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CIA Agent, 2 Flyers

China to Release Last U.S. Prisoners

White House Says Three Captives [John Thomas Downey, Air Force Major Philip E. Smith, Navy Lieutenant Commander Robert J. Flynn] Are Getting Out Next Week

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From NYTimes, 10 Mar 73, China file: At a news conference on Jan. 31 [filed Nix Ad 1 Feb 73], Mr. Nixon said. Mr. Downey's release was more difficult to obtain than the two other prisoners because Mr. Downey had been a CIA. agent. It was the first time that the United States had admitted that Mr. Downey was a spy.