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Hanoi Set to Sell U.S. Arms

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HONG KONG, Sept. 9—North Vietnam has invited international arms dealers to visit Hanoi to buy American military equipment captured by the Communists this year, the Far Eastern Economic Review said today.

The Hong Kong news magazine said that last month, "Western arms dealers who work with Communist and Third World countries and who can be trusted politically, were informed that the Vietnamese were ready to do business."

Interested dealers, the report said, had now received firm invitations to visit Hanoi. The first group would arrive in Hanoi later this month or early October, then travel on to South Vietnam.

But, it added, these dealers would be able to bid only for highly sophisticated items from the \$2 billion worth of American weapons which the Vietnamese did not want themselves. The brief report gave no sources for its information.

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