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Clark Here Today With Viet News

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Former United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark, returning from an inspection tour of North Vietnam, said yesterday he saw extensive damage, including damage to dikes, from United States bombing raids. He said the bombing could not be justified.

"I've seen more apartments, villages, dikes and sluices destroyed than I ever want to see again," Clark said during a brief stopover enroute home from Hanoi.

"I do know that in human terms, the bombing I've seen is without justification no matter what the cause and purpose."

INFORMATION

Clark, who served as attorney general under President Johnson, said he will disclose information he gathered on American bombing after reaching the United States.

"I have a fairly definite idea of what it's all about as far as bombing of the dikes goes," he said. "On whether or not the bombing is deliberate I will expands my views when I get back to the United States."

The United States has denied American warplanes deliberately bombed North Vietnamese dikes. Clark left Hanoi Saturday and flew from Rangoon to Bangkok yesterday morning to board a flight for San Francisco, where he has scheduled a news conference today.

VISIT

Although quoted extensively by Radio Hanoi on several occasions during his visit, Clark said he avoided formal statements in North Vietnam. "I'm an American. I was born in America and I'm going to die in America, and I want to make my report on American soil."

Clark said he wanted to digest information gathered in two weeks of traveling in North Vietnam as well as give administration officials in Washington a chance to give him their side of the issue before publicity detailing his conclusions.

Clark, who described his visit as a private one and not connected with anti-war groups, said he heard the sound of falling bombs on about 20 occasions while in the country and visited a devastated hospital he was told was struck by B-52 bombers on April 13.