

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

8

82796

Y. 11100102 GSAA647
NO INFOJCS
D. RUCUNOB #1936 0242144
ZNR 00000
E 242144Z JAN 70

CALL 5827
FOR NMIC
SERVICE

024 22 40Z

FM 519 PUERTO RICO
TO RUE20FA/USPENS
RUE2000/DIA DIAC-2
RUE2000/NAVITCON (ATTN NIC-38)
RUE2000/CONDORACY JPRC
RUE2000/JAZUSAT/PC
RUE2000/IBIS KREST FLA
FMFR

UNCLAS KA RUEO
COPY TO PAS

0242144 PARIS AFP IN SPANISH 2022 GMT 24 JAN 70 C
(TEXT) HAVANA, 24 JANUARY. GEN CREIGHTON ABRAMS, 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.

GRANMA, ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, PUBLISHES
AN INTERVIEW HELD BETWEEN NAVAL AIR CAPT JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN,
NOW A PRISONER IN NORTH VIETNAM, WITH SPANISH PSYCHIATRIST,
FERNANDO 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
SPECIFICALLY IMPORTANT THAT SEN SUKANS PREFERS TO ASK WASHINGTON
FOR INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY, AND VICE VERSA, WITHOUT COUNTING
ON HIS FATHER, THE ADMIRAL.

MAJOR MCCAIN RELATED HIS LAST MISSION IN THE HANOI AREA IN
OCTOBER OF 1967 SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS BROUGHT DOWN
BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ART/ 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, 242022 [REDACTED] 24/2158Z JAN

BT 0000

Approved for release
Date 1 AUG 1997

0242144Z
JAN 70

FM 519 PUERTO RICO

Barcode area with various markings and symbols, including a large 'X' and several 'XXXXX' characters.