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SAIGON (UPI)--U.S. ARTILLERY SHELLED NORTH VIETNAM FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PRESIDENT JOHNSON CALLED OFF ALL BOMBARDMENT OF THE COMMUNIST NATION, AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS SAID TODAY.

TWO SALVOS FROM U.S. GUNS THURSDAY SILENCED TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNS THAT OPENED FIRE FIRST ON U.S. SPOTTER PLANES FROM THE NORTHERN HALF OF VIETNAM'S BORDER DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ).

HANOI RADIO DISPUTED THE REPORT. ITS BROADCAST HEARD IN TOKYO TODAY SAID ALLIED ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNS HAD HIT THREE VILLAGES IN THE NORTHERN DMZ FOUR TIMES PREVIOUSLY -- ON NOV. 16, 17, 20 AND 21.

THE UNITED STATES, THE RADIO SAID, "MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES" OF THE "EXTREMELY BRAZEN PROVOCATIVE ACTS." GEN. CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS' U.S. COMMAND HAS PROTESTED REPEATEDLY THE COMMUNISTS' USE OF THE DMZ AS A MILITARY BASE IN VIOLATION OF AN UNDERSTANDING THAT BROUGHT THE NORTHERN BOMBING HALT.

DIPLOMATS IN PARIS SAID THE LATEST INCIDENT COULD ONLY WORSEN THE CHILL THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATORS.

IN OTHER WAR ACTION:

--U.S. SPOKESMEN SAID COMMUNIST GROUND GUNS SHOT DOWN SIX AMERICAN HELICOPTERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, KILLING NINE MEN.

--TWO OF THE CHOPPERS WENT DOWN SOUTH OF DA NANG WHERE 7,000 ALLIED SOLDIERS ARE SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER AROUND 200 TO 900 COMMUNISTS IN A DRIVE TO SWEEP GUERRILLA GUNNERS FROM THE CITY'S "ROCKET BELT."

--FIVE ROCKETS SLAMMED INTO DA NANG TODAY DESPITE THE ALLIED SWEEP, KILLING THREE CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING FOUR IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

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