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U.S. Will Admit More 'Boat People,' State Dept. Says

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Up to 12,500 "boat people" still living on the vessels they used to flee Vietnam will be admitted to the United States over the next year along with another 12,500 Indochinese refugees, the State Department said yesterday.

Another 12,000 East Europeans, most of them Soviet Jews and ethnic Armenians, will be admitted, also through the use of Attorney General Griffin B. Bell's emergency "parole authority."

The overall refugee total of 37,500 includes 500 South Americans, principally from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. A number of them are considered political dissidents.

There are more than 100,000 refugees in Southeast Asia. Australia, France, Canada and other countries have taken in several thousand. At the same time, Vietnamese are fleeing their country at the rate of 5,000 to 6,000 a month.

In the past three years the United States has admitted 164,000 Indochinese refugees, at an estimated \$550 million cost. An additional 8,000 will reach this country by September.