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TO: PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO
FROM: 51 CHINESE -- FORMER AAM EMPLOYEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM
SUBJECT: REQUEST AACL TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR REINSTATEMENT

We are the employees of AACL, Tainan, and were transferred to AAM in South Vietnam, one of its associated companies established in business in Southeast Asia -- Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and South Vietnam -- during the past years.

We were evacuated by the company to Thailand, Hongkong, the Philippines and Guam on or about 29 April 1975 and arrived safely in Taiwan. Mr. Wen-An Peng was sick in a hospital at Cho Long at the time of the emergency evacuation. His dependents had remained in Taiwan and are anxious concerning his recovery and wish to have him returned safely. However, a newspaper has published "there's no hope for his return and his life is in danger."

At 6:00 p.m. on 28 April 1975, the Vietnamese Government proclaimed martial law 24-hour curfew. The company ordered all employees to return to base immediately for emergency duties. Most of us were living in Cho Long in spite of the dangers during curfew hours. We arrived at the Tan San Nhut Airport in the evening and fire was spreading all over the airport. A/C N9458Z was repaired and released for duty at 10:40. We also performed the maintenance for other aircraft. Mr. C. H. Tong was posted to guard A/C 974 and Captain _____ refused to let him board A/C 974 by using his weapon. The eyewitnesses were leadmen Messrs. M. H. Liao and K. L. Kuo, etc. Mech. H. C. Yu was knocked down by the elevator of A/C 084 and Mech. Phan, Vietnamese, was wounded in the head by one of our captains. MTS arranged the emergency evacuation for both wounded mechanics with the assistance of Mr. C. H. Tong. There were eleven Chinese employees remaining at Cho Lon and were evacuated by USN to Guam. All the employees stayed at their posts and risked their lives to protect the best interests of the company's properties during a critical situation. Since we arrived in Taiwan, the company

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never designated a representative to coordinate with us concerning the job reinstatement and claims. Approximately ten of us were reinstated by ACCL, with the condition of a "pay cut."

We request your Excellency to give us necessary assistance and advise AACL to reinstate us to the original positions under the same pay. We are quite aware of AACL's present situation. A number of persons were hired to replace those surplussed, which you can verify in their Personnel Office.

cc: Social & Labor Bureau of Taiwan Provincial Government
Oversea Chinese Administration
American Embassy, Taipei
AAM, Washington
President, AACL

/s/ 51 Chinese