

## **SONTAY IS DESCRIBED AS EMPTY SOME TIME**

VALPARAISO, Fla., Dec. 2 (Reuters)—The North Vietnamese prison camp at Sontay, site of an unsuccessful United States prisoner-of-war rescue raid last month, had been vacant for up to three months, an Air Force brigadier general said Wednesday.

"It is very difficult to say exactly how long the camp had been vacated, but it was from several weeks to three months," said Brig. Gen. Leroy J. Manor, commander of the Air Force Special Operations Force, who led the mission.

"I would not say the intelligence on the camp was not good in that it had been identified some time ago as a P.O.W. facility," the general said at a news conference at Eglin Air Force Base. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to tell exactly when they moved the prisoners."

He said intelligence was "excellent because we knew just how to approach the camp" and praised the mission as "a complete success with the exception that no prisoners were rescued."