

# P.O.W. Letters Brought by 2, in Hanoi During Raid

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Two American lawyers who were in Hanoi during the American attempt last weekend to rescue prisoners of war said here yesterday that they had brought back letters from 320 of the known 339 prisoners.

The two lawyers, Peter Weiss and Morton Stavis, were invited to North Vietnam as representatives of the Lawyers Committee on American Policy Toward Vietnam, of 38 Park Row. They left Nov. 8 and returned on Sunday.

They said at a news conference at 777 United Nations Plaza that they had not seen any prisoners.

The lawyers said they had been told by Premier Pham Van Dong that Hanoi would order an immediate cease-fire when the United States announced a definite date for final withdrawal from Vietnam.

They were also told that

withdrawal must include an end to support for the present Saigon Government and free general elections.

On the raid early Saturday morning, Hanoi time, they said they heard distant explosions about 3 A.M. They were told later that there had been a

United States air raid on Hanoi, but they did not see any results.

## Two Wives Hail Attempt

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 24 (AP)—The attempted rescue of prisoners was praised here today by two wives of men

Sharon Abbott and Mrs. Sandie Dennison.

## Praise From Group Official

WELLFLEET, Mass., Nov. 24 (UPI)—Mrs. Carol North said today that the rescue attempt "means that someone finally has decided to do something." She is chairman of the board of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

## Veteran Suspects Murders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—Herbert R. Rainwater, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said today that he was convinced "the Communists have deliberately murdered some of our men."