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PARTY WHICH WAS HELD IN HANDI.)

- 2. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE VIETNAMESE
  WORKERS PARTY, SAARINEN BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF AMERICANS
  MISSING IN ACTION. THE VIETNAMESE RESPONDED THAT THEY HAVE N;
  KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FOREIGN SOLDIERS MISSING NOT PREVIOUSLY ACCOUNTED
  FOR. THEY EXPLAINED TO SAARINEN THAT IN A CIVIL WAR SUCH AS THAT
  FOUGHT IN VIETNAM WHICH INVOLVED SEVERAL NATIONALITIES INCLUDING
  AMERICANS, SOUTH KOREANS, FILIPINOS, ETC, MANY GUERRILLA TYPE
  ACTIONS TAKE PLACE IN REMOTE AREAS AND THE DEAD ARE NEVER
  ACCOUNTED FOR. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN SMALL VILLAGES WHERE
  VILLAGERS WERE NEVER SURE WHO THE COMBATANTS WERE AND SIMPLY
  BURIED THE DEAD FOLLOWING MILITARY ACTIONS. THE VIETNAMESE
  ASSURED SAARINEN THAT THEY MAINTAIN NO PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS
  AND THAT SUCH CAMPS WOULD BE UNFEASIBLE FROM AN INTERNATIONAL
- 3. REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PARTY
  OFFICIALS INFORMED SAARINEN THAT THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND U.S.
  OPPOSITION TO THEIR ENTRY. THEY MAINTAINED THAT THE U.S. WAS SIMPLY
  CREATING PROBLEMS FOR ITSELF AS U.N. MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT THAT IMPORTANT TO VIETNAM EXCEPT AS A SYMBOL OF RECOGNITION.

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4. SAARINEN DESCRIBED THE SRV ECONOMIC SITUATION AS EXTREMELY BAD. RECONSTRUCTION WAS PROGRESSING AT A SLOW PACE AND AID, BOTH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL. WAS DESPERATELY NEEDED IN EVERY SECTOR. HE ADDED THAT THE VIETNAMESE SHOWED A CERTAIN RETICENCE TO ASK FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF AID AND ASCRIBED IT TO THE PECULIAR ASIAN CHARACTER. WHEN REQUESTING ASSISTANCE, THEY SIMPLY STATED THAT "ANYTHING WHICH COULD BE CONTRIBUTED WOULD BE APPRECIATED." THEY CONFIDENTLY CONTENDED TO SAARINEN THAT THE SRV GOVERNMENT HAS DEVISED A PLAN FOR NATION-WIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL WHEN IMPLEMENTED MAKE VIETNAM THE MOST INDUSTRIALIZED NATION IN ASIA IN 15-20 YEARS. WHILE VISITING IN THE UPPER REGION OF WHAT WAS SOUTH VIETNAM, SAARINEN WAS TOLD THAT ONE OF THE MALOR PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE SRV MUST COPE IS THE RE-EDUCATION OF THE POPULACE. ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG GIRLS WHO HAD BEEN MISTRESSES TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND HAD BECOME USED TO A "SOFT LIFE" AND HAD NO DESIRE TO WORK IN THE FIELDS OR ON RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THEY, ALONG WITH THE FORMER BLACKMARKETEERS, WERE HAVING THE MOST TROUBLE ADAPTING TO THE "SOCIALIST SOCIETY." REGARDING REFUGEES RETURNING TO THE SRY, THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY ARE WELCOME BUT ONLY ON THE PRECONDITION THAT THEY ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO

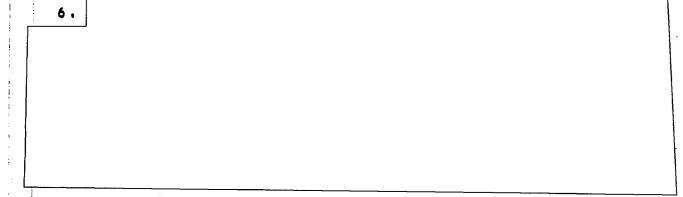
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ADJUST TO THE SOCIALIST WAY OF LIFE. THEY ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION VIETNAMESE LIVING OUTSIDE THE HOMELAND.

5. SAARINEN ASKED THE OFFICIALS HOW THEY VIEWED THE PRESENT SIND-SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL QUESTION. THEY REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT AID FROM BOTH COUNTRIES BUT AT PRESENT REFUSED TO TAKE SIDES. ONCE ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS ACCOMPLISHED, THEY WILL STUDY THE QUESTION OF SINO-SOVIET DIFFERENCES.



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