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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Interviews with Captured US Pilots: The Hanoi press yesterday carried interviews with Lieutenant Commander McCain, son of Admiral McCain, commander of US Naval forces in Europe, and another captured pilot, Air Force Colonel John Flynn.

McCain was quoted as having said, "The morale of the Vietnamese people is very high. The Vietnamese people are very strong--present events are moving to the advantage of North Vietnam, and the United States appears to be isolated."

Both pilots are said to have commented on the density and accuracy of anti-aircraft fire over Hanoi. Flynn was quoted as saying, "Your ground-to-air missiles are really dangerous. As for your MIGs, we could hardly tell where they were coming from, and after firing, they disappeared."

Flynn is also said to have remarked that young US pilots, despite their outward bravado, were frightened at having to fly over the North, particularly Hanoi. "Many young pilots want to leave the Air Force to become civilian pilots, and the old pilots like me want to retire and return to our families."

These excerpts were broadcast by the French Press Agency. Texts of the articles are not yet available.

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