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(TEXT) HAVANA 24 JANUARY--GEN CREIGHTON AFRAMS, CHIEF OF THE U.S. FORCES IN VIETNAM, CONSULTS AND RECEIVES ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON WITHOUT GOING THROUGH HIS HIERARCHICAL SUPERIOR. ADMIRAL MCCAIN, COMMANDER OF THE PACIFIC ZONE, ACCORDING TO WHAT ONE OF MCCAIN'S SONS SAID, AS REPRODUCED IN THE DAILY GRANMA TODAY.

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GRAPPA, ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, PUBLISHES
AN INTERVIEW HELD BETWEEN NAVAL AIR MAJ JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN,
OF A PRISONER IN NORTH VIETNAM, WITH SPANISH PSYCHIATRIST,
FRANCO BARRAL, WHO RESIDES IN CUBA AND WHO JUST VISITED
HANOI AND OTHER NORTH VIETNAMESE AREAS.

MCCAIN SAID THAT ANY DECISION MADE IN VIETNAM IS SO
POLITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT GEN ABRAMS PREFERENCES TO ASK WASHINGTON
FOR INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY, AND VICE VERSA, WITHOUT COUNTING
ON HIS, MCCAIN'S, FATHER, THE ADMIRAL.

MCCAIN RELATED HIS LAST MISSION IN THE HANOI AREA IN
OCTOBER OF 1967 SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS BROUGHT DOWN
BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY.

ACCORDING TO DR BARRAL, THE PRISONER IS IN GOOD HEALTH,
SHOWING NO SIGNS OF DEPRESSION, BUT RATHER, HE IS CLEAR OF
MIND AND IRONICAL. HIS PSYCHIATRIC BALANCE SEEMS PERFECT.

MCCAIN ASKED HIS VISITOR TO CONVEY NEWS ABOUT HIM TO HIS
WIFE, CAROL, GIVING HIM HER ADDRESS IN ORANGE PARK (FLORIDA)
(BRACKETS AS RECEIVED).

"TELL HER I AM WELL AND NOT TO WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT ME."
MCCAIN SAID. 242422 [REDACTED] 24/2138Z JAN

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