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A helicopter is seen near a painted sign on the roof of the former presidential palace in Saigon (now Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City). The sign painted in red block letters inside a circle reads, "At 8:30 A.M. April 8, 1975 First Lieutenant Pilot Nguyen Thanh Trung flew FSE and threw down two bombs at the right target here." The inscription commemorates a bombing by the Communists of the former South Vietnamese presidential palace during the war. This helicopter and other Vietnam War monuments in Ho Chi Minh City memorialize the alleged bravery of the Communist Vietnamese forces and the alleged atrocities of the U.S. forces. In war propaganda, all sides usually claim moral superiority.



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