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Suit Seeks to Block Adoptions Of Many Vietnamese Children

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 (AP)—A class action suit filed in Federal court is seeking to block adoption of Vietnamese children brought here during Operation Babylift.

The suit alleges that many hundreds of the children who were flown here were not orphans.

The class action, filed in United States District Court yesterday asks that adoptions be delayed until consent is obtained from the children's parents or relatives, or it is determined they cannot be found.

The suit was brought on behalf of two sisters and a brother, ages 3 to 7, who, the suit contends, were brought here without the consent of their parents.

The court was told that the

children had been living in an orphanage for only a few days before they were "abducted" and transported to this country.

The defendants include Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, Attorney General Edward H. Levi, and the California Secretary of Health and Welfare.

Representing the children in the suit is Muoi McConnell, a Vietnamese who worked as a nurse in Vietnam, who went to the San Francisco Presidio when doctors, nurses and interpreters were needed to handle the flood of children here.

The suit says the real purpose of the program was to create a favorable opinion to continue "unconstitutional and illegal" United States involvement in the war in South Vietnam and to get more funds from Congress for military support.