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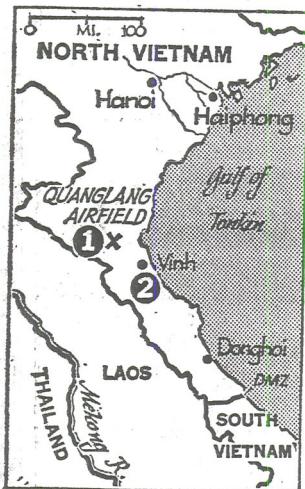
## U.S. PLANES RAID THE NORTH AGAIN

### Retaliatory Attacks Directed at Antiaircraft Positions

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Tuesday, Nov. 9 (AP)—American planes staged retaliatory attacks on antiaircraft positions in North Vietnam yesterday for the second successive day, the United States command reported.

Two raids were reported each involving four fighter-bombers that were escorting an unarmed reconnaissance plane photographing airfields. In both cases, the fighter-bombers reportedly attacked only after enemy ground gunners had fired on the reconnaissance planes.

The command said that all the planes returned safely.



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#### Raids were on Quanglang base (1) and at Vinh (2).

[However, the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said two planes had been shot down, Agence France-Presse reported from Hanoi.]

One raid was on Quanglang airfield, 180 miles north of the demilitarized zone and 155 miles south of Hanoi the North Vietnamese capital. It was the deepest attack inside North Vietnam this year.

The other attack was 40 miles to the south, at Vinh. Command said it came after enemy gunners had fired on a United States Navy reconnaissance plane flying over the air base there.

In both instances, the command said, all planes returned safely. There was no word, however, on the results of the attacks.

Coupled with another four-plane attack on enemy gun positions in North Vietnam Sunday the raids were said to have been the heaviest over the North since Sept. 21, when American planes flew 200 strikes. Yesterday's attacks raised to 73 the number of raids on North Vietnam reported this year.

#### Heavier Escorts Provided

Heavy antiaircraft fire apparently had been expected around the air bases yesterday, since each reconnaissance plane was accompanied by four arme Phantoms instead of the usual two.

A spokesman for the command, Maj. Richard Gardner, said he had no information on the reconnaissance missions, but informed sources said the planes were photographing the airfields and any MIG fighters that might be based there.

There were no reports of MIG's challenging the American planes, and Major Gardner said he did not know if any MIG's had been sighted at the airfields.

On the ground, only light action was reported in South Vietnam.

#### Foe Attacks in Cambodia

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Tuesday, Nov. 9 (AP) — The Cambodian high command reported yesterday that fighting had broken out in an area northwest of the capital that had been one of the quiet regions of Cambodia.

It said 10 Government soldiers were killed and 40 wounded in an enemy attack on Bannal, 70 miles from Pnompenh.

The fighting was reported to have begun Sunday night and continued into yesterday afternoon, with the enemy holding the railroad station and the market place despite Cambodia air strikes.