

# The Authentication Of the Quang 1205 Document

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The transcript of the document known as the 'Quang 1205 Document' was uncovered by Dr. Stephen Morris, a Harvard Researcher not involved in the PoW/MIA issue.

Dr. Morris knew when he uncovered this document that he had uncovered an important piece of information concerning the candidness, or the lack thereof, of the Vietnamese Government regarding the PoW/MIA issue.

The Clinton Administrations first inclination was to classify the document 'Top Secret'. Because the Clinton Administration had something in mind respective to Vietnam. He was preparing to:

- Lift US objections to the World Bank lending IMF funds to Vietnam;
- Over the objections of virtually every Veteran Organization, Family members, over 50 former Prisoners of War and the PoW/MIA community in general, he lifted the US imposed trade embargo against Vietnam;
- Less than two years later, again over the objections of the Veteran Organizations, Family members, 50+ former Prisoners of War and the PoW/MIA community he re-established diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

So the 1205 document had to be trashed. Not ever debriefing General Quang, who is still alive, the US Government said that the document was a fake. It was a plant. But planted *by whom* and for what purpose? The Soviets were the allies of Vietnam *at the time* and since the fall of the Soviet Union, the Russians have needed US help. Why wouldn't they have destroyed a document that they had purportedly planted?

Let's see what several people had to say about the document:

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- ✓ Dr. Henry Kissinger said that with regards to the negotiating methods that were being used at the time were *exactly as described in the document*. He went on to state: "If that document is authentic, and it is hard to imagine who would have forged it, for what purpose, then I think an enormous crime has been committed, and then we should-I do not see how we can proceed in normalizing relations until it is fully cleared up" He also stated: "I don't think we can normalize relations or ease conditions in international agencies until we have cleared up this issue."

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**When Dr. Morris uncovered this document, he did so in early 1993, just after the Clinton Administration took office. When he turned it over to Clinton Administration officials, where was the uproar? Where was the moral indignation? What did the Clinton Administration do with the document? They Classified it! But Dr. Morris also gave a copy of it to the New York Times.**

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Interestingly, General Van Tran Quang is still alive and has not been debriefed by US investigators, although he was spoken to by Undersecretary of State Winston Lord several months ago--but NOT about the 1,205 document. Keep that in mind the next time you hear about "excellent" or "superb" cooperation.

We have the Chief Russian Archivist, the Head of the Russian Intelligence Agency, the equivalent of our own Defense Intelligence Agency, as well as General Dmitri Volkogonov, the equivalent of our Director of Central Intelligence, admitting the authenticity of this document. We also have several officers of the GRU admitting to this document's authenticity. Remember, during the Vietnam War, the Russians were friends of the Vietnamese Government. Why would they lie? What would be their reason?

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