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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: COMMENTS BY A SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) OFFICIAL ON SRV EFFORTS TO
LOCATE THE REMAINS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN MISSING IN
ACTION AND ON U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE SRV

DOI: LATE MAY 1987

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) OFFICIAL SAID THE SRV GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNDER CONTINUAL PRESSURE FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TURN OVER THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN MISSING-IN-ACTION. HE SAID THAT, TO DATE, THE SRV HAS PROVIDED ALL THE REMAINS IT HAS FOUND AND NONE ARE BEING WITHHELD. HE NOTED THAT THE SRV HAS BEEN HAVING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES IN LOCATING REMAINS BECAUSE OF THE REMOTE LOCATIONS INVOLVED. THE SRV HAS SENT TEAMS TO JUNGLE AND MOUNTAINOUS AREAS AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO SEND OUT TEAMS. IT TAKES TIME, HOWEVER, FOR THESE TEAMS TO RETURN. OFTEN THE REMAINS ARE VERY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND. IF THE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN DESTROYED, THE OFFICIAL DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY REMAINING U.S. PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POW'S) IN VIETNAM. WHEN TOLD ABOUT STORIES IN THE U.S. PRESS CLAIMING THAT POW'S ARE STILL BEING HELD, HE NEITHER DENIED NOR CONFIRMED THE ALLEGATION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE SRV OFFICIAL CITED IS POSTED ABROAD, HE RETURNED TO HANOI ON A VISIT IN LATE JANUARY 1987. HE DID NOT IDENTIFY HIS SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN VIETNAM.

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