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(TEXT) AN INTERVIEW WITH TWO AMERICAN PILOTS SHOT DOWN

RECENTLY OVER NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN HANOI. THE  
TWO MEN ARE LT. CMDR JOHN MCCAIN, SON OF THE COMMANDER OF THE  
AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE ADMIRAL MCCAIN, AND WAGSCGP  
FLYNN WHO HAS SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE FOR 23 TWENTYTHREE YEARS.  
BOTH NOTED THE GREAT DENSITY AND ACCURACY OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
FIRE OVER HANOI. COLONEL FLYNN ADMITTED THAT AN EVER GREATER

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PERCENTAGE OF AIRCRAFT ARE NOT RETURNING TO THE BASE IN  
THAILAND WHERE HE SERVED. HE ADDED THAT MANY PILOTS ARE AFRAID  
OF TAKING PART IN THE RAIDS ON THE NORTH. ACCORDING TO THE FIGURES  
PUBLISHED IN HANOI THE UNITED STATES HAS LOST MORE THAN 2,500  
TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM.

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