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Ky Sorry Raid Failed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky expressed regret today that the U.S. commando raid in North Vietnam failed to free prisoners and pledged he would lead Vietnamese volunteers in the next attempt to free them.

The South Vietnamese official said that if prisoners of war cannot be freed by the channel of negotiations, "then it is your duty to use every measure available to free them."

Ky estimated North Vietnam would boycott the Paris peace talks for one week but would then return.

Ky, describing himself as a dove, spoke at a jammed lun-

cheon meeting of the National Press Club after he had met with President Nixon and his top advisors at the White House for more than three hours.

He said he had taken part "very often" in raids on North Vietnam to release prisoners. He expressed admiration for the courage and bravery of the American volunteers in the task force.

He was afforded extraordinary security protection as he drove through downtown Washington to the Press Club building. Police lines restrained a crowd of protesters who had gathered outside the building to demonstrate against the war in Vietnam.