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 RUEADWD/CSA WASHINGTON DC//DAAG-CAD//
 RUEAHQA/AFIA WASHINGTON DC
 RUEBFGA/VOA WASH DC
 RUEBHAA/STORAGE CENTER FBIS RESTON VA
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COUNTRY: CAMBODIA

SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON MIA ISSUE

REF: [REDACTED] PHNOM PENH SPK FRENCH 020428 --- DEPUTY

FOREIGN MINISTER TALKS TO U.S. MIA TEAM

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) PHNOM PENH SPK AUGUST 2 -- THE CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A PRESS COMMUNIQUE HERE YESTERDAY ON THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF AN INDEFINITE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THREE U.S. PILOTS WHO WERE REPORTED TO BE MISSING IN THE INDOCHINA WAR AND STILL LIVING SOMEWHERE IN INDOCHINA.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID: "A U.S. SPECIALISTS' GROUP ARRIVED IN CAMBODIA ON JULY 31 ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION TO CHECK THE AUTHENTICITY OF AN INDEFINITE PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED RECENTLY WHICH SHOWED THREE U.S. PILOTS REPORTED AS MISSING IN ACTION IN VIETNAM WAR AND AS STILL LIVING SOMEWHERE IN INDOCHINA.

"THE GROUP WAS RECEIVED HERE ON AUGUST 1 BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LONG VISALO. HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF ANY AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR STILL LIVING IN THE STATE OF CAMBODIA. ON THE RECENT PUBLICATION BY FOREIGN MEDIA OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THOSE U.S. SERVICEMEN, HE SAID ((IT)) WAS MADE UP BY SOMEONE TO SERVE THEIR OWN INTEREST.

"DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LONG VISALO SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CAMBODIA IS FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH THOSE AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR MISSING MEMBERS, BECAUSE WE, CAMBODIAN FAMILIES, SUFFERED A LOT FROM THE GENOCIDAL REGIME. THOUGH WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR STILL LIVING IN CAMBODIA, WE HAVE PROVIDED ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE U.S. MISSION IN CAMBODIA TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH IN A HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT TOWARDS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS FIELD.

"THE U.S. MISSION AGREED WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LONG VISALO ON THE MATTER AND THANKED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CAMBODIA FOR HAVING CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR IT TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH ON THE MISSING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN SO AS TO DISPEL ANY DOUBT IN THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THIS MATTER."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CAMBODIA, THE U.S. MISSION WOULD CONTINUE ITS FACT-FINDING TOUR FOR SOME TIME IN CAMBODIA.

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