

# U.S. Says Plane Near Saigon Hit Missile Site During Evacuation

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WASHINGTON, June 8—Administration officials said today that an American fighter-bomber had made "one tactical air strike" against a Vietnamese Communist missile site near Saigon on April 29 during the

United States evacuation.

But the officials, including Maj. Brent Scowcroft, chief of the National Security Council staff, rejected a Los Angeles Times correspondent's report from Hong Kong that there had been "heavy bombing raids" by American planes involved in the evacuation. The report was published today.

General Scowcroft said that the air strike, by a single plane, was made along the route used by American marine helicopters during the evacuation of United States Embassy personnel and of a number of South Vietnamese.

A high-ranking State Department official said the plane attacked a surface-to-air missile site after Communist forces fired missiles at American aircraft.

"In my recollection the plane fired a rocket at the SAM site," the official said. Both he and General Scowcroft recalled that the Pentagon had issued a statement after the evacuation acknowledging that an American aircraft had "expended ordnance" on a Communist position.

Yesterday Joseph Laitin, the Pentagon spokesman, said there had been two American air strikes during the evacuation—one near the city and the other about 50 miles away—and that two bombs had been dropped.