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SUBJ: SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM OFFICIALS' VIEWS ON SINO-SOVIET TALKS, UNITED STATES/VIETNAMESE RELATIONS, AND A KIDNAPPING/DEFECTION IN WEST BERLIN
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SUMMARY:

TEXT: 1. TO COMMEMORATE THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR WHICH OCCURRED ON 2 FEBRUARY 1984, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) AMBASSADOR TO

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FRANCE, MAI VAN ((BO)), HOSTED A RECEPTION AT THE SRV EMBASSY IN PARIS ON 12 MARCH 1984 AT WHICH THREE PRINCIPAL TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED: THE VIETNAMESE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SINO-SOVIET NORMALIZATION TALKS, THE RECENT VISIT OF A UNITED STATES (U.S.) DELEGATION TO HANOI, AND THE SRV REACTION TO THE DEFECTION OF A VIETNAMESE PERFORMER IN WEST BERLIN. GUESTS AT THE RECEPTION INCLUDED THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF FRANCE (AVF), AND LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY. ALSO PRESENT FROM THE SRV EMBASSY WERE COUNSELOR LE VAN ((THAN)) AND ATTACHE NGUYEN HUU ((NGHIEP)).

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF SINO-SOVIET NORMALIZATION TALKS, NGHIEP DISCLOSED THAT THE CHINESE HAVE CONSISTENTLY INSISTED THAT: THE SOVIET UNION CEASE ALL AID TO VIETNAM; VIETNAMESE TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN FROM KAMPUCHEA; AND ALL AID TO THE ((HENG)) SAMRIN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH BE HALTED. NGHIEP CONTINUED THAT THE SRV IS CERTAIN THAT THE USSR WILL NEVER CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM, BUT CHINESE INTRANSIGENCE CLEARLY SHOWS THE PLAN FORMULATED BY BEIJING, NAMELY, TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ATTACK VIETNAM, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (DK) FAC-TION SO THAT IT CAN ASSAULT PHNOM PENH AND REGAIN CONTROL IN KAMPUCHEA. FOR THIS REASON, NGHIEP CONCLUDED, A MEETING BETWEEN THE NEW SOVIET LEADERS AND A VIETNAMESE DELEGATION IS IMPERATIVE. HE PRE-DICTED THAT A HIGH RANKING VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WOULD VISIT MOSCOW EITHER DURING PRESIDENT RONALD ((REAGAN))'S VISIT TO CHINA, OR IN MAY 1984, OR ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE VIETNAMESE LEADERS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE USSR ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.) COMMENT: IN APRIL 1984, CHINA SHELLED AREAS OF THE SRV CLOSE TO THE SINO-SRV BORDER.)

3. AMBASSADOR BO STATED THAT A U.S. DELEGATION HAD RECENTLY VISITED HANOI SEEKING INFORMATION ON U.S. SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) DURING THE WAR IN VIETNAM. BO CLAIMED THAT SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO ((THACH)) PROVIDED THE AMERICANS WITH NEW INFORMATION AND THAT THE TWO SIDES REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO STUDY THIS SUBJECT FURTHER. COMMENT: THE TWO SRV PUBLICATIONS, "NHAN DAN" AND "QUAN DOI NHAN DAN," BOTH MENTIONED THE VISIT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AND BOTH STRESSED THAT THACH RECEIVED THE DELEGATION LED BY THE U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.) BO CONTINUED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS THAT SUCH A HIGH RANKING DELEGATION HAD BEEN SENT TO HANOI. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THIS VISIT FOLLOWED A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA WHICH RESULTED IN A COMMUNIQUE STATING: "THE THREE COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO TREAT THE QUES-TION OF MISSING U.S. SOLDIERS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS THE LATTER SHOWS AN ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION AND RENOUNCES ITS HOSTILE POLICIES." COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA AGREED TO JOIN THE SRV IN COMMENTING ON THIS SUBJECT.) A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE ASKED BO WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF THE HEAD OF THE LEAGUE OF FAMILIES CONCERNED WITH THE MIA THAT "FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM WILL BE GOOD AND FRUITFUL." BO CAUTIONED THAT THIS HEAD, A WOMAN, WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND NOT AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, BUT HER REMARKS SHOWED THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE TWO NATIONS. BO STATED, HOWEVER, THAT SO LONG AS THE PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION, ALLIED WITH CHINA, REMAINS TOTALLY HOSTILE TO VIETNAM, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO NATIONS.

4. BO THEN BRIEFLY PRESENTED THE SRV VERSION OF THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE MID-FEBRUARY 1984 VISIT OF A VIETNAMESE ARTISTIC TROUPE TO WEST BERLIN. BO CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE VIETNAMESE GROUP ARRIVED FOR ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS THEATER,

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A GANG OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND FOREIGNERS ASSAULTED THE SRV ARTISTS. THREE OF THEM, MISS BACH ((TUYET)), MISS NGOC ((GIAU)), AND THANH ((DUOC)), WERE PLACED FORCIBLY IN AUTOMOBILES. TWO WEST GERMAN POLICEMEN ON THE SCENE WERE POWERLESS AGAINST THE GANG OF NUMEROUS AND ARMED KIDNAPPERS. MISS GIAU MANAGED TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE AUTOMOBILE COULD DEPART. THE TWO OTHERS WERE SPED AWAY TO A SECRET LOCATION, WHERE THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE REACTIONARIES. THEIR CAPTORS, ALONG WITH TWO EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS, ADVISED THEM TO DEFECT AND OFFERED TO TAKE THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE U.S. EMBASSY WHERE THEY COULD SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM. MISS TUYET REFUSED AND DEMANDED TO BE TAKEN BACK TO THE CITY, WHERE SHE REJOINED THE OTHER VIETNAMESE PERFORMERS. BO SAID THE PLOT FAILED DUE TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PERFORMERS. ONLY DUOC REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR. BO SAID THAT SRV EMBASSY HAS FILED A PROTEST WITH THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT DEMANDING HIS RETURN. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT DUOC ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN WEST GERMANY.)

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