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SUBJECT: Comments [redacted] on
Relations with the United States and the
Presence of Americans in the SRV

The attached report, which is of possible interest to you, was obtained [redacted] March 1977. We are giving this information no further dissemination.

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS [redacted] ON RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS IN THE SRV

ACQ: [redacted]

SOURCE: [redacted]

1. [redacted] COMMENTS REGARDING SRV RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND PRESENCE OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM.

2. [redacted] FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SRV WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. [redacted] THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE PAST HAD BEEN THE U.S. VETO OF VIETNAM'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED NATIONS BUT THAT NOW [redacted] FEELS THE U.S. WILL DROP THESE EFFORTS.

3. REGARDING U.S. INSISTENCE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME AMERICANS IN VIETNAM WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, [redacted] THE ONLY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM ARE THOSE WHO MARRIED VIETNAMESE WOMEN AND HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND HAVE BECOME NATURALIZED VIETNAMESE. THERE ARE ALSO

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A SMALL NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO WERE IN VIETNAM AT THE TIME OF LIBERATION AND WHO WERE JUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THESE AMERICANS RENOUNCED THEIR CITIZENSHIP (SIC) AND WERE PLACED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. AT THE END OF THIS THREE-YEAR PERIOD THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADMIT TO THEIR CRIMES AND MAKE A "SELF-CRITICISM," AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE JUDGED AND EITHER SET FREE AND PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN VIETNAM AS FULL CITIZENS, OR, IN THE CASE OF A LACK OF ADMISSION OF GUILT AND REFUSAL OF SELF-CRITICISM, THEY WILL BE "SENTENCED."

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