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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM  
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SUBJECT STATEMENTS BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY CAPTAIN THAT U.S. PRISONERS HELD  
IN HANOI ARE WELL TREATED

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON [REDACTED]

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1. (SUMMARY. A NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY CAPTAIN [REDACTED] SAID IN SEPTEMBER 1965 THAT UNITED STATES PRISONERS HELD IN HANOI RECEIVE A LARGER FOOD ALLOWANCE THAN DO NORTH VIETNAMESE CADRES AND SOLDIERS, HAVE THREE MEALS A DAY AND SUFFICIENT CLOTHING AND MEDICAL CARE. HE SAID THE PILOTS ARE PERMITTED TO LISTEN TO UNITED STATES BROADCASTS. AND ARE GENERALLY WELL TREATED. BUT ARE KEPT UNDER CAREFUL SURVEILLANCE.)

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2. IN SEPTEMBER 1965 A NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

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██████████ SAID THAT U.S. PILOT PRISONERS ARE DETAINED.

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IN HANOI IN A PRISON CONSISTING OF FOUR ROWS OF TWO-STORY HOUSES. TWO OF THE ROWS ARE USED FOR LODGING, ONE IS USED AS THE MESS HALL AND KITCHEN, AND THE OTHER AS A CANTEEN. EACH U.S. PILOT RECEIVES FIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE (NVN) PIASTERS FOR FOOD EXPENSES EACH DAY AS COMPARED WITH 0.68 PIASTERS GRANTED TO A NVN CADRE OR SOLDIER. THE U.S. PILOTS SPEND ONLY THREE PIASTERS FOR FOOD AND ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE REMAINDER FOR REFRESHMENTS. THEY HAVE THREE MEALS A DAY. MEALS CONSIST OF BREAD AND SOUP FOR BREAKFAST, AND CUTLETS, CHICKEN, FRIED PORK OR FRIED VEGETABLES FOR THE OTHER TWO MEALS. THE PILOTS GO TO THE MESS HALL ONLY AT MEAL TIMES AND SIT TOGETHER, FOUR AT A TABLE.

3. THE PILOTS ARE GIVEN SUFFICIENT CLOTHING, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, AND OTHER NECESSITIES. THEY ALSO HAVE SUFFICIENT MEDICINES, AND ONE DOCTOR AND THREE OR FOUR MEDICS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.

4. THE U.S. PILOTS ARE PERMITTED TO USE THE CANTEEN, WHICH INCLUDES A REFRESHMENT ROOM, A READING ROOM AND A PING-PONG ROOM EQUIPPED WITH RADIOS. THEY ARE PERMITTED TO LISTEN TO U.S. BROADCASTS. THERE ARE FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND PHYSICAL TRAINING FIELDS IN THE PRISON AREA, AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE.

5. SOMETIMES THE U.S. PILOTS ARE TAKEN ON SIGHT-SEEING TOURS OF HANOI OR OTHER AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN BOMBED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCES.

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6. IN GENERAL THE U.S. PILOTS ARE TREATED WELL. AND ARE ALLOWED THE SAME ACTIVITIES AS A NVN CADRE OR SOLDIER. HOWEVER. THE U.S. PRISONERS ARE KEPT UNDER CAREFUL SURVEILLANCE. HIGH-RANKING CADRES SOMETIMES COME TO SEE THEM.

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