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Massive Air Raids

Denied by Nessen

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White House press secretary Ron Nessen yesterday denied a report that U.S. warplanes engaged in large-scale bombing raids on South Vietnam during the evacuation of Americans from Saigon on April 29.

"I want to state categorically that there were no massive air raids on South Vietnam in connection with the evacuation," he said.

Nessen added that—as reported at the time—two F-4 fighters dropped two bombs on a Communist antiaircraft battery that fired at them and that one helicopter returned fire. There were no other bombing attempts during the evacuation, he said.