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John McCain (center) being captured by Vietnamese civilians in Truc Bach Lake near Hanoi Vietnam.



Source: The Library of Congress

73 pages of CIA and Department of Defense documents and transcriptions, of foreign broadcasts, from 1967 to 1973, relating to John McCain's captivity in North Vietnam.

On October 26, 1967, John McCain was flying an A-4E Skyhawk on his twenty-third mission over North Vietnam. This mission was his first encounter with the heavy air defenses deployed by the North Vietnamese in and around Hanoi. His plane was hit by a Russian made surface to air missile. McCain ejected and landed badly injured in Truc Bach Lake. He was dragged from the lake and beaten by civilians along the shore. Thus began John McCain's 5 1/2 years of captivity in North Vietnam. He was taken to Hoa Lo Prison, also known as "Hanoi Hilton," where he was refused medical treatment, interrogated, and beaten. After his captors learned his father was Admiral McCain he was given medical treatment.

Early on, this son and grandson of high-ranking naval officers was accorded relatively privileged status. Then he refused early release, which he says he saw as a public relations stunt by his captors, insisting that POWs held longer than him should be granted their freedom first. Thereafter, McCain was treated much more severely. In March 1968, McCain was put into solitary confinement, where he would remain for two years. In August 1968, a program of severe torture began on McCain. He was subjected to rope bindings and repeated beatings every two hours for four days. McCain attempted to commit suicide, but was caught by guards. He was then put under suicide watch. His injuries have left him permanently incapable of raising his arms above his head. He signed a forced confession during the torture. When he resisted further attempts to be used for North Vietnamese propaganda, a regiment of beatings two or three times a week was established. In the later half of 1969 the North Vietnamese treatment of American POWs became less inhumane and the express torture ended. McCain was released on March 14, 1973. He returned home on crutches and began years of physical rehabilitation. McCain later regained flight status and commanded a Navy squadron before retiring from the Navy in 1981.

The 35 pages of original documents in this set are intercept reports from the CIA'S Foreign Broadcast Information Service and the Message Center of the U.S. Department of Defense National Military Command Center. The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) is an open source intelligence component of the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology that monitors, translates, and disseminates within the US Government openly available news and information from non-US media sources. The FBIS became known as the Open Source Center (OSC)in 2005.

The files date from October 11, 1967 to February 20, 1973. These files were originally released by the CIA in 1987. They were released in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests relating to POW/MIA issues. The CIA files in this set were released by the CIA in poor condition. A transcript of each page has been added to the set.

These documents do not make any assessment of the validity of the reporting they document.

The source of the broadcasts and their purpose should be included in the conception of the material.

Most of these broadcasts were part of a systematic propagation of a doctrine, reflecting the views and interests of the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War.

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Highlights in this set include:

The broadcasts translated and/or transcribed include: A Vietnam News Agency international broadcast of an interview with John McCain. Vietnam News Agency broadcasts directed to U.S. personnel in South Vietnam concerning the capture of McCain. Radio Moscow international broadcast concerning the reporting in North Vietnam of the shot down of McCain. A Paris based, AFP - Agence France-Presse, broadcast of an interview of John McCain, conducted by French journalist Bernard-Joseph Cabanes. Radio Moscow domestic Russian report on a Pravda Review article concerning the air defenses in Hanoi, featuring North Vietnamese interview content of McCain. An Article written by French TV reporter Francois Chalais concerning American pilots held in North Vietnam, includes interviews with American pilots, including McCain.

A January 1970 Radio Havana broadcast of an interview of John McCain by Spanish psychiatrist Fernando Barral. This interview received attention because McCain mentions Lyndon Johnson's management of the war as president, and the status of his father, Admiral McCain in the chain of command. Barral concludes the piece with a harsh "psychological" assessment of McCain. Years later John McCain referred to the interview in his book, "Faith of My Fathers." McCain refereed to Barral as "a Cuban propagandist masquerading as a psychiatrist and moonlighting as a journalist."

Glossary of some entities mentioned in the files.

AFP - Agence France-Presse

Agence France-Presse, often abbreviated AFP, is France's largest news agency. AFP is the oldest news agency in the world, founded in 1835. AFP is a government-chartered public corporation operating under a 1957 law, but is officially a commercial business independent of the French government.

Barral, Fernando

Fernando Barral is a Spanish psychiatrist, who worked for the Cuban Interior Ministry, the Cuban state security service. Barral moved to Cuba in 1961 at the invitation of his former Argentine school mate Che Guevara. Barral's son escaped Cuba in 1992 on a raft and became a practicing physician in Palm Beach. As of 2008 Fernando Barral owns one the few privately held restaurants in Cuba, Los Cactus in Havana.

Cabanes, Bernard-Joseph

During the Vietnam War era, Bernard-Joseph Cabanes was an AFP correspondent in North Vietnam.

Chalais, François

Francois Chalais (b. 12/15/1919 – d. 5/1/1996) was a French news journalist, film columnist, and documentary film collaborator.

DRV

DRV is an acronym for Democratic Republic of Vietnam, also often abbreviated as DRVN. It was the northern half of Vietnam, proclaimed by Ho Chí Minh in Hà Noi, on September 2, 1945. The government of North Vietnam took over South Vietnam and it became the larger Vietnam that exists today with the same political system and organization.

Hai Phong

Hai Phong is the third most populated city in Vietnam. It is approximately 100 kilometers from the Vietnamese capitol Hanoi. During the Vietnam War, the city was subjected to heavy bombing by U.S. forces due to its status as North Vietnam's only major port.

Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base

Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, often referred to as just Korat in discussions concerning the Vietnam War. During the Vietnam War, Korat was the largest front-line facility of the United States Air Force (USAF) in Thailand from 1962 through 1975.

L'Orient

A French language Beirut, Lebanon newspaper.

MTI - Hungarian News Agency Corp

MTI is an acronym for Magyar Távirati Iroda, known in English as the Hungarian News Agency.

NFLSV - National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NFLSV)

The National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam, abbreviated as NFLSV or NLF, is better to know to Americans as the Viet Cong or the VC. It was a communist army based in South Vietnam that fought against the governments of South Vietnam and the United States during the Vietnam War. The Viet Cong used guerilla warfare, including terrorist bombings, assassinations, and ambushes. The group is best-known for the Tet Offense, an assault on many South Vietnamese cities staged in February 1968. The group was closely allied with the government of North Vietnam, which conquered the South in 1975.

Nhan Dan

Nhân Dân is the official newspaper of the Communist Party of Vietnam. Nhân Dân is Vietnamese for "The People".

Pravda

Pravda was the leading newspaper of the Soviet Union and was an official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party between 1912 and 1991.

Truc Bach Lake

Trúc Bach Lake is one of the many fresh-water lakes in the city of Hanoi. Trúc Bach in Vietnamese means "white bamboo." A monument has been erected near the western lake shore on Than Niên Road commemorating the 1967 shoot–down of John McCain's plane and his landing into the lake.

USS Forrestal

The USS Forrestal aircraft carrier was commissioned in October 1955 as the U.S. Navy's first carrier of entirely post-World War II design. In June 1967 the Forrestal was deployed to the Pacific Ocean to provide additional airpower to the Vietnam War effort. This was cut short when on July 29 she suffered a huge fire that began among aircraft on her flight deck and spread into her hangar. More than 130 of Forrestal's men lost their lives, 26 aircraft were destroyed and over thirty damaged. The USS Forrestal was decommissioned in September 1993.

USS Oriskany

The USS Oriskany aircraft carrier, was built at the New York Navy Yard and launched in October 1945. Commissioned in September 1950, the Oriskany deployed to the Mediterranean Sea between May and October 1951 and steamed around Cape Horn to join the Pacific Fleet in May 1952. She made one Korean War combat cruise, from September 1952 to May 1953. Oriskany's second war began with her 1965 WestPac cruise, during which her planes hit targets in North and South Vietnam. Tragedy struck the carrier on 26 October 1966, during her second Vietnam War deployment, when fire ravaged her forward compartments, killing 44 members of her crew and air group. Oriskany was repaired in the U.S., returned to the war zone in mid-1967 and rendered assistance to USS Forrestal when that carrier also suffered a major fire. The USS Oriskany was decommissioned in September 1976. On 17 May 2006 the Oriskany was deliberately sunk off Pensacola, Florida, to serve as an artificial reef and sport diving attraction.

Vietnam News Agency (VNA) - Hanoi Vietnam News Agency, the offical news service of the communist Vietnam government.

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NORTH VIETNAM

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Capture of McCain, Rice

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From the other side of the lake many people who happened to be on the scene also swam toward the fallen air pirate. The latter with his cumbersome outfit, sank immediately after reaching the water. Four of his captors hauled him up. Two of them locked both his arms while the other two put his head on a bamboo tube. From the pilot's inside pocket a man took out eight pistol bullets and a signal radio.

Finally, Johnson's navy man was pulled out of the water near a children's swimming pool in the Ba Dinh District. The water dripping at each staggering step he made was tinted with navy blue from the survival dye box he carried. McCain's right leg was still bleeding from a wound he received while in the plane. He was bandaged by a nurse from the Ba Dinh District before being taken to his place of detention.

Meanwhile, other U.S. jetplanes were making frenzied stunts over Hanoi to dodge the deadly groundfire.

John Sydney McCain today appears in NHAN DAN in two photos, one of which shows his capture on Truc Bach lake. The paper carries a photo of another capture U.S. pilot, Charles Donald Rice, lieutenant JO, U.S. Navy, service number 710266.

AFP Correspondent's Report

Paris AFP in English 2016 GMT 26 Oct 67 (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

[TEXT] Hanoi ---Bernard-Joseph Cabanes Dispatch---U.S. aircraft today attacked Hanoi for the second day running, concentrating on the electric power plant. But several rockets landed in other parts of the city as well, destroying houses and inflicting what was believed to be higher casualties than yesterday's raid. Missiles brought down two of the attacking planes over the center of the city. An open parachute was seen floating amid the puffs of exploding antiaircraft shells. An air-to-ground missile struck a house in the Hue Street district, subjected to bombing last August. The house was 50 yards (meters) from the French diplomatic delegation where shrapnel fell in the garden today. No French were injured.

The American planes came in several waves in the 35-minute raid that began at 1145 local time. Work began quickly after the raid, the clearing away of rubble as blood-covered survivors emerged from ruins and nearby one-man holes used as bomb shelters here. Another alert came 20 minutes after the end of the first raid. It was the fourth alert since the beginning of the morning. Each was marked by the sound of bombs exploding and antiair-craft fire in an area 15 to 18 miles (25 to 30 kilometers) around the capital. ///BOTTOM BODY OF DOCUMENT///

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John Spincy McCain today appears in NHAN DAN in two photos, one of which shows his capture on True Figh lake. The paper carries a photo of another captured U.S. pilot, Charles Ferald Rice, lieutenant JO, U.S. Navy, service number 710266.

AFP Correspondent's Report

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[Text] Fanci-Permird-Joseph Cabanes Dispatch-U.S. aircraft today attacked Hanoi for the second day running, concentrating on the electric power plant. But several rockets landed in other parts of the city as well, destroying houses and inflicting what was believed to be higher easualties than jesterday's raid. Missiles brought down two of the attacking planes over the center of the city. An open parachute was seen floating antil the puffs of exploding antiaircraft shells. An air-to-ground missile struck a house in the Rue Street district, subjected to bombing last August. The house was 50 yards (meters) from the Prench diplomatic delegation where shrapnel fell into the garden today. No French were injured.

The American planes care in several waves in the 35-minute raid that began at 1145 local time. Work began quickly after the raid, the clearing away of rubble as blood-covered survivers energed from ruins and nearby one-man holes used as bomb shelters here. Another alert case 20 rimutes after the end of the first raid. It was the fourth alert since the beginning of the marning. Each was marked by the sound of bombs exploding and antiair craft fire in an area 15 to 16 miles (25 to 30 kilometers) around the capital.

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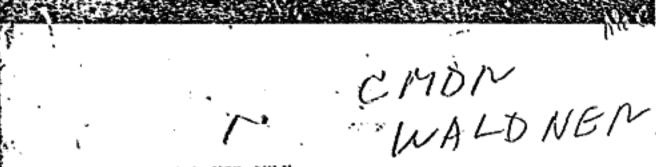
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(INTERVIEW OF AMERICAN POW LT CDR JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN PUBLISHED IN 9 NOVEMBER NHAN DAN)

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TO A QUESTION OF THE CORRESPONDENT, MCCAIN ANSWERED: "MY ASSIGNMENT TO THE ORISKANY, I TOLD MYSELF, WAS DUE TO SERIOUS LOSSES IN PILOTS WHICH WERE SUSTAINED BY THIS AIRCRAFT CARRIER (DUE TO ITS RAIDS OVER NORTH VIETNAM TERRITORY--VNA) AND WHICH NECESSITATED REPLACEMENTS. FROM 10 TO 12 PILOTS WERE TRANSFERRED LIKE ME FROM THE FORRESTAL TO THE ORISKANY. BEFORE I WAS SHOT DOWN WE HAD MADE SEVERAL SORTIES. ALTOGETHER I MADE ABOUT 23 FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM."

MCCAIN ADMITTED THAT HE PARTICIPATED FIVE OR SIX TIMES IN THE ATTACKS ON THE HAIPHONG SECTOR.

FEAR STILL CLEARLY SHOWED ON HIS FACE WHEN HE RECALLED HIS DISASTROUS SORTIE ON 26 OCTOBER AGAINST HANOI. "THE BRIEFING WAS HELD
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POINT. THEY POINTED OUT TO ME A NUMBER OF ANTIAIRCRAFT POSITIONS
NEAR HANOI AND A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE ROCKET POSITIONS, THE POSITION
OF OUR RESCUE SHIPS, THE RADIO FREQUENCY, THE COMPOSITION OF THE
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NUMBER ONE. EACH PILOT WOULD HAVE TO APPROACH THE TARGET FROM
A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, THE CHOICE OF WHICH WOULD BE LEFT TO HIM.

"WHILE MOVING TOWARD THE TARGET, WE STUMBLED OVER A VERY DENSE NETWORK OF FIRE, A VERY POWERFUL RIPOSTE. A FEW ROCKETS WERE SEEN. OUR CHIEF TURNED TO APPROACH THE TARGET AND I FOLLOWED HIM AT A DISTANCE. AT THE TIME WHEN I WAS PREPARING TO DROP MY BOMBS--I DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I COULD DROP THEM, BECAUSE THINGS WERE HAPPENING TOO FAST--I HEARD A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION WHICH SHOOK MY PLANE AND SENT IT TOWARD THE GROUND. IT WAS HIT SO VIOLENTLY THAT I WAS THROWN ON MY BACK AND WENT STRAIGHT TOWARD THE GROUND IN THIS POSTURE. I TRIED TO PULL THE DIRECTION-STICK ///BOTTOM OF PAGE///

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BY VIETNAMESE AND PUSHED TO THE BANK OF THE LAKE. THEY DISARMED ME AND BROUGHT ME TO PRISON."

"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HANOI'S FIRE BARRAGE?' ASKED THE NHAN DAN CORRESPONDENT.

MCCAIN CRIED OUT: "VERY INTENSE, VERY ACCURATE. WHEN A FIRE BARRAGE IS SO ACCURATE, ONE HAS TO RECKON WITH IT. YOU ARE EXCELLENT ARTILLERYMEN. NATURALLY, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A FIRE NETWORK, BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FLEW OVER HANOI."

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"YES, CERTAINLY!" MCCAIN SAID, "HOW LUCKY ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE TO COME OFTEN TO THE HANOI SECTOR. VERY DANGEROUS! BECAUSE THEY COULD VERY WELL BE SHOT DOWN, HIT, SOMETHING THAT NO ONE WANTS! WHEN I ARRIVED NEAR MY TARGET I SAW TWO ROCKETS STREAKING BY MY SIDE, AND IT WAS TERRIBLE TO SEE. THEY FLEW VERY FAST, VERY STRONGLY."

SUDDENLY THE AIR PIRATE WAS SILENT AS IF STILL OBSESSED BY THE MEMORY OF HIS DISASTROUS SORTIE.

"FOR ME," HE CONCLUDED, "THERE IS NO LONGER ANY DOUBT.
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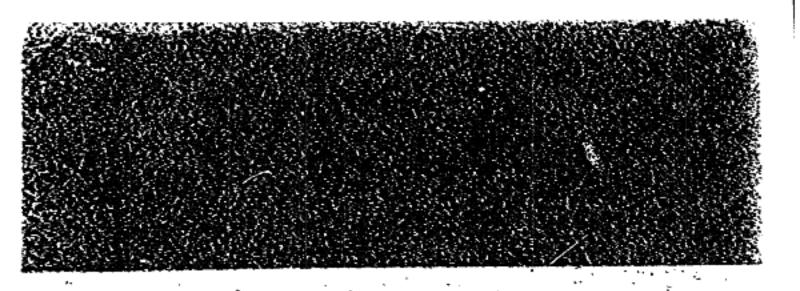
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(TEXT) HANOI, 10 NOVEMBER--BY EDWARD JOSEPH CABANES--U.S. NAVY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN SYDNEY MCCAIN, SON OF ADMIRAL JOHN MCCAIN COMMANDER OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE, WAS QUOTED BY THE HANOI PRESS TODAY AS HAVING STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES APPEARS ISOLATED BECAUSE OF THE VIETNAM WAR. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MCCAIN, WHO WAS CAPTURED AFTER HIS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI LAST 26 TWENTY SIX OCTOBER, HAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE JOURNALISTS ALONG WITH ANOTHER CAPTURED PILOT, AIR FORCE COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, WHOSE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THE CAPITAL ON 27 TWENTY SEVEN OCTOBER.

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"What do you think of Hanoi's fire barrage?" asked the KHAN DAN correspondent.

McCain cried out: "very intense, very accurate. When a fire barrage is so accurate, one has to reckon with it. You are excellent artillerymen. Naturally, I have never seen such a fire network, because it was the first time that I flew over Hanoi."

"Were all the pilots who had flown over Hanoi afraid of the firepower from the ground?"

"Yes, certainly!" McCain said. "how lucky are those who do not have to come often to the Hanoi sector. Very dangerous!

"Because they could very well be shot down, hit, something that no one wants! When I arrived near my target I saw two rockets streaking by my side, and it was terrible to see. They flew very fast, very strongly."

Suddenly the air pirate was silent as if he were still obsessed by the memory of his disastrous sortie. "For me." he concluded, "there is no longer any doubt. Things are taking place in a favorable opinion; the United States at present seems to be standing alone, so much is its isolation."

Peter Flynn Remarks

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[Commentary by comrade Trung Son: "The Old Chap Caught In A Trap"]

[Text] People say this piratic pilot from Ohio is very fond of studying history, but it is not known whether he has studied the history of the United States as a whole or only that of U.S. Air Force. If he confined himself to a study of the history of those who have used air forces as an aggressive instrument, he surely knew the case of [name indistinct], whose plane was recently brought down by one of our valliant young pilots while on a piratic mission over Hanoi. It is a fact, however, that he himself, a hard-core U.S., pilot, added a new ill-fated passage to the gloomy history of the U.S. Air Force. He is U.S. Air Force Col who was born on 17 October 1922 and belonged to the U.S. 388th Fighter Wing stationed at Korat in the U.S. satellite of Thailand.

While on a pirate mission over Hanoi on 27 October 1967, his F-105B aircraft was shot to pieces by the mighty air defense firepower of the army and people of the valiant capitol, and he was captured, after parachuting, by young boys and girls in the valiant town Gia Lam right on top one of the craters made by his criminal bombs.

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The piratic commander of the 388th Wing in Korat said that every month in Korat alone each fighter wing lost three pilots who could not be rescued and probably a higher number of planes, mainly over the north, figures that are undoubtedly underestimated. It is known to everybody that the F-105 plane is very modern, but the Americans have lost a large number of them in Vietnam. Production of this type of aircraft has been suspended and the company which produced them has combined with another to manufacture other types.

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A MEETING WHICH WILL LEAVE ITS MARK ON MY LIFE:

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HOW ARE YOU TREATED HERE?

VERY WELL. EVERYBODY IS VERY NICE TO ME.

HOW IS THE FOOD?

HE SMILESSFEEBLY. OBVIOUSLY, THE LEAST REACTION HURTS HIM. THIS ISN'T PARIS, BUT IT IS ALRIGHT.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO READ?

THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT I READ, BUT MY HANDS ARE UNABLE TO HOLD EVEN A NEWSPAPER.

HIS CIGARETTE HAS GONE OUT. HE TALKS TO ME ABOUT HIS WIFE WHO LIVES IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND ABOUT HIS THREE CHILDREN, AND NOW HE ADDRESSES HIS FAMILY: I KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO TURN OUT WELL. I HOPE THAT I WILL SEE YOU SOON. I WILL B WELL. THIS IS AL PECEPEATS: THIS IS ALL. (PASSAGE OMITTED) ///REDACTION MARK/// 01/2232Z JAN

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(Article in series written by "prominent" French television reporter François Chalais--an exclusive to L'Orient--titled "Life in Hanoi" and describing the reporter's one-month visit to North Vietnam. Date of visit not given. The series was announced 25 December and began 27 December. This installment is titled "The U.S. Prisoners Do Not Understand")

(Excerpts) I met some Americans in Hanoi--pilots, often wounded, having ejected from their planes. They--like the Vietnamese they are massacring, but for different reasons--do not understand what has happened to them. Here are some examples of their thinking:

"We will rebuild your bridges," to this pilot, someone has brought pictures of destroyed bridges. Do you recognize these bridges? Yes, says the pilot, this should have been my work. Then he is shown the same pictures, taken a short while before (the first pictures--ed.) These pictures show many bodies--several bodies--scattered around the bridge. Is this also your work? The American hesitates, then says: it is not my fault if people are foolish enough to pass over bridges while I am bombing. Soon he adds: Moreover I do not understand you. You have only to stop the war. As soon as you do so we will rebuild your bridges. My father is a multimillionaire. I will pay you for them.

Another pilot is injured. The doctor asks him how he feels. He replies: well. But I must tell you something doctor. You are all quite kind, but your medicines are worthless. Only American medicines are good. You are doing whatever you can, but compared to the U.S. doctors, you are only beginners. Therefore this is what I suggest: we have Clark Base in the Philippines where they have everything that is needed. You let me go there and as soon as I recover I will return here to give myself up.

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A meeting which will leave its mark on my life:

My meeting with John Sidney McCain was certainly one of those meetings which will affect me most profoundly for the rest of my life. I had asked the North Vietnamese authorities to allow me to personally interrogate an American prisoner. They authorized me to do so. When night fell, they took me--without any precautions or mystery--to a hospital near the Gia Lam airport reserved for the military. The officer who receives me begins: I ask you not to ask any questions of political

nature. if this man replies in a way unfavorable to us, they will not hesitate to speak of "brainwashing" and conclude that we threatened him.

This John Sidney McCain is not an ordinary prisoner. His father is none other than Admiral Edmond John McCain, commander in chief of U.S. naval forces in Europe.

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Hanoi---The people in many countries continue to demand that the United States stop bombing the DRV and end its war of aggression against Vietnam.

A total of 523 members of 50 trade union organizations in 38 states in the United States and Canada at a recent conference in Chicago issued a statement saying that nothing could justify the sacrifice of countless precious lives of American youths and Vietnamese men, women and children. For that reason, the statement said, we demand an immediate and unconditional end tot he U.S. bombing of the DRV. It also demanded that the United States negotiate with the ///___// for an end to the war.

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With their victories, the Tri-Thien-Nue fighters are a wing their determination to defeat the U.S. appressors totally, liberate South Victors, defend the north, and reunify their country, the editor, all said.

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[Text] Final-Wire number of participants in the strike started II January by 3,500 electricity workers in Szigop for a wage increase had swellen by noor yesterday to note than 16,000, according to Perturn sources. Traic union nembers and other workers of various branches in the city, including dockers, drivers, textile venters, rice millers, while traic employees, and so forth, have joined the strike. Some 1,500 engloyees of the three oil companies.—Esse, Shell and Caltex—will probably join traitive today, the sources raid.

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Young New Zealanders on 16 December started an 18-day march in protest against the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam and against the New Zealand Government's folly of serving as an accomplice of the United States. They distributed leaflets all along the 500 mile road and held rallies in big and small towns, condemning the U.S. war of aggression. Many people joined in the March.

On 12 January French television screened a 40-minute documentary entitled "North Vietnam" shot by Francois Chalais. The film featured the people's production and combat activities in Hanoi, the crimes committed by the United States in dropping steelpellet bombs to kill civilians, and an interview with America air pirate John McCain. Captured in Hanoi last October. The film ended with an interview with Premier Pham Van Dong.

Another 20-minute documentary by Brigitte Friang was screened on the same day by French Television, showing U.S. failure in South Vietnam and American soldiers /// //.

In Tokyo, ///__// representatives by various organizations and students demonstrated to protest against the arrival in Japan of the U.S. Aircraft carrier Enterprise. They distributed leaflets calling on U.S. soldiers to follow the example set by four U.S. sailors who had left the Intrepid to protest against the U.S. war in Vietnam.

In Tunisia, students and professor, doctors and other intellectuals on 12 January signed a message demanding an end to the U.S. dirty war in Vietnam. The message said: We intellectuals in Tunisia ///___/// the Vietnamese people's heroism, and express our solidarity with their just struggle for national liberation. It demanded that the United States end its unjust war in Vietnam and recognize the NFLSV as the only legal representative of the South Vietnamese people.

In Holland the committee for Vietnam organized a collection of signatures to a petition demanding that the Dutch government protest against the U.S. aggressive war in Vietnam. This petition will be sent to members of the Dutch Parliament. In addition, //_// Dutch socialists have sent an open letter to Joseph Luns, Dutch Foreign Minister, urging him to protest the U.S. bombing of the DRV.

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GRANMA, ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, PUBLISHED AND INTERVIEW HELD BETWEEN NAVAL AIR MAN JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN NOW A PRISONER IN NORTH VIETNAM, WITH SPANISH PSYCHIATRIST, FERNANDO BARRAL, WHO RESIDES IN CUBA AND JUST VISITED HANOI AND OTHER NORTH VIETNAMESE AREAS.
MCCAIN SAID THAT ANY DECISION MADE IN VIETNAM IS SO POLITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT GEN ABRAMS PREFERS TO ASK WASHINGTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY, AND VICE VERSA, WITHOUT COUNTING ON HIM, MCCAIN'S FATHER, THE ADMIRAL.
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If the Nixon Administration listens to reason and acts in accordance with legitimate interest in the United States, with those of the Vietnamese people and that of world peace, it must stop U.S. aggression, and peacefully settle the war in Vietnam on the basis of true respect for the Vietnamese people's fundamental national rights and the right to self-determination of the South Vietnam people. We have on many occasion declared that we are ready to settle the problem rapidly with the United States on the basis of the 10-point overall solution of the National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam.

Either restore peace or continue the war, the choice now rests with the Nixon administration.

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Could you tell me your name serial number, and rank?

"My name is John Sidney McCain and I am a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy-serial No 624787."

He added: "I understand and speak some Spanish. I studied it in school and I have been in Spain several times. On one of those occasions I visited the Naval Academy and met Prince Carlos. . . "

In the course of the interview, on various occasions he showed that knowledge of the language, saying some words, dates, and so forth in Spanish, or [using it] when he thought the interpreter was seeking the corresponding French word.

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Immediately afterward I asked him about the date and circumstances of his capture.

"On 26 October 1967 I was overflying Hanoi in an A4E plane based on the carrier Oriskany when my plane was hit by a ground-to-air-missile.

"I bailed out, colliding in the air with the remains of the plane, and I landed in one of the lakes in the center of Hanoi, in the middle of the water. On landing I tried to get free of my parachute, but I could not move, and I did not realize why I could not move my arms or legs, but it was because of the injuries."

Injuries?

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at the knee, and both arms, the right one in three places. Moreover, I dislocated
both shoulders."

When he told me this I superficially examined his ability to move his arms, which is almost unrestricted (only he has some difficulty bending his arm all the way). Also his grip is normal. Aside from this, he uses a crutch on the right side only, which shows normal functional ability of the extremity most affected by the traumation.

What happened next? That is, what was the capture itself like?

"Well, many people gathered around since it was the center of Hanoi at midday."

Soldiers, militiamen, or civilians?

"I could not determine exactly, because they had removed their clothing in order to take me out of the water."

Well, go on.

"From there, they took me to a military hospital in Hanoi, a large hospital where they operated on me and attended to the multiple fractures. I understand I received more than a liter of blood. . . ."

Were you the object of any physical or moral violence?

"No, although at the time of capture I could sense the peoples' hate or indignation, there were no insults of violence of any type. On the contrary, you have seen how I am recovering from my injuries."

But were you not afraid of being the object of violent treatment if you were captured. . .?

"Actually, I never thought I would become a prisoner; therefore those fears never came up."

Did you never think of the possibility of being captured!

"No, I was traveling at a high altitude. I felt completely safe in the plane. . I am considered one of the best pilots. . . ."

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What led you to join the U.S. Navy?

"There is a family reason, since I have many relatives in that branch of service. In particular, my grandfather was outstanding in World War II; he was one of those who made the Japanese sign the act of surrender, and a Naval destroyer bears his name. And my father is also an admiral; he is chief of the Pacific Command of the U.S. Armed Forces. Actually, it is a matter of military tradition. One of my forebears was a colonel in Washington's independence forces. Another was a general in the war of secession. Thus it was natural for me to follow a military career. Of course my father was not always an admiral; during World War II he was commander of a submarine. He has been in the navy since 1927 and has been an admiral since 1965. He holds the highest rank in the navy. If I had not been downed, I would have become an admiral at an earlier age than my father. Theoretically, General Abrams is his subordinate. . . ."

Theoretically?

"Yes, although in practice, because of the importance of this war, Gen Creighton Abrams receives his orders directly from Washington."

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"Well, look, in fact Abrams is his subordinate but since the Tet offensive of 1968 in view of the gravity of the situation, Abrams, instead of asking for instructions from my father, who is in Honolulu, so that he in turn would ask for them from Washington, went directly to Washington for them because the war is here in Vietnam and my father also has Okinawa, Korea, and so forth under his command. That is why, since the war is so important, he receives his instructions directly from Washington. It is a political problem also, not only military."

Well, let us leave these things about political and military aside. They are too complex. At any rate I do not believe that your father likes the situation very much; that his subordinates receive orders directly from above.

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"Look, my father is a very intelligent person, but. . when the bombings of the north began, Johnson asked Abrams' [as published] opinion, not my father's because Abrams in Saigon, in the war. . . .

"Now I am going to speak about my wife," he says spontaneously. "She is not in the armed forces," h added with a certain humor. "I saw her the last time in August 1967. At that time I was on the aircraft carrier Forrestal when a fire broke out which damaged it heavily and it had to be sent for repairs to the United States. At that time I miraculously escaped with my life because I was in my airplane and the two pilots on my left and two on my right were killed."

How did that happen?

"A plane caught fire and one of its rockets went off. This in turn caused other explosions. There were 135 deaths, almost all the airplanes were destroyed, and the ship was seriously damaged. As a result of the fire I became famous on TV."

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He smiles as he becomes aware that he drifted from the subject and adds: "She is very pretty. Before marrying me she was a model for magazines and on TV. We have a 3-year-old girl. When I saw her she was still a baby. She also has two children from a former marriage. She has now returned to work as a model on TV."

How did you find this out?

"I had a letter from her after I became a prisoner."

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"Yes, they authorized me to receive a letter and presents on Christmas Eve and I was able to send greetings cards."

Would you like me to relay a message for you?

"If you would be so kind. Tell her I am well, that I wish her happiness, and not to worry about me."

The address?

"Her name is Carol McCain, Mrs. Carol McCain. She lives in. . . . "

It is difficult for me to understand the address and I ask him to write it in my notebook. He writes with his left hand: Mrs Carol McCain, 553 Fatio Lane, Orange Park, Florida, USA [address as published]. I explain that I will not see her personally but that I will relay the message.

What schooling did you have?

"I went to the Naval Academy. I took two university majors, electrical engineering and naval architecture. The courses were very difficult; 1,200 of us began and only 400 graduated. Discipline was very strict also. I was also in the Spanish Naval Academy. It was there that I met Prince Carlos, as I said before. When I finished I had two choices; to be a naval officer or a pilot. I chose to be a pilot. I had to study another year and a half and I graduated in 1958. I trained intensively. I flew many hours in training to become a jet pilot."

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At any rate the difference between 200 and 4,000 appears to be great.

"Well, look, it was because I wanted to be an astronaut. That is why I also engaged in a great deal of sports: boxing, wrestling, swimming, camping, and so forth."

And what happened?

"I had to come to Vietnam."

What is your religion?

"I am a Protestant."

Being in captivity, has your faith increased? Do you have hopes for the future?

"My beliefs have always been more or less of the same intensity. As long as the war lasts I do not have much hope for the future."

From the psychiatric point of view, Dr. Barral has the following opinion of the personality of the prisoner who is responsible for many criminal bombings of the people of DRV:

He showed himself to be intellectually alert during the interview. From a morale point of view he is not in traumatic shock. He is neither dejected nor depressed. He was able to be sarcastic, and even humorous, indicative of psychic equilibrium. From the moral and ideological point of view he showed us he is an insensitive individual without human depth, who does not show the slightest concern, who does not appear to have thought about the criminal acts he committed against a population from the almost absolute impunity of his airplane, and that nevertheless those people saved his life, fed him, and looked after his health, and he is now healthy and strong. I believe that he bombed densely populated places for sport. I noted he was hardened, that he spoke of banal things as if he were at a cocktail party.

During the interview he quietly drank three cups of coffee and smoked one of the cigarettes the Vietnamese had placed on the central table.

The idea of interviewing this pilot occurred to me while I was returning from the Fourth Zone of the DRV, Quang Binh Province leveled by the bombings. I was sick of seeing destruction of a people of such tremendous moral fiber. Here I thought that I ought to meet one of the pilots. What would they be like, I wondered--the perpetrators of the destruction, of the savagery? I had come to Vietnam in response to an invitation and my intention was to investigate the traditional [social] structures and social change in Vietnam. But when I interviewed a young militiawoman with a rifle and a smile and she told us about her humble and heroic life, I saw that the bombings had awakened her sense of hate and action, but not fear.

It was clear to me that that girl's moral process and conscience--in her capacity as a prototype of her people--were not the result of chance or the mechanical reaction to aggression, but were the very deep-rooted result of a unique social system and subsan///TEXT HITS EDGE OF PAGE/// ideological work.

There I also felt the need to study others who, with their modern techniques and "superiorit//TEXT HITS EDGE OF PAGE/// had not been able to deter the Vietnamese people, Dr. Barral concluded.

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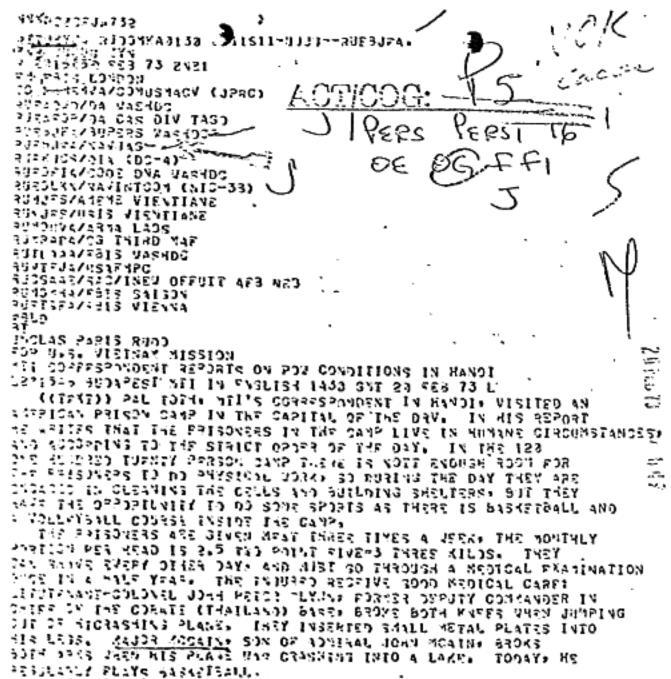
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AND ///// TO THE STRICT OF THE DAY. IN THE 120
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERSON CAMP THERE IS NOTT ENOUGH ROOM FOR
///// PRISONERS TO DO PHYSICAL WORK, SO DURING THE DAY THEY ARE
///// IN CLEANING THE CELLS AND BUILDING SHELTERS, BUT THEY
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME SPORTS AS THERE IS BASKETBALL AND
A VOLLEYBALL COURSE INSIDE THE CAMP.
A VOIDELEADE COOKEE INCIDE IN CAM.
THE PRISONERS ARE GIVEN MEAT THREE TIMES A WEEK. THE MONTHLY
PORTION PER HEAD IS 2.5 TWO POINT FIVE-3 THREE KILOS. THEY
////// EVERY OTHER DAY AND MOST GO THROUGH A MEDICAL EXAMINATION
ONCE IN A HALF YEAR, THE INJURED RECEIVE GOOD MEDICAL CARE:
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, FORMER DEPUTY COMMANDER IN
CHIEF OF THE CORATE (THAILAND) BASE. BROKE BOOTH KNEES WHEN JUMPING
OUT OF /////CRASHING PLANE. THEY INSERTED SMALL METAL PLATES INTO
HIS LEGS. MAJOR MCCAIN, SON OF ADMIRAL JOHN MCCAIN, BROKE
BOTH ARMS WHEN HIS PLANE WAS CRASHING INTO A LAKE. TODAY HE
REGULARLY PLAYS BASKETBALL.
IN THE CAMP'S OWN LIBRARY THE PRISONERS ARE LENT ENGLISH
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Photograph of John McCain After Being Released as Prisoner of War .



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