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[Text] In response to reports and rumors saying that during the war Vietnam **sent** a number of American POW's to the Soviet Union, the Vietnamese ambassador to the United Nations, Trinh Xuan Lang, said: These reports and rumors are really fabrications aimed at misleading public opinion because within three months of the signing of the Paris agreement in January 1973- that is, by March 1973-Vietnam had already handed over all its POW's to the U.S. side.

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When asked about the role of the former Soviet Union concerning POW's in Vietnam, Trinh Xuan Lang said:

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[Begin video recording] [Trinh Xuan Lang, in English fading into Vietnamese translation] I think that we are completely independent in this matter and are not influenced by any foreign force. This is a matter directly related to us. The Soviet Union of course helped us a lot, but as you know, we are a sovereign country.

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[Reporter] Would you please let us know whether any American POW's were **sent** to the Soviet Union during the war?

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[Trinh] Absolutely none. U.S. congressmen have also had to admit that as yet they have not received any evidence of American POW's being **sent** to the Soviet Union. These reports should be investigated and thoroughly checked.

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[Reporter] So, these reports have proved to be untrue. An investigation should have been conducted a long time ago. I can not understand why we did not do it. [end recording]

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