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BRUCE CRITICIZES HANOI ON P.O.W.'s

Paris, Dec. 1 - [David K.E. Bruce, the chief of the United States delegation at the Vietnam peace talks] denounced as "a crude and unacceptable attempt at blackmail" the Communists' refusal to discuss the prisoner problem until the United States had agreed first "to their basic preconditions to negotiation."

For other material on P.O.W. issue and release of prisoners, see separate P.O.W. file.