

POWs Taped by Clark Tell of Good Treatment

Washington

Ten American prisoners held in North Vietnam spend their days in reasonable comfort — playing cards, gardening or reading the Pentagon Papers, according to tapes made during an interview with former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

The prisoners, selected by the North Vietnamese, told Clark they are well fed, well treated and receiving excellent medical care.

Clark spoke with the prisoners at a POW camp outside Hanoi during his two-week trip to North Vietnam. Tapes of the meeting were made by Clark and broadcast over ABC radio yesterday.

"I would like to stress, especially to my family back home, that we are being treated very well and that there is nothing to worry about as far as we are concerned, as to our health or our well being," said Air

Force Captain Len Gunther of Eugene, Ore.

Gunther said he was an air controller based in Thailand when he was shot down over North Vietnam on Dec. 26, 1971.

He said he had been operated on twice by North Vietnamese doctors for eye and shoulder injuries suffered when he was shot down.

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Edison W. Miller of Tustin, Calif., said he has been in several camps since he was shot down on Oct. 13, 1967.

He told Clark: "I was injured a little bit when I was shot down, but I fully recovered, and I am a little lighter, maybe 10 or 15 pounds, but I feel in excellent health. We have got all the exercise time we want."

Air Force Captain James D. Cutter of Wichita, Kan., said he suffered a dislocated shoulder, severe bruises over much of his body and was knocked unconscious when he was shot down last

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"I was black and blue, but they took good care of me," he told Clark.

Cutter said the men in the camp are permitted a half hour of exercise every day, do their own laundry, cultivate a garden, compete in a bridge tournament and have their own library. It includes books like "No More Vietnams," and the Pentagon Papers, he said.

In addition to Gunther, Miller, and Cutter Clark met with Navy Commander Walter E. Wilbur of Columbia Crossroads, Pa., Navy Lieutenant Commander David Hoffman of San Diego, Navy Lieutenant Steven Rudloff of Miramar, Calif.; Navy Lieutenant Norris Charles of Tampa, Fla., Air Force Capt. Edwin Haley of Birmingham, Ala., Navy Lieutenant Joseph Kernan of Washington, D.C., and Air Force Captain Kenneth Fraser of Brooklyn.

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