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{Text} The American newspaper THE NEW YORK
TIMES recently remarked that the question of American
missing in the Vietnam War is (?ruining) American trust

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in the Bush administration. In this connection, our radio contributes this comment:

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It is common knowledge that for many years the U.S. Administration has been using the **MIA** issue as one of the conditions for normalizing relations with Vietnam, and many opportunists have been capitalizing on the same issue against Vietnam and made profit in utter disregard of the pride of many **MIA** American families. They tried to publicize the **MIA** issue through a set of photos taken from an old Soviet magazine, and most recently, the allegation of one former KGB official to the effect that his colleague had interviewed some CIA agents captured during the war in Vietnam and these agents are being held by Hanoi.

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This is nothing but a fabrication which was confirmed by the U.S. Government official after an investigation. This official noted that so far, there has been no evidence to conclude that any prisoner of war is being detained by Hanoi. A spokesman for the U.S. State Department on Tuesday, 14 January, said that the United States has decided to put an end to investigation into report that American prisoners of war are being held in the former Soviet Union. The same spokesman said: Investigation carried out in Kazakhstan from January 8 to 11 produced no evidence of American Prisoners of War detention, and therefore, the State Department will not continue investigating until new evidence appears. This is a **move** conforming to reason and human conscience. Broad section of American public has supported this law and recommended that the paranoid about American personnel missing in action should be ended.

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For its part, Vietnam is carrying out an open door policy advocating friendship with all countries irrespective of political system. Vietnamese Communist Party leader Do Muoi said that Vietnam always shows goodwill in her relations with the United States. This [word indistinct] vivid expression last year in Vietnam's cooperative attitude toward the settlement of **MIA** and other humanitarian issue. So far, Vietnam has **returned** to the United States about 500 sets of remains of the GIs who died in the Vietnam War. This gesture of goodwill has been highly appreciated by the U.S. Government officials. Similarly, the U.S. Government has also taken positive steps. Recently, it decided to lift the ban on American tourists to Vietnam as well as the 25-mile restriction on the **movement** of Vietnamese diplomats in New York. However, broad section of public opinion in the United States and Vietnam and other parts of the World has not been satisfied with this step. People of conscience are calling on the U.S. Government to lift its trade embargo against this war torn and underdeveloped country and normalize relations with Vietnam in the interest of the people of Vietnam and the United States and in conformity with the common trend for peace, cooperation, and development.

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