

Affidavit of Mr. Son Dinh Do on Screening Corruption in Sungei Besi, Malaysia

My name is Son Dinh Do. I am a U. S. citizen currently residing at 7882 16th St., #D, Westminster, CA 92683. I am married in 1984 and have 4 children. I came to the U.S. in 1982 from Vietnam.

After 1975, the Fall of South Vietnam, I was a laborer and then served in the Army, which was assigned to Cambodia. In 1978, I escaped (AWOL) from the communist army because I did not want to serve in Cambodia. The security police was searching for me when I fled Vietnam, from Tay Ninh, by foot through Cambodia and finally, to Thailand. Living in the U.S. for 8 years, I became a naturalized citizen in 1990.

I became a victim of Malaysian corruption in January of 1994. My wife and I first visited Malaysia on January 8, 1994, in order to see my wife's father and his son, who are political asylees in Sungei Besi Camp. They have been detained in Sungei Besi since 1989. The name of my wife's father is Bi Van Pham (MC-556014; ID-168833. The son's name is Loc Vinh Huynh (MC-556004; ID-168823).

I met a military security guard at the refugee camp when I first visited the head office for clearance. The guard said that he could help my father and then he asked for my hotel's address. Later that night he visited my hotel and told me that it would cost \$8,000.00 U.S. dollars to help two people come to America. I responded that I did not have such a large amount. He suggested that I put a down payment of \$2,000.00 and then pay the balance once my two family members receive a favorable screening decision.

Before I turned over the down payment, the following day the guard took me to the home of a Malaysian officer by the name of Mohammed, I believe with a rank of major, who has the responsibility of screening asylum seekers. His house is located in a military compound with guards at the gate. Mohammed's house was full of asylum cases scattered on the floor and tables.

He asked for my father's and brother's names and pulled out their files. He promised to help their cases, but with compensation. I was very impressed with his authority since he has many files, including the two applications my family had sent from the U.S.

From the files, I could see that my father-in-law had failed screening since there was a mark on his application indicating such a decision. Mohammed said that he could reverse the decision and then showed me the procedure by suggesting that my wife write an appeal letter, requesting the review of the files for my father and his son. He instructed me to send the appeal to the National Task Force 7, the Asylum Appeal Authority in Kuala Lumpur. This letter would give him justification to pull the files and "review" them.

I did not give Mohammed the money at his house but promised to hand it over at the hotel. As scheduled later that night, another military guard came to my hotel room, in which I gave him the \$2,000.00 cash. I was able to secretly set up my camera-recorder to record about one minute of the cash transaction. The tape was not very clear because we were scared and my wife had to block the lens at times in her attempt to act naturally during the money exchange.

The military guard promised that around early February 1994 my father-in-law will receive a favorable screening decision and that, at that time, I could then come back to Malaysia to pay the rest of the balance, or \$6,000.00. The guard gave me his phone numbers as well as the numbers of the major, Mohammed. I flew back to the U.S. a few days later feeling happy that my family members have been saved.

In February 1994, I telephoned Mohammed twice but only left recorded messages on his answering machine. He never did call back. I also called the military guard. He told me that he does not know about the progress of the files or that the applications have received a favorable reconsideration. I then realized that I have been duped by these people, feeling helpless and hopeless half a continent away. My father-in-law later wrote my family inquiring about the status of his case. He wrote that he had not heard of anything from the Malaysian officials. This news confirmed to me once again that my family had been tricked by Mohammed and his lieutenants.

I have contacted many non-profit organizations for help in this case in order to expose the sham against desperate asylum seekers and their family members. I have retained most relevant addresses and phone numbers of those Malaysians who are involved in this case. I am prepared to testify to any authoritative agencies and bodies concerning this matter.

I am solely responsible for the statements made above and am willing to testify under oath about my case as well as my knowledge about this serious problem in Sungei Besi, Malaysia.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

Betty L. Hess
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared Son Dinh Do and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument by and on behalf of himself, and who having been duly sworn, stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief any representations therein are true.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 24 day of January, 1995.

Betty L. Hess
Notary Public

