

Col Olds Meets President, Talks With U.S. Press Corps

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Returning from a year in Southeast Asia, where he flew 152 combat missions and downed a record four MIGs, Col. Robin Olds reported to the Commander-in-Chief and then was interviewed by the American press upon his return to his hometown, the nation's capital.

It was his first visit to the White House and the veteran pilot, who also destroyed 24 German planes in the air and on the ground in World War II, said the President "was down to earth and didn't scare me a bit."

The former commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, assured the President and then the press corps that the morale and efficiency of U.S. forces in the combat zone was of the highest caliber.

"I commanded 3,500 to 4,000 Americans who

ranged in age from 19 to grizzled old sergeants on their last hitch in the service," he said. "These men, no matter from what walk of life they came, their educational backgrounds, their individual skills, were dedicated, hard core, loyal, determined Americans."

Asked what might happen if we did pull out of Vietnam, Colonel Olds said: "In my opinion, we'd hand over Vietnam, then Cambodia, then Laos, Thailand, Burman and India. The way to stop the war, in my opinion, is to win it."

Almost as noteworthy as his MIG kills is the handlebar moustache Colonel Olds produced during his combat tour. Asked if it would accompany him to his new assignment at the Air Force Academy, Colonel

Olds said he'd taken a private poll on the question. "The majority wins," he said, "General McConnell said 'take it off', so it's coming off."

Colonel Olds reports to the Academy, near Colorado Springs, Colo., next month. He will become commandant of cadets, Dec. 1.

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RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS)—Several policy changes will be implemented with

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