

Hanoi Calls U.S. Veto Hostile Act

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The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry last night described the second United States veto of Vietnam's request to join the United Nations as an "abuse of power."

"The American administration has once again abused its right of veto, thus showing its hostile attitude toward the Vietnamese people and defying public opinion and the governments of the entire world," Hanoi said.

"The United States has no right to link the question of the missing Americans with that of Vietnam's admission to the United Nations," the Foreign Ministry added.

The text, however, seemed moderate in tone and, foreign observers noted, Hanoi's statement suggested that U.S.-Vietnam meetings are continuing.

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