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# POW Is Freed To See Sick Dad

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CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (AP) — Another American prisoner of war flew home today to be with his ailing father, while 19 others released with him Sunday in Hanoi made preparations for a speedy departure.

Officials said they expected the rest to leave for the United States by Wednesday morning at the latest.

Navy Lt. James W. Bailey, 30, of Kosciusco, Miss., left Clark Field aboard a C-141 medical transport with a flight and medical crew of 11 persons.

BAILEY WAS rushed through medical and administrative processing at Clark because his father has been hospitalized after a heart attack. This was also the reason for his early release by Hanoi, which had not originally included him on the list of 20 POWs for release Sunday.

Another Navy lieutenant, Robert E. Wideman, 29, of Bay Village, Ohio, stayed behind so that Bailey could leave.

Bailey's four-engine jet transport

was due in Memphis, Tenn., at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, a spokesman said. He is to finish medical processing at the U.S. Navy Hospital there.

Operation Homecoming spokesmen said that all 20 men released Sunday were in good condition.

"THEIR HEALTH is so good that in some cases we have had to assign two escorts per returnee," a spokesman said. "The returnees were going through their processing faster than one escort could keep up with."

Officials said the men had huge appetites; one ate five steaks and six eggs for dinner Sunday night. Many of the men wanted ice cream for breakfast today.

Most of them completed telephone calls to their families. But like the first 142 men who arrived at Clark a week ago, those released Sunday got little sleep during their first night in freedom.

"One man was up all night, one only got one hour's sleep," a spokesman said.

"THEY WERE TALKING all night, elated," he said.

The release of the 20 men left 407 military men and 15 civilians still prisoners in North and South Vietnam and Laos, according to lists given the U.S. government by the North Vietnamese.

Informed sources at Clark said the POWs, when told by the North Vietnamese on Saturday of their impending release, thought it was a trick and said they would not leave the prison.

"Their understanding was the release would come in four equal groups as stated in the protocols," the source said.

But North Vietnam advanced the release date for the 20 as an expression of appreciation for U.S. presidential

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adviser Henry Kissinger's recent visit.

NOT UNTIL SUNDAY morning, when a member of the International Commission for Control and Supervision convinced them it was not a hoax, did they agree to board the buses for Gia Lam airport, the source said.

It was "a psychological game" the prisoners were playing with the North Vietnamese, the source said. "The men thought it was a trick, but not one that would endanger their lives. So they balked."

Their initial refusal did not delay their release, and they were waiting at the airport when their medical evacuation plane arrived.