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His Excellency Vo Van Kiet
Prime Minister
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
c/o Ambassador Le Van Bang

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We write to you as sponsors of opposing provisions during the recent U.S. Senate debate on lifting the U.S. trade embargo against your country. Central arguments in that divisive debate were the extent of your government's past cooperation in resolving the cases of Americans unaccounted for from the war in Southeast Asia, and the effect lifting the embargo would have on future progress on POW/MIA issues. That debate is over -- President Clinton made his decision and lifted the trade embargo. As the President stated in announcing his decision, future progress in our bilateral political relations will depend on future results in resolving POW/MIA cases.

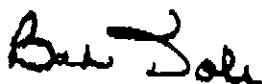
We also note the confidence expressed by many of those directly involved in our nation's effort to account for America's POW/MIA's that if the embargo were lifted, more accountability would be obtained for the families who have endured uncertainty for far too many years.

The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia is sending a delegation to meet with you and other officials in your government who can help facilitate further progress on the POW/MIA issue. It is our understanding that your government has agreed to arrange substantive meetings, and that this delegation intends to meet with President Clinton upon their return.

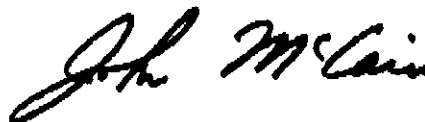
The results of their mission will be awaited by us and by many of our colleagues. It is our sincere hope that you will do all in your power to ensure that the National League of Families delegation is received appropriately and provided with direct answers to their legitimate questions.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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