



Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church of Vietnam
Giáo Hội Trung Ương Phật Giáo Hòa Hảo Thuận Túy

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Mr. Paul Reilly

Local Representative, Washington- Baltimore Newspaper Guild Local 35,
The Newspaper Guild Communications
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Re: Acknowledgement and support Mr. Hieu Thao Dao of Radio-Free Asia (RFA) – Vietnamese Bureau.

Dear Mr. Paul Reilly,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church of Vietnam and 5 million fellow Hoa Hao Buddhists, I'm writing this letter to praise Mr. Hieu Dao and his professionalism in the realm of radio broadcasting.

RFA is an invaluable source of information for the people of Vietnam. Given RFA's strong signal and presence, its reception throughout Vietnam is clear and its reporting is eloquent and accurate. Its a privilege and pleasure for the people of Vietnam to hear RFA's coverage regarding human rights and religious freedom. RFA has won the highest praise from the people of Vietnam, including the Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church.

In particular, RFA's audience in Vietnam admires Mr. Hieu Thao Do (an RFA correspondent) for his intimate knowledge of the political climate in Vietnam. Mr. Do's series of reports about the plight of the Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church was accurate, meaningful, and informative for Vietnamese worldwide. Since 5 August 2005, the relations between the Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church and the government of Vietnam have been strained. The Church's members have been brutally repressed by the government. Two members aggrieved over these injustices self-immolated. In response to this, RFA correspondent Mr. Hieu Do contacted his sources in Vietnam for the most current information and promptly reported it. Again, this demonstrated his utmost dedication and professional skills.

In summary, this letter is in full support of RFA and its correspondent Mr. Hieu Do (Thao Hieu Dao) for his professionalism and dedication.

May Peace be always with you.

Praise to the Buddha.

On behalf of the Central Executive committee of the Orthodox Hoa Hao Buddhist Church, Vietnam

Le Quang Liem
Chairman