
Hanoi Blames U.S.

For Sonic Booms

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A double supersonic boom shook this city's downtown section, rattling window panes and doors yesterday.

A spokesman for the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said the boom was caused by the jet engines of an SR-71 American reconnaissance plane.

The SR-71, which has replaced the U-2 reconnais-

sance plane, flies at an altitude of about 75,000 feet, beyond the reach of anti-aircraft weapons.

The spokesman stressed that the incident represented a new violation of Article 2 of the Paris peace agreements and of the first line of the joint American-Vietnamese communique signed June 13.

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