

Editor — . . . The American government spent how many American lives and how much money that in the long run helped the rich and unscrupulous in South Vietnam become richer, and those in power more powerful. Only a small portion of American aid filtered down to those in need.

And it is these people who made money on the life, tears and suffering of the Vietnamese people who brought failure to South Vietnam. . . They are embraced by this "humanitarian" country to live happily and richly with their families and relatives. . .

The Vietnamese still in Vietnam, even though they now find themselves under a different government, are still human. They have suffered from more than 30 years of being caught between differing political ideologies and the consequent fighting destroyed many lives. The U.S. government has had a large role in this destruction . . . and the people still living in Vietnam are just as deserving of help, if not more so, than those who left . . .

We have families and friends who live in Vietnam; they are part of the common people. We were terribly upset that South Vietnam is now under a Communist government rather than a more open but honest government. But we are

thankful that the war has stopped. Many lives have been saved but many more could have been saved if fighting had stopped a longtime ago.

We feel very bitter that the U.S. government has seemed to present the evacuees as the true freedom-loving people of Vietnam while the small person, the common soldier and civilian, who has been caught in the political web spun by many of these evacuees can now be forgotten about.

Please don't be this unjust . . . The least the American government can do is to establish a diplomatic relationship with the new government of South Vietnam so that correspondence can be exchanged between people here and family and friends in Vietnam. This is a small request, and it is hoped that every effort to obtain this goal will be made.

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