

ANOI RAID COST SET AT \$25-MILLION A DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuter)—The American bombing of North Vietnam last December cost more than \$25-million a day but was so precise that Hanoi residents felt it safe to come out and watch the attacks on military targets, a Defense Department official said today. The new estimate of the bombing costs was given to the House Armed Services Committee by Dennis J. Doolin, a deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

The committee was considering a number of resolutions submitted by war critics last month asking the Defense Department to provide figures on the cost, tonnage and casualties resulting from the heavy bombing in December and the lower-scale attacks in early January. Mr. Doolin said that during a 17-day period from Dec. 17 to Jan. 3, the cost came to \$425-million. He said that the United States lost 28 planes during that period, including 16 B-52 bombers and two F-111 fighters.