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FIRST OF SEVERAL--STATEMENT, NOTES ON MIA

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((TEXT)) HANOI VNA SEPTEMBER 13 -- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS
INTENTIONALLY PURSUED AN ARROGANT AND HOSTILE POLICY TOWARD
VIETNAM, SAYS A STATEMENT RELEASED HERE TODAY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM.

THE FULL STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, W. SCRANTON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED NATIONS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS MAKING THE MIA
PROBLEM AN ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS BECAUSE "THERE HAD BEEN NO
PROGRESS THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED
STATES.

THIS IS A MANEUVER TO BLATANTLY DISTORT THE TRUTH. THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE PUBLIC THE FACT ABOUT THIS MATTER.

AS IS KNOWN TO EVERYONE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS, ON MANY OCCASIONS, STATED ITS VIEWPOINTS
CONCERNING THE OUTSTANDING POSTWAR PROBLEMS BETWEEN VIETNAM
AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

BY PRACTICAL DEEDS, VIETNAM HAS CLEARLY SHOWN ITS SERIOUS
INTENT AND GOODWILL. SINCE MARCH 26, 1976, VIETNAM AND THE
UNITED STATES HAVE, ON THREE OCCASIONS, EXCHANGED NOTES REGARDING
THE TALKS TO BE HELD BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EITHER
SIDE'S INTEREST: THE MIA ISSUE RAISED BY THE U.S. SIDE AND
THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALING OF WAR WOUNDS AND, ON
THIS BASIS, THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM
AND THE UNITED STATES, RAISED BY THE VIETNAMESE.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE ALSO AGREED ON THE LEVEL AND THE SITE
FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN ITS AUGUST 27, 1976, NOTE ADDRESSED
TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PROPOSED THAT LIAISON
OFFICIALS OF THE TWO SIDES WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE DATE OF
THE FIRST MEETING. BUT SO FAR, THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOT YET
REPLIED TO THAT NOTE OF THE VIETNAMESE.

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ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1976, IN ORDER TO CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR SUCH TALKS, THE VIETNAM EMBASSY IN PARIS CONVEYED TO THE U.S. SIDE THE INFORMATION GATHERED ABOUT 12 U.S. PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN KILLED IN THEIR ATTACKS ON NORTH VIETNAM.

THIS GESTURE OF GOOD WILL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE WORLD AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION.

BUT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION REFUSED TO RESPOND SERIOUSLY. IT STUBBORNLY INSISTED ON VIETNAM'S FULL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8(B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MISSING PERSONNEL WHILE OB DURATELY REFUSING TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATION OF CONTRIBUTING TO HEAL TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIETNAM AS STIPULATED BY ARTICLE 21 OF THE AGREEMENT.

ON THE ONE HAND, IT HAS NOT REPLIED TO THE VIETNAMESE NOTE OF AUGUST 27, 1976, AND DELAYED THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES; ON THE OTHER HAND IT STATED THAT THE BILATERAL CONTACTS WERE UNFRUITFUL.

THIS IS AN ARROGANT ATTITUDE, CONTRARY TO REASON AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE UNITED STATES CANNOT DEMAND THAT VIETNAM IMPLEMET ONE ARTICLE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM WHILE THE UNITED STATES REFUSES TO CARRY OUT ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THE SAME AGREEMENT.

IN THIS SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DECIDES TO MAKE PUBLIC THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE RECENT PAST. IT WILL BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS INTENTIONALLY PURSUED AN ARROGANT AND HOSTILE POLICY TOWARD VIETNAM, THAT IT HAS MADE A VOLTE-FACE AND DECEIVED PUBLIC OPINION.

THE UNITED STATES MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTIONS PREVENTING THE TALKS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MIA AND THE U.S. OBLIGATION IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIETNAM.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED ITS SERIOUS STAND AND ITS ATTITUDE OF GOOD WILL IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

IF THE UNITED STATES REALLY DESIRES AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES TO SOLVE THESE QUESTIONS, IT MUST ABANDON ITS OB DURATE ATTITUDE AND GIVE A PROMPT REPLY TO THE AUGUST 27, 1976, NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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