

Ex-Envoy Lodge Takes In A Viet Refugee Family

Beverly, Mass

Henry Cabot Lodge, former U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, has taken in a Vietnamese refugee family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen Ba Thinh, their 22-year-old son, Hung and daughters, Dung and Sy, now live in one wing of the Lodge house and have adapted to life in this seaside community.

"At first we were very scared when we came here," said Hung, who works at a nearby restaurant. "The first day Dung went to school she cried. But Mr. and Mrs. Lodge are very kind. They gave my sisters money to buy clothes."

Lodge, now the special envoy to the Vatican, said, "We contact-

ed Washington and they referred us to (the refugee camp at) Indiantown Gap, Pa. We wanted somebody who could help us with the house as caretaker and that sort of thing."

"They sent us a man and his wife and three children," said the former chief U.S. delegate to the Paris peace talks in 1969. "His wife, Mui, cooks, and he is the handyman and caretaker. Dung and Sy attend Beverly High school. They are doing quite well, even though when they came they did not know English."

Mrs. Lodge said she and her husband decided to sponsor a family because of the "abysmal" conditions confronting refugees.

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