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COMMITTEE LEADERS RETURNING TO VIETNAM

WASHINGTON -- Chairman John F. Kerry, D-Mass., and Vice Chairman Bob Smith, R-NH, leave Tuesday for a two-day visit to Hanoi.

"We are continuing to press Hanoi for any answers they can give to the families of missing servicemen," Kerry said. "Testimony at our last round of hearings raised several questions and we will discuss those with Vietnam. We also plan to follow up on requests that Senator Daschle, Senator Brown, and I made in November."

"This is one more opportunity to press Vietnam for information before the Committee writes its final report," Smith said. "We do not want to miss an opportunity to find answers for the POW/MIA families who have waited so long."

The trip is the Select Committee's third to Southeast Asia. The delegation will be in Hanoi December 17-18.