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John C. Sexton held up a small sign with white letters on a black background — POWs never have a nice day," it said.

"My son saw this sign when he got off the plane," he said. "He says it's true." Sexton, 48, of Warren, Mich., and his wife met with newsmen yesterday shortly after a 45-minute session with their son, John Jr., who was released by the Viet Cong Friday after two years as a prisoner of war.

The couple was reunited with their son as he was taken from a military evacuation plane for treatment at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in this Denver suburb.

"We were with him only a short time," Sexton said. "He was concerned about two things, mainly. How much money he had coming, and when he could get a new car.

"He wants a yellow one," he said. "He also wants a new house."

Staff Sergeant Sexton's medical report listed his condition as stable, but said he was suffering from an active case of malaria. He has a fused right elbow, apparently caused by a grenade wound, decreased vision in his right eye and has lost 45 pounds, the report said.

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