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SUBJ COMMENTS OF A VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL ON FAILURE OF FOREIGN MINISTER THACH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HANOI POW/MIA TALKS

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TEXT 1. DURING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH A WESTERN OFFICIAL IN LATE AUGUST 1985, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY NGUYEN TRONG ((TO)) STATED THAT THE VISIT OF THE SRV DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO ((THACH)), WAS MERELY A STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO LUANDA FOR THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THACH WANTED TO FLY AEROFLOT TO LUANDA BECAUSE IT WAS MORE ECONOMICAL THAN FLYING ANOTHER AIRLINE.

2. TO SAID THAT THE THACH VISIT TO INDONESIA WENT VERY WELL, BUT THAT "THESE THINGS MUST PROCEED VERY SLOWLY." TWICE HE COMMENTED THAT THE INDONESIANS ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE UNITED STATES (U.S.), AND THAT THE U.S. EXERCISES A GREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE OVER THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT DETRIMENTAL TO THE 21-24 AUGUST 1985 INDONESIAN-SRV TALKS IN JAKARTA. TO SAID THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. DELEGATION'S VISIT TO HANOI, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 28 AUGUST, HAD BEEN POSTPONED, AS VICE MINISTER VC DONG ((GIANG)) WOULD HAVE MET THE VISITING U.S. OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF THACH FOR DISCUSSIONS FOR THE MIA/POW ISSUES.

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DISSEM [REDACTED] EMBASSY, DAD AT JAKARTA (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY).

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