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Congress of the United States
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July 10, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

We read with great concern of your Administration's forthcoming decision to recognize the communist government of Vietnam before the end of this week. As members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, we respectfully urge you to withhold formal diplomatic recognition until there has truly been the fullest possible accounting of Americans Missing in Action (MIAs).

It has been nearly 25 years since the United States withdrew from the Vietnam War, and at no time in that entire period has Vietnam been completely forthcoming in answer to repeated requests for assistance in locating American MIAs. Vietnam's record of less than full cooperation should not be rewarded with diplomatic recognition. The dignity and honor of those 58,000 Americans who died fighting for freedom in the Vietnam War and the memory of 2,200 American MIAs would be violated were this nation to enter into formal relations at this time.

We firmly believe that an honest and forthright effort by the Vietnamese to help us recover and account for our MIAs is the only basis upon which relations between our two countries should be normalized.

Sincerely,

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