

Pat Nixon declined to speculate today on whether the Vietnam war will be over by the November election, but she said she personally would be willing to die to save freedom for the people of South Vietnam against an aggressor.

Last week her daughter, Julie Nixon Eisenhower, said that she would be willing to die to save South Vietnam's freedom, and Mrs. Nixon was asked if she felt the same way. She answered, "I certainly agree that I would be willing to die to save freedom for 17 million people who are now having aggression against them with the idea of taking away their freedom and their country." *

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Yesterday the North Vietnamese released three American POWs to their families and members of peace groups who had flown to Hanoi to accompany them home. Last week, when Mrs. Eisenhower made her statement, the group was flying to Hanoi and receiving much publicity at each stop. See POW file.