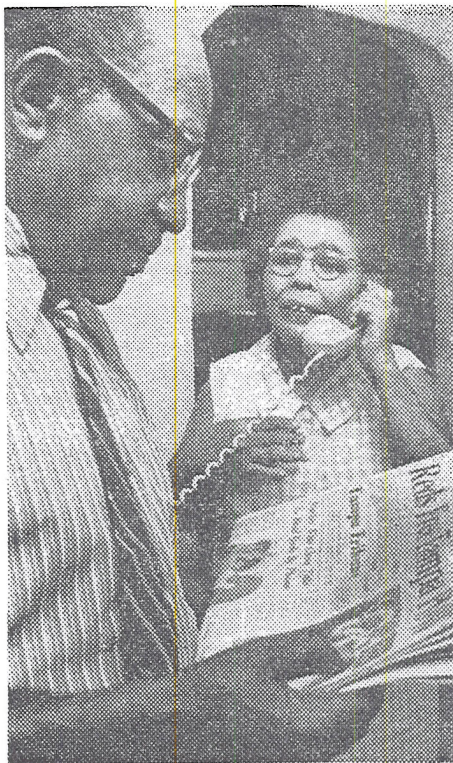




Michael Elias, 3, with his mother, Georgia, at home in Tifton, Ga., after learning his father was to be freed.



In Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Charles learned of their son's possible release after returning from a trip to Miami.

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2 of 3 Pilots Hanoi Is Freeing Said to Assail War

VIENTIANE, Laos, Sept. 3 (Agence France-Presse) — Two of the three American pilots who are to be released from North Vietnamese prisons have purportedly issued antiwar statements and an appeal to the American people and Congress to "take firm, positive action" to end the fighting.

A spokesman for American authorities in Vientiane said last night that there was no information on when the pilots might be arriving here. He refused any other comment.

The North Vietnamese Embassy here recently issued a document called "Snapshots of Life of Captured U.S. Pilots in the Detention Camps of the D.R.V.N." The name officially used by North Vietnam is the

North Vietnamese Embassy in Laos Reports They Ask U.S. to End Fighting

Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Lieut. (jg.) Norris Alphonzo Charles of the Navy, 27 years old, one of the three pilots who Hanoi has announced would be released, is quoted with seven other prisoners in the document.

"No bombing of the D.R.V.N. serves to make the withdrawal of American forces any safer," Lieutenant Charles and his seven colleagues are quoted as saying. "It only makes it more likely that they cannot be withdrawn at all and serves only

as an admission of the failure of the Vietnamization policy," the statement continued.

"We appeal to the American people to exercise your rights and responsibilities and demand an end to the war now. We appeal to the Congress to take firm, positive action, to go with the words already spoken against the war."

Maj. Edward Knight Elias, 34, of the Air Force, is quoted as follows: "We proved in previous years that the bombing of North Vietnam would not stop the war in South Vietnam and now we are filling the detention camps again."

Navy Lieut. Markham Ligon Gartley, 28, the third pilot who is to be released as a goodwill gesture, is not quoted in the document released here.