

Phone Number Changed for Aid to Refugees

Washington

So many people called a special toll-free number to offer help or inquire about South Vietnamese refugees that the system became overloaded and officials had to change the number.

The Agency for International Development, which set up the inquiry service, said the entire toll-free facilities of the east coast telephone system were tied up. The new number is (800) 368-1180.

The agency requested that the new number not be used for inquiries about orphans. It said Americans interested in adopting Vietnamese children should contact local welfare and adoption agencies.

The orphans now being brought to the United States already have been placed in American homes.

No further calls will be accepted at the old toll-free number.

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