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U.S. Officials Question POW Document

A recently disclosed document from Russian archives indicates that Vietnam may have held hundreds more U.S. prisoners than it acknowledged. The document, released Sunday, was not fully translated and is still being evaluated by the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As described by U.S. officials who have read it, the document appears to offer the most comprehensive confirmation yet of reports about the fate of American servicemen still missing from the war. It has been in the past that Vietnam appears to be cooperating fully and is entitled to take any steps necessary to lift the trade embargo that blocks U.S. firms from doing business there. But the officials said that it would indicate that Vietnam has engaged in massive deception about missing Americans for more than 20 years.

Health Industry Groups Launch Advertising Blitz

The magazine ads the health care question in highly personal terms. There is a picture of a balking, gouty-looking fellow with the headline: “Ask Mike what he’d do if you took away the ulcer drug that’s saving him from a $250,000 operation.”

The pitch is the National Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, one of several trade groups, corporations and lobbying organizations that have launched an advertising blitz about health care reform. While the U.S. Senate is considering the “comprehensive approach” of the U.S. officials, it neglects to mention that the industry spends $1 billion more each year on advertising and lobbying than it does on developing new drugs.

The recent media offensive is reminiscent of last year’s presid- ential campaign, with sweeping claims about solving the health care crisis. It has continued through comments coming from insiders, however, the object is not to win public office but to influence the recommendations of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s health care task force.

As in political ads, the agendas of these organizations are not always made clear. Proclaiming themselves in favor of “right-to-health” groups, they might be the “misinformed public” who will somehow lower health costs. Some make questionable or misleading assertions.

Russia to Get $3 Billion If Yeltsin Moves on Inflation

The United States and other major economic powers have agreed to extend Russia a quick $3 billion in long-term loans as soon as the government of President Boris N. Yeltsin takes initial steps to bring inflation under control, senior Clinton administration officials said Monday.

The new loans, which could begin to flow from the International Monetary Fund within two months, are a key part of a multinational aid package of about $40 billion that the world’s seven leading industrial nations have offered to Russia. But, according to studies, most of the aid involves a form structure such as the AWB or through a special people’s action committee, which is made up of Chinese, white extremists who have vowed to prevent the establishment of a new government.

More than 100 right-wing groups, most of them no more than three-month-old, have formed since O.J. Simpson was cleared up here in 1990 following President Frederik W. de Klerk’s declaration that his white minority government would negotiate an end to apartheid.

The announcement Tuesday carried out a terror- rist bombings, that but the is estimated to have killed at least three of the several bombs. The groups have been responsible since March 1992 for some 300 bombings. The AWB, an old, right-wing and former black nationalist, has been to form South Africa’s first non-racial government.

White Afrikaners have always been the right was a bit of a step in this direction,” said Max Colman, head of the Human Rights Commission, a violence monitoring group. “I understand the reports have overstated and don’t represent a major threat to the transition.”

While that remains the conventional wisdom, the Hani assassi- nation has triggered the multi-party negotiations move South Africa ever closer to a non-racial democracy, while the exceptions will become increasingly active.

Another concern is that black government will lash out in re- titution for Hani’s murder, creating a delicate situation that could poison the political tran- sition.

Advocates of both races reiterates their appeals for restraint Monday as sporadic episodes of stonings, ransackings and vehi- cles burnings continued to the end of a year of violence. In the past week, three incidents, which were in an attack on a police station, caused $1 million in damage and reports calling for the revitaliza- tion and federal aid has frequently failed to prevent renewed violence.

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But, according to studies, most of the efforts fell short of their goal. The implementation of the SBA loans during the year following the riot was to facilitate the re-establishment of numerous businesses affected— "but not in Liberty City," according to a book on the 1980s riots written by Mario Durán. "The real impact—seems to have been to help drain riot-damaged areas and rebuild regions.

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Such cities are striking.

The parallels between the two cities are significant.

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