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Mr. Robert Baldwin, MP, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Hatton, MP, Deputy Chairperson
And all Members of the House Standing Committee on Communications, Information
Technology and the Arts

Dear Committee Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Members,

**Review of the Special Broadcasting Service Annual Report 2002-2003 –
Appearance by VCA before the Committee**

I refer to the VCA's Submission, by way of letters dated 9th and 10th February,
sent to the Committee prior to its 11th February Review hearing at which the
matter of Thoi Su in SBS Television's WorldWatch was a major item.

As you may recall, we have made suggestions and observations relating to:

- The parameters that should govern how SBS Television consults with its key stakeholders
- The key features of a SBS complaints handling process which is effective and independent, and seen as such (on this, we have made a submission to SBS itself, in response to its public call for submissions)
- With respect to a Vietnamese-language news program for WorldWatch, our views on how that may be achieved

As the 11 February hearing has not resolved those issues, we ask you to further pursue them in the next hearing of your Committee and keep us informed of the outcome.

Should the Committee wish to delve into these topics in details, I and my colleagues would be pleased to appear before the Committee.

I also take this opportunity to inform the Committee of the make-up of the new Federal Executive Committee of the VCA, elected at its 20th-22nd February 2004 Conference in Perth:

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| President: | Dr. Tien Nguyen |
| Vice President - Internal Affairs: | Mr. Cuong Quoc Nguyen (currently President of the VCA / WA Chapter) |
| Vice President - External Affairs: | Mr. Cong Le (currently President of the VCA / ACT Chapter) |
| General Secretary: | Mr. Trung Doan |
| Treasurer: | Ms. Teresa Thuy Tran (currently President of the VCA/ Wollongong Chapter) |

Sincerely Yours

Dr. Tien Nguyen
Federal President