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RETURN TO HANOI OF THREE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
{SRV} AMBASSADORS; REPLACEMENT OF OLDER SRV DIPLOMATIC  
CADRE; ASSIGNMENT OF SRV PERSONNEL IN WESTERN EUROPE  
EARLY NOVEMBER 1980}

IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1980 THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
{SRV} AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, HOANG BAO SON, STATED THAT HE WOULD  
BE LEAVING BANGKOK SOON BUT GAVE NO DATE FOR HIS DEPARTURE. SON  
ADDED THAT THE SRV AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, VO VAN SUNG, WOULD  
BE LEAVING FRANCE AND WOULD BE REPLACED BY MAI VAN BO, WHO HAD  
FORMERLY HELD AMBASSADORIAL RANK IN PARIS. MME. {LNU} HUNG,  
THE WIFE OF THE SRV AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, TRAN MY, RETURNED  
TO THE SRV IN MID-NOVEMBER. SHE SAID THAT MY WOULD RETURN THERE  
ALSO BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHEN HE WOULD GO.

BO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,  
THE PREDECESSOR OF THE PRESENT SRV, AS DELEGATE GENERAL TO FRANCE  
IN 1970. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE SRV MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS {MFA} EUROPE DEPARTMENT II, WHICH COVERS FRANCE  
AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

ACCORDING TO SRV DIPLOMATS, THE SRV MFA AS OF NOVEMBER WAS  
REPLACING A NUMBER OF OLDER DIPLOMATIC CADRE WITH YOUNGER ONES,  
WHO WERE BEING TRAINED AS REPLACEMENTS. AT PRESENT EACH SRV  
AMBASSADOR CAN REQUEST THE PERSONNEL TO BE STATIONED WITH HIM  
ABROAD. THREE-YEAR TOURS FOR SRV DIPLOMATS ABROAD ARE POSSIBLE,  
FOR SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HOANG LUONG HAD SAID THAT  
ALL OVERSEAS CADRE FROM THE RANK OF DEPUTY DEPARTMENT CHIEF DOWN-  
WARD WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR HOME LEAVE AUTOMATICALLY AFTER A THREE-  
YEAR TOUR.