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A recent view of captured American military equipment at the port of Hue, in the northern part of South Vietnam

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## Hanoi Said to Have \$2-Billion in Serviceable Captured U.S. Arms

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WASHINGTON, May 12—A Defense Department official said today that about \$2 billion worth of "serviceable" military equipment had fallen into the hands of North Vietnam in the collapse and surrender of the South Vietnamese Army.

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger had previously estimated that more than \$5-billion of American-supplied military equipment had been captured by North Vietnam,

much of which, he said, was not usable because of lack of spare parts.

Erich F. van Marbod, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, who has just returned from an inspection trip to Southeast Asia, said it was now thought that \$2-billion of the equipment and facilities abandoned by South Vietnamese forces were "serviceable" and could be used by the North Vietnamese.

Included in the equipment, he said, was \$40-million

worth of ammunition, "substantial quantities" of rifles and grenade launchers, 300 aircraft and 300 naval craft of various types.

Mr. Marbod was among the last Americans to leave South Vietnam and was directing the loading of equipment under fire until the last minutes. He returned to the United States last Friday. He said he still must study all his reports before he can give a more accurate figure.

Mr. Marbod said that he

was "frankly disappointed" that more equipment was not destroyed by the South Vietnamese, but he praised some segments of the military, saying: "The South Vietnamese Navy took heavy fire and returned fire as it sailed warships up the river and into open water."

In the final days of the war, he said, South Vietnam and the United States were able to "extricate" about \$500-million worth of planes and ships.