

2 EX-U.N. DELEGATES ASSAIL U.S. ON DIKES

Two former United States delegates to the United Nations have accused President Nixon and other Administration officials of misleading the public about the bombing of dikes in North Vietnam.

In a letter to the President dated Friday, Philip C. Jessup, former representative at the United Nations and former Judge of the International Court of Justice, and Ernest A. Gross, former deputy representative at the United Nations, charged that American officials had "distorted and evaded the main issue" by stating that the United States did not purposely bomb the dikes although conceding that they had been unintentionally hit 12 times. The writers said that Secretary General Waldheim of the United Nations had taken pains to make it clear when he urged a halt to dike bombing that he was not saying the bombing was deliberate.

The letter warned that if "key sluice gates were destroyed, hundreds of thousands of civilians would drown in a few days."