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Source read in the NHAN DAN and QUAN DOI newspapers of total number U.S. pilots shot down, the NVN policy toward treatment of U.S. prisoners. He stated he has learned from a friend of the existence of a secret hospital in HANOI for the treatment of U.S. prisoners of war.

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1. Source said he had read the NVN newspapers NHAN DAN and QUAN DOI in January or February 1966 that most of the pilots captured during 1965 were Majors and Lieutenant Colonels, while in 1966 most of them were first Lieutenants; most of the pilots were shot down over THASIH HOA Province. The newspaper also gave the names of the U.S. pilots shot down and the places where they were shot down. **1.3(a)(4)**
2. The newspapers further stated the NVN policy toward U.S. prisoners. They were to receive double rations of food, which was the international standard, and were not to be beaten. Most of the people in HANOI Source talked to wondered why they had to be nice to the Americans and were angry because of the bombings and wanted to beat the U.S. prisoners. Source stated that before this policy was instituted the militia used to beat the U.S. prisoners. If this policy toward prisoners was disobeyed the person who committed the act would be criticized; if he killed a prisoner he would be condemned by the courts.
3. Source further stated that he had learned from a friend who worked at Hospital 9 in VINH YEN Village that there were POW camps and a special hospital to treat U.S. prisoners, whose locations were kept secret because the populace was angry and if they knew the location they might kill the prisoners. The friend had heard about the hospital first at a medical assembly held in March 1966 at the Medical Corps Bureau, HANOI.