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PASS: NSA FOR ZKZK OO DLS DE (FOR NSOC),  
DIA FOR POW/MIA OFFICE.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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DIST: 24 SEPTEMBER 1993

COUNTRY: VIETNAM/RUSSIA

SUBJ: REACTION [REDACTED] TO RECENT RELEASE OF  
SOVIET POW/MIA DOCUMENTS AND TO U.S. ADMINISTRATION  
PARTIAL LIFTING OF EMBARGO

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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENTED ON THE NEWLY-  
RELEASED SOVIET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENT INDICATING THAT NORTH  
VIETNAM NEVER RETURNED ALL U.S. PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING THE VIETNAM  
WAR. [REDACTED] THE SOVIET REPORT IS  
COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND ITS RELEASE IS AN ATTEMPT TO DELAY LIFTING

**APPROVED FOR RELEASE  
DATE: FEB 2001**

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OF THE U.S. EMBARGO AGAINST VIETNAM.

2. [REDACTED] SINCE VIETNAM BEGAN ITS ECONOMIC REFORMS, VIETNAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, THUS TAKING POTENTIAL INVESTORS AWAY FROM RUSSIA. THE LIFTING OF THE U.S. EMBARGO WILL MEAN AN OPEN VENUE FOR U.S. BUSINESS TO INVEST IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] THE RUSSIANS PROBABLY BELIEVE THAT OPENING THE VIETNAMESE MARKET WILL DIVERT U.S. INVESTMENTS AWAY FROM RUSSIA.

3. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM IS NOT PLANNING TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST RUSSIA OTHER THAN TRYING TO SHOW THAT THE REPORT IS INACCURATE. HE ADDED THAT DELAYING THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO DOES NOT BENEFIT THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHICH IS MISSING PROFITABLE OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN BY CHINA, JAPAN, FRANCE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1993, AFTER IT WAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS ONLY PARTIALLY LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON VIETNAM, [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THE REACTION AMONG VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WAS OF GREAT DISBELIEF AND DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE IN THEIR VIEW, VIETNAM HAS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS SET FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE POW/MIA ISSUE. MANY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THEY CANNOT FULLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY DIFFERENT POW/MIA GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT WILL BE AN INFRINGEMENT ON VIETNAM'S NATIONAL SECURITY. HE PREDICTED, HOWEVER, THAT VIETNAM EVENTUALLY WILL SURRENDER TO THE PRESSURE AND WILL PROGRESSIVELY CONTINUE OPENING ITS POW/MIA DOCUMENTS.

ADMIN

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