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## Attachment #2: WOSM Pushed for the Establishment of ICCVS, 1983

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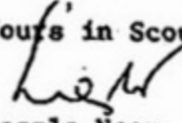
Dear Phillip:

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the most disturbing situation with the Vietnamese Scouters in exile. We have received in Geneva voluminous correspondence from various Scout units or councils from Australia, the United States, France, Canada and other countries. All these correspondents claim to speak in behalf of the former Scouts in Vietnam and most of them present themselves as the sole authentic representative of Vietnamese Scouting.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement has a policy with ethnic or exile groups and it would be desirable if we could settle the problem of Vietnamese Scouts in exile along these lines — that the registration of Vietnamese troops be anchored in their respective host country since the boys belonging to these troops were born in the host country and are, or will soon become, citizens of the host country. In France and the United States, particularly, there is a written policy anchoring this registration but allowing these groups to maintain a reasonable degree of Vietnamese identity and even wear the Vietnamese colors on their shirts.

For various reasons we cannot and will not recognize any exile group representing their country of origin or the Boy Scout Association of Vietnam. In order to avoid confusion and provide meaningful opportunities for Vietnamese youth, we would suggest to you the creation of a central committee of Vietnamese Scouting in exile. You, as the last president of the Boy Scouts of Vietnam, and Mr. Tran Van Khac, founder of Scouting in your country of origin, should play a unifying role in this tentative. If you are forming such a group, we can have a single interlocutor and solve earlier the multiple and delicate problems raised by the exile of Vietnamese Scouts who spread out all over the world. Needless to say, I would be ready to give any complementary information in a meeting if this could help to solve the problem about which I am speaking in this letter.

Yours in Scouting,

  
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