Hanoi in English to American Servicemen in South Vietnam at 1300 GMT 2 Jun 69 B

(Text) At his 19 rpt 19 May press conference in Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird distorted the truth about the policy of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam government towards captured U.S. pilots in North Vietnam. Those very captive airmen have long since given the lie to Laird's allegations.

Here is one of them, LCDR John Sidney McCain, service number 624787, Grissom, 624787 rpt 624787 USS Enterprise, speaking of the treatment he has been receiving. (Male voice with American accent)

I was a U.S. airman engaged in the crimes against the

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Vietnamese and people. I had bombed their cities, towns and villages and caused more injury even death for the people of Vietnam. After I was captured I was taken from a hospital in (Da Nang) where I received very good medical treatment. I was given an operation on my leg, which allowed me to walk again, and a cast for my right arm which was badly broken in three rpt three places. The doctors were very good and they knew a great deal about the practice of medicine.

I remained in the hospital for some time, I regained much of my health and strength. 021300. EEE

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