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Indo Refugees Complain

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A group of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees criticized the government's resettlement program yesterday as suffering from a lack of coordination and from bureaucratic delays.

In addition, there is a "lack of credible information" passed on from the Interagency Task Force on Refugees to the refugee population, the group said.

Four Vietnamese refugees

aired their complaints at a meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, created by President Ford to oversee the efforts to relocate 133,000 persons who fled during and after the fall of Saigon and Phnom Penh to Communist governments.

"There is an over-all lack of coordination within the interagency task force," said Dan Sot Hi from South Vietnam.

She said the various U.S. government agencies represented in the camps provide conflicting answers to the refugees' questions about how to find sponsors and jobs in American communities.

The refugees also complained that "numerous" Vietnamese with sponsors lined up are still held in resettlement camps because of security clearance and health requirements.

In some cases, the sponsorship offers have been pending for weeks, the refugees said.