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MCP2325-06 DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 17 JUNE 1979 CONVEYING YOUR FURTHER VIEWS ABOUT THE INDO-CHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY LETTER OF 4 JUNE, I APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION, IN RESPONSE TO MY APPEAL ON THIS SUBJECT, THAT A FURTHER CONFERENCE OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS BE CALLED TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER. FROM THE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HELD WITH YOUR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, I AM GLAD TO LEARN THAT YOU SUPPORT MY CONCEPT THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE OF A HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU I AM FULLY SENSITIVE TO THE INCREASINGLY CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS PROBLEM. AFTER INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH NUMEROUS GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, I DECIDED TO CONVENE SUCH A MEETING IN GENEVA ON 20 JULY. AN INVITATION TO YOU GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I AM VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ONE MUST DEAL WITH THE ROOT CAUSE AS WELL AS THE SYMPTOMS OF THE PROBLEM. I WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF MY GOOD OFFICES, AND HAVE HELD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO THE PROSPECT OF DISCUSSING THE TRAGIC SITUATION OF THE INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS WITH YOU PERSONALLY DURING MY FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

KURT WALDHEIM SECRETARY-GENERAL

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