

Telecon
3/18/69 8:00 p.m.
General Wheeler

Wheeler said he thought things worked out well. HAK wanted to know about the military point of view. Wheeler said he didn't know if we really hit prime areas but they were highly important because of the secondary factor. He mentioned that since the secondaries were 4 to 7 times the normal bomb burst, this was significant. He explained that the secondary is measured over ~~the~~ and above the initial bomb blast and isn't just the second plane seeing what the first plane hit. The canopy also covered alot that couldn't be seen by the eye but when the pictures came in, they would tell more.

HAK said they should put in 2 or 3 more hits along the whole area, if we can get the right intelligence. There was one target he had grave reservations about because of the civilian reports but he was checking that out for truth. He is also looking into the other area that was mentioned.

HAK said if they retaliate without any diplomatic screaming, we are in the driver's seat. Psychologically, the impact must have been something. Wheeler said they probably already had their speech written for Paris. He added that they have recalled their migs from NVN to go to China. They are in a high state of alarm. HAK said now they have to go back to the drawing board since the expected didn't happen.

Wheeler said all would go well as long as something doesn't leadk. HAK said our friend is probably so scared of the whole thing he wouldn't say a word to anyone. HAK said the President felt strongly and felt that Wheeler did a fine job.

Wheeler said this was mostly Abe's idea. HAK said it was great whoever figured it out.