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 P 131605Z SEP 76
 FM FBIS OKINAWA JAPAN
 TO RHHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI
 RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON ENGLAND
 RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
 RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
 RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF
 UMJQB/AMEMB BANGKOK THAILAND
 UTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
 AYWYJ/JIO CANBERRA
 HAIBQA/USAGO MAKIMINATO JAPAN
 HMIAAA/13AF (IN) CLARK AB PHILIPPINES
 UADKEA/18TH TFW OKINAWA JAPAN
 UADKEA/313TH AD/CVD OKINAWA JAPAN
 UAOAHA/376TH STRAT WG/DCI
 UCIMAA/COMAC
 UCLAKA/CDR 4TH PSYOP GROUP FT BRAGG NC
 UCSAAE/SAC INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CENTER OFFUTT AFB NEB
 UEACMC/CMC (INTC)
 UEACMC/CMC (MSPA-1)
 UEADWD/CSA (DAAG-CAD)
 UEADWD/CSA (DAMI-DOO-HP)
 UEBARA/NAVINTCOM
 UEBARA/NAVINTCOM (NIC-00K)
 UEFHQA/CSAF (AFIN)
 UEHC/STATE WASHDC (D/PW)
 UEHC/SEC STATE WASHDC
 UEKJCS/DIA (DI-6A4)
 UENAAA/CNO (PERS-0G)
 UEOLAR/NFOIO FT MEADE
 UHGCAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
 UHGCSA/CTG 79.1
 UHGPPA/CTF-77
 UHGPPA/CTF 76
 UHISAA/CTG 72.5
 UHJOFA/3AD/OI/ANDERSEN AFB GUAM
 UHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI
 UHQHQA/CG FMFPAC
 UMJFS/AMEMB VIENTIANE
 UMJHK/FBIS HONG KONG
 UMJQB/CHIEF DOD SPEC REP. BKK THAI
 UMMFBA/FBIS BANGKOK
 UMMJNA/USASTICFEO YOKOTA AB JAPAN
 UMMJNA/USFJ J-2 YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN
 UMMJNA/COMAFFIVE/FIWA/YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN
 UMMWIA/CTG 72.3
 UMRABA/CG THIRD MARDIV CAMP BUTLER JAPAN
 UMRADA/CG THIRD MAF CAMP BUTLER JAPAN
 UWIMAB/AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX/DPMSCB (CASUALTY DIVISION)
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((TEXT)) NOTE OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE
DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE LETTER
OF APRIL 10 FROM MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUYEN DUY TRINH
TO SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER.

THE DEPARTMENT REAFFIRMS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT AN EARLY
DATE. IN DOING SO, IT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT TALKS ON THE
BASIS OF THE SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF PAST AGREEMENTS, WHICH
APPEARS TO BE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,
WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL AND WOULD ONLY LEAD TO STERILE DEBATE
RATHER THAN CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE
USEFUL FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS
ISSUES AFFECTING FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
THE HUMANITARIAN CONCERN OF A FULL ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING
MEN WILL BE ONE OF THE PRIMARY ISSUES OF THE UNITED STATES
IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS. UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS SUBSTANTIALLY
RESOLVED, THERE CAN BE NO REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

AT THE SAME TIME THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
WILL BE FREE TO RAISE ANY ISSUE OF CONCERN TO IT. THE UNITED
STATES INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM TO INDICATE WHETHER IT CONSIDERS A MEETING TO
DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ISSUES USEFUL.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, MAY 8, 1976

NOTE OF THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DRV HAS RECEIVED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DATED MAY 8, 1976.

SINCE THE COMPLETE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DRV HAS ON REPEATED OCCASIONS MADE CLEAR ITS VIEWS ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM. THE UNILATERAL U.S. DENUNCIATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS AIMED AT EVADING THE PLEDGES IT HAS SOLEMNLY UNDERTAKEN IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY UNDER ARTICLE 21 THEREOF WHICH PROVIDES FOR A U.S. OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA WITHOUT SETTING ANY POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UNITED STATES DEMANDS THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE AGREEMENT AS A CONDITION FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. OBVIOUSLY, IT WANTS TO RENEGE ON ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM WHILE DEMANDING THAT THE OTHER SIDE IMPLEMENT ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THE SAME. THIS COMPLETELY RUNS COUNTER TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICES.

FOR ITS PART, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS WITH THE UNITED STATES A SETTLEMENT OF POSTWAR ISSUES THAT CONCERN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES SUCH AS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN THE TWO ZONES OF VIETNAM, THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN MISSING IN THE WAR, THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD AMERICANS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE ANXIETY OF THOSE AMERICAN FAMILIES WHOSE RELATIVES HAVE DIED OR ARE STILL CONSIDERED MISSING IN VIETNAM.

ONCE AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AFFIRMS ITS ATTITUDE OF SERIOUSNESS AND GOOD WILL. IT HOLDS THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD RESOLVE THE ISSUES OF INTEREST OF EACH OF THEM, THUS CREATING FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS AN INITIAL STEP, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REPRESENTATIVE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IF IT REALLY WANTS EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DRV GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ITSELF SHOULD ADOPT AN ATTITUDE OF SERIOUSNESS AND GOOD WILL.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

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