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cc FCO (with BGC letter)

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Subject on Vietnam:
Vietnamese Refugees
Part 3.
15 August 1979

Thank you for the generous offer, made in your letter of 6 July, to take a limited number of Vietnamese refugees. I am particularly glad to see that your intention is to take them from Hong Kong where, as you will know, the overcrowding in the camps has now reached serious proportions.

As you may be aware, an international fund for refugee resettlement was proposed by Vice President Mondale of the USA at the recent Geneva meeting on refugees in South East Asia. We welcome that proposal. At the moment the details of the fund have not been worked out fully but I can assure you that Belize's interests will be pursued by us when the fund comes into being. Meanwhile, I note that your offer is conditional on financial assistance being provided.

We shall be passing your offer formally to the UNHCR in Geneva, pointing out Belize's need for financial assistance.

Thank you again for making this generous offer.

(signed) M.T.

His Excellency Premier G. C. Price

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