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7. WHEN THE SIV OFFICIAL LEARNED OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S RECENT COMMENT THAT HE WAS "DISAPPOINTED" WITH THE SELECTION OF THE NEW SIV CABINET, HE SAID THAT HE AGREED.

8. THE OFFICIAL STATED THAT IN THE SIV THERE IS NOT A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. AND THAT HE HIMSELF DID NOT BEGIN TO HAVE A GRASP OF THE U.S. FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF AN SIV OFFICIAL ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE ON U.S.-SIV RELATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

APPEARS TO BE

THE PERSONAL SPECULATION OF ONE SIV OFFICIAL, BE ARE NOT DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION IN FORMAL CHANNELS.

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2. IN LATE JUNE 1987, A SIV OFFICIAL IN COMMENTING ON THE SIV RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. OFFERED SOME REMARKS ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE SIV OFFICIAL AN ASSISTANT OF AN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR ACTIVE ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE WAS TO GO TO THE SIV ON 24 JUNE 1987. THE ASSISTANT REQUESTED THAT A MESSAGE BE SENT TO SIV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO ((TINHO)) STATING THAT WHAT THEY HAD AGREED UPON AT THEIR LAST MEETING WOULD BE CARRIED OUT. THE SIV BELIEVES THE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR WANTS A U.S. GENERAL APPOINTED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE TO GO TO HANOI. THE SIV OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT BOTH THE ENTREPRENEUR AND THE GENERAL WOULD GO TO THE SIV FOR FACT FINDING AND NEGOTIATIONS AND UPON THEIR RETURN WOULD MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT.

3. THE SIV OFFICIAL OPINED THAT THE SIV GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE THREE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THEM: THE MIA'S, THE VIETNAMESE (CHILDREN OF AMERICAN PARENTS, AND THE VIETNAMESE DETAINED IN RE-EDUCATION CAMPS. IN RETURN FOR CONCESSIONS IN THESE AREAS, THE SIV WILL HOPE TO GAIN "INFORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" FROM THE U.S. THE SIV BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SIV, BUT NEITHER THE SIV NOR THE GOVERNMENT HAS A CLEAR IDEA AS TO WHAT FORM THE U.S. SIDE WANTS THE RELATIONSHIP TO TAKE OR IN WHICH DIRECTION U.S. POLICY ON RELATIONS WITH THE SIV WILL GO. THE SIV BELIEVES THE 1988 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, IN WHICH THEY SEE THE REPUBLICANS AS HAVING A SLIGHT ADVANTAGE, WILL INDUCE THE PRESIDENT TO BRING ABOUT SOME MOVEMENT IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE SIV.

4. THE SIV GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE ITS POLICY TOWARD CAMBODIA AS BEING THE SUBJECT OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION IS AN INTERNATIONAL, VICE BILATERAL ISSUE. ADDITIONALLY, THE SIV GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT A CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT IS A FUNCTION OF ITS RELATIONSHIP AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA.

5. CONCERNING SIV RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., FORMER POLITICIAN MEMBER LE BUC ((TINH)) IS "BARRON RICHARD" BECAUSE OF HIS BATTER EXPERIENCES NEGOTIATING WITH THE U.S. IN PARIS IN THE EARLY 80'S. TNO BELIEVES THAT HE WAS "CHEATED" BY THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. THE SIV OFFICIAL OPINED THAT WHILE SIXTY PERCENT OF THE NEW POLITICIAN IS CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATIVES, INCLUDING TNO, FOREIGN MINISTER WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY POLITICIAN MEMBER NGUYEN VAN ((LINH)) AND OTHERS.

Kissinger/Paris Talks

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