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# Vietnam turns over remains of 7 missing U.S. servicemen

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — U.S. servicemen stood at attention under a hot sun Wednesday and saluted as comrades carried seven small wooden crates that Vietnam said contain the remains of Americans killed in the war that ended a decade ago.

A folded American flag was atop each of the crates, which were put aboard a C-141 transport plane at Hanoi's Noi Bai airport for the flight to Honolulu. The remains will be analyzed at the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center there.

Vietnamese officials delivered the remains three days after completion of an unprecedented joint excavation

at the spot where an American B-52 crashed during a bombing raid over what then was North Vietnam.

In a short, simple airport ceremony, the Vietnamese also handed over to the U.S. military delegation "material evidence" of 14 other American servicemen, including identification tags.

Officials on both sides said they hoped the excavation and return of remains marked the beginning of much greater cooperation in accounting for the 1,797 Americans still listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

Ngo Hoang, a Foreign Ministry official, said the remains in the seven crates were found around Hanoi and the nearby port of Haiphong.

## Filipino rebels free American

MANILA, Philippines — Melen secessionist rebels Wednesday released an American and a German they had held hostage in the wilderness of the southern Philippines for more than a year, the U.S. Embassy said.

A brief embassy statement said John Robinow, a native of New York, and Helmut Herberich, a Munich, West Germany, was flown to a hospital at the United States' Clark Air Base immediately after their release on Jolo Island to Pakistani Ambassador Habibullah Khan.

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## Texaco files motion seeking reversal of \$10.5 billion judgment

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A landmark \$10.53 billion judgment against Texaco Inc. is a product of numerous errors and should be reversed, according to motions filed Wednesday by the nation's third-largest oil company.

Visiting State District Judge Solomon Casseb Jr. scheduled a hearing today to decide whether to approve, overturn or reduce a jury's Nov. 19 ruling that Texaco used unethical tactics to break up a merger agreement between Getty Oil Co. and Pennzoil Co.

Getty backed out of a preliminary agreement to merge with Pennzoil

early last year and was bought by Texaco for \$10.1 billion.

Jurors recommended Pennzoil should get \$7.53 billion in actual damages and \$3 billion in punitive damages, the highest civil judgment in U.S. history.

Houston-based Pennzoil wants Casseb to accept the jury's decision.

But according to Texaco's motions, the verdict should be reversed because there was no evidence that Pennzoil and Getty had a binding contract, that Texaco knew about the contract or actively persuaded Getty to break its previous contract, or that Texaco acted with malice toward Pennzoil.

Since the jury's verdict was announced, Texaco has been trying to convince the public it was a victim of injustice.

Even if judgment for Pennzoil is entered, Texaco attorneys have the right to seek another jury trial and to appeal the verdict.

But Texas law requires that if defendants appeal a damage judgment, they must post a bond in cash or liquid assets equal to an award, plus attorneys' fees and interest.

If the judge upholds the jury's \$10.53 billion award, the appeal bond would total almost \$12 billion, a sum Texaco officials say is beyond

the company's ability to pay.

If the company, which has a market value of \$8.6 million, had to post a \$12 billion bond, Texaco officials said they would seek all available legal remedies, including reorganization proceedings under federal bankruptcy laws.

The jury rejected Texaco's contention that Pennzoil and Getty had not yet drawn up a binding contract when Texaco entered the bidding for Getty Oil and that Pennzoil filed a \$15 billion breach-of-contract lawsuit to get revenge against a successful rival.

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