

February 11, 2004: Vietnam: Chair Young to testify before SFR

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) Chair Michael K. Young will testify on Thursday, February 12, at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on "Trade & Human Rights: The Future of U.S.- Vietnamese Relations." Young will discuss Vietnam's record on religious freedom and testify about the Commission's recent recommendation to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell that Vietnam be designated a "country of particular concern" (CPC). Ambassador John V. Hanford, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, will also testify, in addition to Matthew Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Ambassador Robert A. Seiple of the Institute for Global Engagement; Rmahy Eban, Montagnard Refugee; Virginia Foote of the U.S. - Vietnam Trade Council; Viet D. Dinh of Georgetown University's Law Center, and; Nguyen Dinh Thang of Boat People S.O.S., Inc. USCIRF Chair Young's testimony will be available on the USCIRF Web site after 2:00 p.m. on February 12, 2004. When: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2004 Where: 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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