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Headline: Press Release on Joint U.S. MIA Search

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## FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [Text] The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry today announced that Vietnamese and American specialists conducted the 14th joint search for MIA from July 17 to August 12.
2. The ministry said in a press release that the number of cases brought up for investigation or excavation during this joint search was the biggest so far, concentrating in the two central Vietnam provinces of Quang Binh and Quang Nam-Danang.
3. In Quang Binh Province, the head of the American team appreciated the cooperation offered by the local authorities and population and said that the joint search programme had been a very diversified one.
4. At the request of the U.S. side, Vietnam has arranged an investigation by the joint search group into the photo of three U.S. servicemen reported missing during the Indochina war. The group visited and conducted investigations at An Diem and Tien Lanh detention camps in Quang Nam-Danang and concluded that no foreigner was detained at those camps.
5. Also in connection with this photo, the joint search group has returned to Hanoi to conduct an excavation related to the U.S. flyer John Leightsom Robertson who died when his plane was shot down in Chi Linh, Hai Hung Province, on September 16, 1991.
6. The results of these activities will be evaluated at the Vietnamese-U.S. experts' meeting on MIA to be held in Hanoi from August 20-21. The meeting will also discuss measures to step up the resolution of cases of disparity of information or cases about which information has been too scanty.

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Headline: Premier Meets MIA Relative, Comments on Policy

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## FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [Text] On the afternoon of 21 October 1991, Vo Van Kiet, chairman of the Council of Ministers, received and cordially talked with a delegation of British Television reporters led by Scott Smith who came to Vietnam to shoot a film on the issues of MIA's [Missing In Action] and POW's [Prisoner of War].
2. Accompanying the filming delegation was Miss Deborah Robertson, the daughter of U.S. pilot Robertson who was shot down in Vietnam in 1966. Robertson was one of three American MIA's pictured in a fake photograph and allegedly reported still living by some foreign papers in last July 1991.
3. Chairman Vo Van Kiet expressed his understanding and profound sympathy with Miss Deborah's family and other American families whose members were reported missing during the war in Indochina. He specified: The Vietnamese Government and people will do their utmost together with the U.S. MIA agency to search for the remains of U.S. soldiers killed during the Vietnam war whom both sides have not found. This is a humanitarian policy issue that the Vietnamese Government and people are much concerned about.
4. Chairman Vo Van Kiet asserted that the photo of Americans allegedly still living in Vietnam which was carried by some papers is totally groundless. This is an odious deed by a group of people who nurture ill-will against Vietnam. He said: The Vietnamese Government and people are willing to receive relatives of MIA's from the Vietnam war who wish to come to Vietnam to seek and clarify the truth about the missing U.S. servicemen in Vietnam.
5. Miss Deborah Robertson was emotionally impressed by the cordial meeting with and the concern of Chairman Vo Van Kiet who shared profound feelings with her family and other families of U.S. MIA's during the Vietnam war. She said she would tell all the truth to the American people so that they would understand the humanitarian policy of the Vietnamese Government and people.

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