

cc Mr. Carrington.
Mr. Sargent.

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PRIME MINISTER

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You may like to read
this useful compendium
of facts en route to
Tokyo and discuss with
Lord Carrington.

Vietnamese Refugees

1. We discussed this problem in Cabinet on 20 June.
2. We need to decide very soon how to respond to the suggestion from Mr Hartling, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, that, as part of the pledging that he is seeking in advance of an international conference Britain should take a further 10,000 refugees over the next twelve months.
3. When Peter Blaker saw Mr Hartling in Geneva, the latter stressed that a figure of this size was indicative of the burden that the world would have to shoulder if the refugee flood was to be absorbed. A conference in about mid-July now seems likely.
4. We know that President Carter wants to raise the subject at the Tokyo Summit. As initiators of the proposed UN Conference we are out in front and we shall be in difficulties if we are unable to make some positive offer soon.
5. I attach a factual paper which provides background for discussions which the Home Secretary and I would like to have soon with you and perhaps other Ministers.
6. I am copying this minute to the Secretary of State for the Home Department and to Sir John Hunt.

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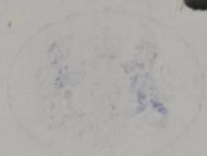
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