the purpose of re-selling it at a higher price to make profits illegally."

First of all, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix is a religious organization whose existence in the Social activities has been accepted by the government, and operates purely in a religious realm, self-reliant without the source of support from abroad regularly - except receiving gifts from relatives abroad as defined by the government on the receipts - therefore the Congregation did not have any activity with the intention of unlawful gaining profits or to buy the commodities, waits for the price to increase then re-sell them with a higher price to make profits illegally.

Nevertheless, could the amount of 190 bags of rice of the Congregation be considered speculation?

A - The Financial Source of Buying Food:

The domain of the Congregation at 112, Binh Duong Village, Di An, Thuan An District, Song Be Province has a agricultural land of 4,000m² consists of:

2,000m² to grow vegetables such as lettuce, epilobe, cabbage, spinach, basil, carrot, beet, gourd, squash... the daily average harvest is 10,000 piasters.

Expenditures for the postulants, Novices, Brothers and the Priests:

3,000 piasters daily.

Earning:

10,000 piasters '

Net balance: 7,000 piasters daily.

This 7,000 piasters could buy 200 Kilos of rice at the currency of January and February, 1987.

If used to buy rice, 6,000 kilos (6 tons) of rice could be bought monthly.

- 2,000 m² to grow fruit trees i.e. Nourrice, Jack-fruit tree, coconut-trees, Papaya-trees, sacuche, Guava-trees... each crop could earn 500,000 piasters.

- This amount of money, if used to buy rice, could buy 16,000 kilos (16 tons) of rice.

Resides the earning from the agricultural cultivation, the Catholic religious Communities also carn the "Holy Mass stipends" from the faithful's request, and money sent to the members of the Congregation from their relatives abroad through gifts approved by the receipt numbers.

From the financial source of self production, self expenditure, self-reliance within the pure religious realm, this definitely proves that the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix is not a religious Community whose activities were supported financially from abroad, but a religious community whose financial source was chiefly from the lawful and collective activities of the Congregation.

Based on the financial source earned from the lawful activities of the Congregation, the properties earned from this lawful financial source has been approved by the Laws and Constitution: government protects the rights of ownership of lawful earning.

B - Whom Have the Foods and the Stored Foods Fed?:

Religious community of any religion is a charitable organization.

The amount of 190 bags of rice (estimately 20 tons) and used to feed these people:

More than 50 residents, always reside in the Congregation.

The faithful who attend the catechism classes, with a maximum period of 7 days, regularly held from class to class, from group to group, day-time classes only with a possible number from 50 to 60 students. During the administrative inspection, the number of these students was 31 males and 31 females.

Approximately 200 members of the Congregation were discharged previously; they returned to their homes, but because of the living difficulty, the Congregation has been obliged to support 20 kilos of rice per person per month.

According to the above statement, and also to the report dated May 21th, 1987, the total number of people whom the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has been obliged to support is from 300 to 310 persons monthly. From the average calculation, if each individual consumes 20 kilos of rice monthly, thus the Congregation will have to export monthly: 20kg x 300 persons = 6,000kg of rice or 6 tons.

The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix as a collective individual, a communal family, therefore we do have budget planning similar to that of an individual family except we have to always stock a greater quantity than that of a small family due to a great number of people in our Congregation. If the Congregation had no such precaution, we would run into many difficulties in the case of price-changing or food scarcity. As a business corporation has to feed 300 workers daily, it is adequate for a community to always have a stock of three months of food in storage.

As a time-honored wise saying states "To store food for the hungry day; to put away clothes for the winter," Agencies, organizations or individuals, must all similarly store food, clothes, the only difference is the quantity either greater or lesser.

Hence, the storage of the Congregation of three months of rice, the main food for the Oriental, cannot be considered a speculation.

6 tons of rice / per month x 3 months = 18 tons.

C - The Factors of Speculation:

Based upon the above-mentioned principles of laws, the crime of speculation must consist of 2 factors:

- ** Buying-up: to buy a good with great quantity, either buying all at one time, or buying at various times with a relatively great quantity; it could be buying at one place, or buying at difference places.
- ** Having the intention of re-selling the goods with higher prices to make profits illegally. It could be selling right after buying; or selling through a go-between; either part-by-part selling, or wholesale selling; selling to one individual, or to many individuals; or store the goods awaiting for higher price with the intention to gain profits-illegally- even sometimes when the business is loss.

Thus, speculation could either consist of the act of storage of a good for a long period of time or it could do without.

The storage of food without the intention of buying or selling to gain the profits illegally does not consist of these two factors to be considered speculation. It could be storage as a precaution against the price-changing, or in the case of food scarcity....

With a precise explanation about the reason of the storage of the amount of rice for three months, approximately 20 tons, without the intention of selling it to make profits illegally, and with the only purpose of feeding and supporting the abovementioned individuals as well as supporting the poor faithful who are not qualified to receive aid from the government. In short, these are the charitable activities of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix.

Because of these reasons, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has not committed the act of speculation.

Does it exceed the average amount with the storage of 20 tons of rice for a three month feeding to 300 individuals per month? That remains to be judged by the authority.

If the concerned agency judges that the three month storage of foods of an organization who has to feed 300 individuals monthly is unacceptable; I wish to contribute my opinions on these matters:

** The Code of Criminal Law does not regulate the case of storing foods as a precaution to use in family or in organization. Therefore in this case, there is no violation of the Criminal Laws as defined by Article 2 of the Code of Criminal Laws in the basis:

"Only the person who commits a crime defined by the Criminal Laws will be held responsible for the criminal act."

** Due to this, if the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix with me as the Director, because of not fully understanding the laws, we stocked the foods which exceeded the defined level permitted by government, then I will be judged willingly in the administration basis (examination, warning).

V - THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX DOES NOT STOCK FORBIDDEN COMMODITIES.

The Congregation does not commit the act of speculation as explained above, and if the Congregation were charged with the storage of rice, we would wish to emphasize that rice is not a forbidden good.

Article 166 of the Code of Criminal Laws defined the following commodities as forbidden goods: illicit drugs, foreign currency, precious jewels, precious stones.

According to this definition, the Congregation does not commit the act of storing forbidden good.

VI - THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX DOES NOT HAVE ANY JOINT ACTIVITY WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITH THE INTENTION OF DAMAGING THE COUNTRY.

As explained above, the financial source of the Congregation's maintenance comes from:

- 2,000 m² cultivating land,
- 2,000 m² fruit tree growing land,
- Money earned form "Mass Stipends" of the faithful.
- Money from relatives or families of the members of the Congregation who live abroad and send support to us. These are sent through the control of the government as in the case of any other citizen who is permitted to receive money and gifts from abroad.

With the rightful financial sources, the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix has been self-reliant and also supporting the faithful or the people who are in need.

The letters collected and examined during the administrative inspection day was the proof of this.

There were some letters from our branch community abroad, but these are strictly socialization and religion correspondence.

The previous observation of Mr. Cao Dang Chieu on the Congregation should be the basis for the concerned authority to solve the affair.

However, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix, through this case, realized our misapplication of the regulation on the notification of temporary residence as in following case:

Before 1975, the Congregation had had a number of monasteries at Da-Lat, Djilinh, Phan-Rang, Qui-Nhon.. The number of the religious members was approximately 500, but after the South was liberated, our monasteries were offered to the government, and the members of the Congregation were released to return home to live with their families.

Although having been released, but the desire to live a religious life and learning the catechesism of the people whose life has been consecrated to God cannot be extinguished. These people once in awhile return to the Congregation to visit and to learn catechesism as well.

Believing that their desire is not in violation with the government laws, moreover, the Congregation has not instructed religion any further, but only taught catechesism to the faithful, thus we accepted them. For the local population, they study as the non-residents; for the people who live far from the Congregation, they study as the in-residents, studying cathechesim and laboring to be self produced and self reliant at the same time.

Due to the short period of the supplement catechesism-learning session from several days to 1 week, and also because believing that this is strictly a religious activity and there is nothing illegal, the Congregation has not notified the authority of the temporary residence.

The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix also misapplied the laws in our printing the religious prayer-books without the censorship of the Culture and Information Bureau, but we ask for your understanding in that:

The prayer-books that were roneo printed, binded are religious prayer-books frequently used, preached in the Catholic church, and domestically distributed.

The prayer-books or prayer materials are the books with purely religious characteristics which all the faithful have been preached everyday or everyweek. If those are anti-government books, they would be banned by the government a long time ago, or the preachers would be detained by the government while preaching those to the faithful.

With the nature of a religious member, with the spirit of serving our religion, and a total consecration to God, the Congregation has never thought that our misunderstanding of not subjecting the prayer-books to the censorship could be a criminal act.

Regarding the matter of a number of roneo printed prayer-books, I accept the fault. However, I am asking for an understanding from the concerned authority that these are just prayer books, not a political violation to be judged in the adminstrative aspect.

With the concrete explanation based upon the above-mentioned basis of the Law, and with the concrete, lawful evidences, meaning the evidences found within the domain of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix which were certified in the presence of the Head Residence and the whole Congregation during the period of the

administrative inspection from May 16th, 1987 to 10 P.M. of May 20th, 1987, the period when the whole Congregation was isolated; these evidences proved that:

The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has neither committed the criminal actions of the charge of violation the national Security as defined from the article 72 to the arrticle 100 of the Code of the Criminal Law, nor violated the economic criminal-action.

The principle element for judging the criminal action violating national security is: whether the activities of the culprit aim at violation of national security or not?

As the General Superior of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix, I am willing to be held responsible for the criminal actions - provided there is adequate evidence, and am asking the government to release all the innocent detainees.

Also as the General Superior of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix which was founded by me and recognized by the Holy See, accepted for its existence by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a religion which needs activity just as eating and drinking are necessary for human life, I suggest to the concerned authority to raise the blockade against the Congregation so that everybody can keep his own religion according to the definition of the Constitution: "the Citizen has the right of freedom of religions."

I also suggest to the concerned authority to respect the laws on the regulation of detainment and imprisonment of the citizens, and on the procedures of investigation.

I do not agree on the evidences exhibited by the government authority which were found in the domain of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix after 10 P.M. on May 20th, 1987 because they were the evidences we did not witness, neither knowing "where were they found"? Nor at what time? Because these evidences were found only by the government officials, and we have the right to question their validity: Why were they not found during the period of the administrative inspection although we had completely complied to the inspection order? why were they exhibited by the authority only after we were isolated?

Further more, by the principles of the investigation procedures, the investigating agency not only must find the evidence for the charge, but also must find the reason to acquit the accused individual. The essential factor is that the truth must be judged objectively.

We hope these statements of fact and Petition will be examined and solved in accordance with the laws.

Ho Chi Minh City, May 25th, 1987
Petitioner,
Reverend Tran Dinh Thu
The General Superior of the
Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix
(signed)

THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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HO CHI MINH CITY, MAY 30TH, 1987

TO: MR. NGUYEN TRUNG HAM CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT OF THU DUC.

RE: IN REPLY TO THE DOCUMENT NO. 303/CV-UB DATED MAY 19TH, 1987 FROM THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OF THU DUC.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As General Superior of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix, I will reply one by one to every accusation mentioned in the document No 303/CV-UB dated May 19th, 1987 sent to us from your office as follows:

1/ Your Document shows that "The wrong doing of mine and of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix is obvious."

Reply:

The Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has implemented correctly the order of the Administrative Census No. 490/KTHC dated May 16th, 1987 of the People's Committees in the District of Thu Duc.

Our Congregation has guided the inspecting delegation to examine our evidence as asked without any obstruction or exclusion. The inspection has ended satisfactorily at approximately 6:00 PM on May 16th, 1987.

The inspecting delegation has written 2 reports to verify the property of the Congregation, and one report to seal up the evidence. These reports were legal, and were done in the presence of the members of the Congregation.

These reports have proved that the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix does not have any materials with the purpose against the government e.g. pamphlets, printing materials, weapons, explosives, radio transmitter. etc...

These reports were unable to prove that the Congregation has violated any laws, therefore they did not recommend any action against the Congregation.

In conclusion, the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix has not violated any laws, and that means the Congregation has not used religion to sabotage the national interests.

- ** On the Contrary, under the direction of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc, the inspecting security officials have exceeded their authority when:
- ** Carrying out the inspection over the territory under the jurisdiction of the People's Committee of the Province of Song Be without consultation with or cooperation of the proper authorities.
- ** Dispossessing 20 tons of rice of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix without reporting.

The mentioned-above actions of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc had clearly violated the laws of the country, especially violated the Decree No. 162/QD-UB dated October 13th, 1986 issued by the People's Committee of the City of Ho Chi Minh which defines the procedures of administrative censure, and the

regulations issued by the Council of the Ministers and the Council of the People's Committee of the Cities which set up the guidelines on the procedures of the retainment and assessment of the evidence.

2/ The Document shows that "In order to stop the situation of disturbance and agitation caused by a number of parishioners and young men."

Reply:

According to the Catholic tradition, the faithful profoundly respect the property of the monastery, of the Church, of the Congregation etc... because those are places representing the religious faith of the people. Therefore, those who destroyed the property of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix were not parishioners or young men of the Congregation.

We propose that the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc to execute the laws to punish those who had committed destructive actions against the property of the Congregation.

3/ The Document shows that "Requesting the priest to dismiss the parishioners and young men who are gathering at the monastery as soon as possible."

Reply:

With the responsibilities of the General Director of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix, I did not order a meeting of the parishioners and young men at the Congregation on the night of May 16th, 1987 which was the night the People's Committee of Thu Duc ordered the Security officials to carry away 20 tons of rice of the Congregation. These 20 tons of rice of the Congregation were confiscated and carried away illegally because no report of any violation of the laws of the Congregation, no report of seizure, and no decision was made against the Congregation either, because no law was broken.

If I had called the meeting of the parishioners and young men to obstruct the activities of the government, I might have ordered so from the very beginning; but I did not give any order because I believed that the Government representatives, those who implement the laws must clearly understand and respect the laws more than anything and I strongly believed everything would be solved satisfactorily in accordance with the regulations and laws.

In reality, after the Security officials moved 20 tons of rice to their cars and transported 3 of them to Thu Duc, the fourth car was stopped by a group of parishioners who witnessed the seizure and transporting the rice of the Congregation; they gathered on their own to ask the Security officials to explain the reason why the rice of the Congregation was transported away, the incident that occurred afterward was the result caused directly by the dialogue between the Security officials and the group of parishioners. No member of the Congregation was present there hence we could not confirm any concrete evidence or facts.

With the report of a changing situation that could cause hindrance to the transportation of rice for the transportation unit of the security officials commanded by Mr. Dang Huu Sy, the Brothers Tran Trung Than, Mai duc Chuong, Nguyen Ngoc Ngoan, Nguyen Minh Quan, and the priests, Fr. Minh and Do Quang Chi volunteered

to explain to the people and asked them to disperse so that the government could accomplish their mission of taking away the rice of the Congregation.

These good deeds of the Priests and Brothers were done with the presence of the entire security unit, local government and people.

Thus, when your Honor asked me to disperse the parishioners and young men gathering outside the monastery territory, you already had the intention to falsely accuse me of inciting the local population to obstruct the implementing of the laws of the security officials. This accusation is totally false and unfounded. I ask your Honor to present concrete and independent evidence:

I am questioning the evidence upon which I am accused of in ordering such a meeting and the inciting of the local population.

It has been 12 years since our country was united, and in this uniting the government has announced and educated people to understand the special guiding principles of the Socialist Republic of VietNam. These principles are: respecting the collective ownership of the people, and everyone has a duty to respect and protect the collective communal property.

To the working people and especially to the Catholic believers their view point is simple that the property of a community is the property of either an agency, of an organization or of a religious community.

Therefore, if the people questioned the security unit who was in charge of seizing and transporting the said amount of rice from the monastery and asking the official to explain the reason for such activities, it was understandable and acceptable because such requesting was legal and justifiable to the people.

The responsibility of causing the disorderly situation on the night of May 16th, 1987 and in the morning of May 17th, 1987 rests solely upon the security officials who failed to adequately explain the reasons of their activities to the people. This is the fact that your Honor could not refute because the detainment and the transportation of the 20 tons of rice from the monastery is illegal and unjustifiable, thus the officials were unable to answer the people's questioning.

** Your Honor,

With the contention of the Party and of the government's Reformed Ideology, Reformed Deed, and Respecting the Constitutions and Laws.

** According to the statement of Mr. General Secretary Nguyen Van Linh on the reception of the Catholic Bishops attending the Vietnamese Catholic Bishop Conference at the Presidential Palace on May 28th, 1987:

"The unchanging policy of the Party and of the government is to respect the freedom of religions. However, in the implementation process, because of the misunderstanding of the officials, and even because of the innate prejudice of some officials, hence there has been some deficiency in carrying out the policy of respecting the freedom of religions of the Party at some local levels. The Party and the government of all levels must firmly fight to overcome these deficiencies in order to accomplish the party's policy on respecting the freedom of religions. On the other hand, every citizen must be vigilant not to let others to exploit the religious label to cause damage to the national interests."

- ** Based upon the 2 reports of censure and inspection, and one report of sealing the evidence written with the presence of the members of the Congregation.
- A/ I suggest your Honor, the Chairman of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc to reconsider your accusation to the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix announced over the public address system in the morning of May 17th, 1987:

"Fellow Citizens; The Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix conceals many anti-government documents to sabotage national security."

The accusation recorded in the Document No. 303/CU-UB dated May 19th, 1987 was totally unfounded with the intention of falsely indicting the Congregation and defamation injuring my reputation and integrity by false and malicious statements. This clearly violates the Criminal laws defined in the Articles 116 and 117 on:

- Criminal action, of dishonoring someone with the punishment of reeducation without imprisonment within 1 year or imprisonment from 3 months to 2 years depends on the degree of the violation.
- The Criminal act of vicious defamation with the punishment of imprisonment from 1 to 7 years.
- B/ I suggest your Honor, the Chairman of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc to order the officials to discontinue immediately the destructive activities that cause damage to the property of the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix.
- C/ I suggest your Honor, the Chairman of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc to order the discontinuation of the isolation of the Congregation, and the releasing of the innocent people who are detained illegally
- D/ I suggest your Honor, the Chairman of the People's Committee of the District of Thu Duc, to return to the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix 20 tons of rice which were seized and transported away illegally in the night of May 16th, 1987 because this is the common property of the Congregation
- A religious community whose rice has not been rationed and sold to by the government for years this amount of rice is provided legally by our cultivation of the 4 acres of land located within the Province of Song Be (40,000 meter²) indicated very clearly in the document dated May 25th, 1987.

The incidence that occurred to the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix has caused a change of attitude and upheaval in the population, and the people have also understood that the Congregation neither committed any anti-revolutionary activity, nor used religion to cause damage to the national interests... However, people are afraid that the congregation would be denied justice and laws of the Party and of the Country.

I, the undersigned, and all the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix are awaiting your response in light of the laws of your Honor. Your just and open solving of the matter in accordance with the laws based upon the legal reports made with the presence of the members of the Congregation of the Mother Co-redemptrix shall strengthen the belief of the religious members, Catholic believers and believers of

other religions who are closely following and watching the implementation of the policy of respecting the freedom of religions of the Party and of the Country through the events occurred at the Congregation.

To me, personally, I always believe in the just policy of respecting the freedom of religions, implemented through concrete deeds of the Party and of the Country, although I have met with disappointment the misconducting of that policy at the District of Thu Duc.

| Representing the Congregation | |
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| of the Mother Co-redemptrix. | |
| General Director, | |
| (signed) | |

- cc. Mr. Vo Tran Chi Secretary of the City of Ho Chi Minh
 - Mr. Pham van Khai Chairman of the People's committee of the city of Ho Chi Minh.

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FOR:

SALLY KELLEY, DIRECTOR, AGENCY LIAISON

PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THROUGH: RADM BAKER

SUBJECT: LETTER, ID # 559672

The attached correspondence was provided to DIA-VO-POWMIA, which focused its attention on item number 3 in the 11 April letter. As a matter of course, DIA contacts all such individuals claiming to have information on US personnel Missing in Action in Indochina.

No further action is required.

Lewis M. Stern

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TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. NHOT K. SINVONGSA

PRIME MINISTER OF LAO EXILE

GOVERNMENT

LAO-SOR BOR GOR. FEDERATION

605 KISHWAUKEE STREET ROCKFORD IL 61108

SUBJECT: REQUESTS A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE OPPRESSION

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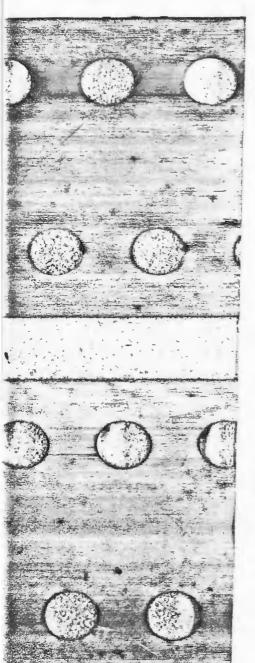
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April 11, 1988

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Subject: Request premission for eye witnesses to tell you about the oppression of the Vietnamese government directed toward Laotions.

We would like to meet with the President in person, if possible, or meet with key officials that he would designate. This would involve four Laotion witnesses and their sponsors.

Please arrange a convenient time, and we will be in attendance. We would like to present to the President or his appointees four eye witnesses who saw and experienced the oppression that is happening in Laos at the present time.

The following are the names of the eye witnesses:

- 1. Mr. Nhot K. Sinvongsa will talk about the aggression of the Vietnamese toward the Lao people.
- 2. Mr. Ta Vongratsamy will talk about his capture and experiences in a re-education camp.
- 3. Mr. Bounlay Vetsouvanh will talk about M.I.A.'S who have been held against their will in a secret cave in Laos.
- 4. Mr. Inta Bouaravong will talk about life in the re-education camp in southern Laos.
- 5. Mr. Bounlome Soumetho will talk about the movement of the anti-communist gerilla forces still fighting in Laos. He will also talk about thousands of Lao refugees fleeing into Thailand and some of those who lost their lives.

We are hopeful that you will help arrange the meeting for us.

There is presently more support from Lao community around the world. They pledge to give assistance to our organization. We will never forget the history of our fore-fathers that is still in our hearts.

We need assistance from the United States to show concern and support for the Lao people who are fighting for freedom.

We need to help Lao refugees in Thailand settle in other countries.

We are enclosing herewith our by-laws which are printed in Lao language, and a list of our people who have pledged to financially support our exile government.

In conclusion. We hope that you and your administration will accept our request for the assistance. Your consideration will be highly appreciated, and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully Yours,

Nhot K. Sinvongsa (Phaya Tham Ekarat) Prime Minister of Lao Exile Government

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