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1. In December 1965, VU QUANG (who in mid-1965 replaced NGUYEN VIET PHUONG) as the Secretary to the Labor Youth Group and Committee Member of the Central Committee of the LAO DONG Party) said that the policy of special treatment of U.S. POW's was made in the hopes that in exchange for their release the NVN would gain certain concessions: withdrawal of the U.S. from SVN and replacement of bomb damaged NVN factories. This POW policy had been disseminated throughout NVN, and it was hoped that the North Vietnamese would understand the importance of treating U.S. prisoners well.
2. Hate for U.S. pilots was so intense that the guerrillas would shoot at them after they had bailed out of their aircraft. In early 1966, a North Korean aircraft was shot down by a U.S. aircraft. The North Korean pilot bailed safely out over THAI NGUYEN City, THAI NGUYEN Province, NVN, but was killed by ground fire because the gunners thought he was a U.S. pilot. This incident was supposed to have been held secret but the people from THAI NGUYEN discussed it.

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