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# U.S. Raids Hanoi Area, Avoids City

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United States jets set fire to fuel, ammunition and storage facilities in raids in the Hanoi area and shot down the 169th MIG of the war, but stayed away from the North Vietnamese capital itself, the U.S. command announced yesterday.

A delegation of Americans is in Hanoi to escort home three U.S. airmen being released by the North Vietnamese from prisoner of war camps.

U.S. spokesmen declined comment when asked what precautions were being taken to insure the safe release of three American prisoners of war scheduled to be freed this week by Hanoi. U.S. sources had said earlier that the immediate Hanoi area had been placed off limits to attacking aircraft.

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The closest the planes came to Hanoi in the attacks Saturday was 16 miles, the command reported. Eight targets were hit, at points ranging from 16 miles southeast of Hanoi to 60 miles northwest, the U.S. announcement said.

The command also announced the loss of five American aircraft, but said all ten crewmen were rescued. Two were lost south of Da Nang where Communist forces launched a new wave of attacks that threatened three towns.

A U.S. F-4 Phantom and an OV-10 spotter plane crashed after mechanical failures yesterday, and four crewmen were rescued. The F-4 went down southwest of Da Nang. The OV-10 crashed southwest of Da Nang near the border with South Vietnam, a spokesman said.