

# Safe conduct

PHU BAI—The two “Huey” helicopter gunships were on a mission of peace, dropping thousands of safe conduct passes to the enemy below.

A few die-hard North Vietnamese troops didn't appreciate the gesture. They opened up on the Hueys with a volley of small arms. The two gunships stopped dropping leaflets, peeled off and made a few rocket and strafing passes. The enemy was silenced.

With gun barrels still smoking, the Hueys began dropping “peace” pamphlets once more.

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**Reminds me of that famous  
quote attributed to General James  
Mattis when talking to Afghanistan  
tribal leaders about an upcoming  
operation in their area.**

*I come in peace. I didn't bring artillery.  
But I'm pledging with you, with tears in  
my eyes: If you #S!%# with me,  
I'll kill you all.*