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U.S. to Admit 11,000 More From Asia

Washington

Attorney General Edward H. Levi has authorized another 11,000 Indochina refugees to enter the United States under emergency procedures, the Justice Department announced yesterday.

Most of them currently are in Thailand after fleeing their homes in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos at the end of the war last year.

The 11,000 refugees include former U.S. government employees, experts in special fields which would make them "unusually vulnerable to persecution by the new governments in their native countries" and ex-officials of the Indochina countries, the department said.

Levi consulted with congressional committees before authorizing the additional entries under the emergency procedure. Congress is considering legislation to permit all the Indochina refugees to become U.S. citizens.

About 145,000 Indochina refugees already have entered the United States under the emergency procedure.

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