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AFP: SRV--VESSEY VISIT UNCERTAIN; CHILDRESS VISIT 'NOT CONSIDERED'

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((TEXT)) HANOI, APRIL 27 (AFP) -- HANOI WARNED MONDAY THAT RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON CANNOT IMPROVE UNLESS A U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY IS GIVEN FULL AUTHORITY, DURING A VISIT HERE, TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF U.S. SOLDIERS LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION IN ACTION (MIA) FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TRINH XUAN LANG ALSO CRITICISED WASHINGTON FOR ANNOUNCING THE PLANNED VISIT HERE OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY, GENERAL JOHN VESSEY, ONLY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE IDEA HAD FIRST BEEN MOOTED TO HANOI APRIL 17.

"WHILE WE HAVE BEEN EXAMINING THIS PROPOSAL THE U.S. SIDE HAS UNILATERALLY MADE PUBLIC SOMETHING THAT IS STILL SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. SUCH AN ATTITUDE IS DEPLORABLE AND IRESPONSIBLE," MR. TRINH XUAN LANG TOLD AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE.

"IF MR. JOHN VESSEY ARRIVES IN VIETNAM WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE ATMOSPHERE TO A SOLUTION OF THE MIA PROBLEM, NO DIFFERENCES CAN BE SOLVED."

ASKED WHEN GEN. VESSEY MIGHT VISIT HANOI, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE ARE STILL STUDYING THE PROPOSAL."

A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SATURDAY THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HOPED THAT A U.S. TEAM OF EXPERTS, LED BY RICHARD CHILDRESS, AN EXPERT ON ASIA WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WOULD VISIT HANOI TO PAVE THE WAY FOR GEN. VESSEY'S TRIP.

BUT MR. TRINH XUAN LANG SAID: "WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL."

HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT TEXAN MILLIONAIRE ROSS PEROT HAD VISITED HANOI ON A PRIVATE VISIT MARCH 25-27.

MR. PEROT IS CELEBRATED FOR ORGANISING A COMMANDO OPERATION TO RESCUE TWO OF HIS EMPLOYEES FROM AN IRANIAN JAIL IN 1979.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ADMITTED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF GEN. VESSEY VISITING VIETNAM AND THE MIA QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED WHEN MR. PEROT MET WITH TOP VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DURING THE VISIT.

SOME 1,770 U.S. SOLDIERS ARE STILL LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION FROM THE VIETNAM WAR, AND THE PROBLEM, TOGETHER WITH THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA, HAS OBSTRUCTED NORMALISED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

SPORADIC BILATERAL TALKS ON THE MIA ISSUE BEGAN IN 1982.

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