

Hospitals In North Said To Be Hard Hit

Washington, March 14 (Reuters) - An American medical team newly returned from North Vietnam reported today that considerable damage had been done to hospitals and medical facilities.

Dr. Peter Wolff of the Harvard University Medical School and Dr. John Pratt of Philadelphia said at a news conference that the Bach Mai medical center in Hanoi was effectively destroyed.

They disputed testimony given to a Congressional committee last month by a Defense Department official that damage claims had been overstated and dramatized, with photos made public showing only one damaged wing.

Dr. Wolff commented: "I don't know where he gets his information. The hospital is a skeleton."

The doctors are representatives of a private organization, Medical Aid for Indochina, which has launched a \$32-million campaign to help rebuild the Bach Mai center. It is also providing assistance for areas of South Vietnam.

Dr. Pratt said the 500-bed Thai Binh provincial hospital had been destroyed. He said the damage convinced him that it and the adjacent medical school were deliberate targets because he saw no evidence of military targets nearby.

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