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Calling upon the President to discontinue further economic assistance to the Government of the Russian Federation until all pertinent documents from the archives of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union relating to the fates of American prisoners of war and missing in action have been provided to the United States Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 1993

Mr. CAMP submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President to discontinue further economic assistance to the Government of the Russian Federation until all pertinent documents from the archives of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union relating to the fates of American prisoners of war and missing in action have been provided to the United States Government.

Whereas it is established United States policy that the resolution of issues relating to American prisoners of war and missing in action (POW/MIA) should be a matter of the highest national priority and the American people overwhelmingly support this policy;

Whereas in 1986 the Tighe Task Force concluded that there is a strong probability of American prisoners of war being held in Southeast Asia;

Whereas in January 1993 the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs concluded that it was possible that some members of the United States Armed Forces had languished in enemy hands after the Vietnam conflict had ended;

Whereas Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin has stated that the Government of the former Soviet Union held or knew of American prisoners of war and missing in action during, and possibly after, World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam conflict;

Whereas the relationship between the Governments of the former Soviet Union and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is well documented;

Whereas, in the 20 years since the end of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has not been able to provide the United States with a definitive answer as to the fates of over 2,200 members of the United States Armed Forces from such conflict;

Whereas the archives of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union appear to include communications and memoranda regarding American prisoners of war being held captive, both in and out of Soviet control;

Whereas the future of relations between the Government of the Russian Federation and the United States Government depends on trust and cooperation; and

Whereas the final resolution as to fates of American prisoners of war and missing in action from World War II,

the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam conflict would be aided by the full cooperation of the Government of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress calls upon the President
3 to discontinue assistance under chapter 11 of part I of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (excluding humani-
5 tarian assistance) to the Government of the Russian Fed-
6 eration until all pertinent documents from the archives of
7 the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union relating
8 to the fates of American prisoners of war and missing in
9 action have been provided to the United States Govern-
10 ment.

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