

***Saigon Denies  
Hostage Reports***

HONG KONG, Sept. 13  
—A South Vietnamese government spokesman has officially denied reports that Saigon had decided to hold Americans who remained in South Vietnam as "hostages," Saigon Radio reported today.

The radio, monitored in Hong Kong, quoted the spokesman as saying the reports were "lying, shameful and incorrect concerning the South Vietnamese government's policy toward foreigners."

The reports, the spokesman said were aimed at spreading misunderstanding between the Vietnamese and American peoples.