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Sweden Gives U.S. a Hanoi P.O.W. List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuters) — Significant new information on more than 200 Americans captured or missing in the Vietnam war has been received here from Hanoi through Sweden, United States officials said today.

John F. King, a State Department spokesman, said that Premier Olaf Palme of Sweden obtained the information from the North Vietnamese Government yesterday.

Only about a fourth of the 200 men about whom the Premier inquired were listed as being in North Vietnamese hands. The previously but un-

officially reported deaths of four men in North Vietnam were confirmed.

Officials described the information as the longest list of prisoners or suspected prisoners yet received through government channels.

They said that notices were being sent by both the Swedish and the United States Governments to the families who asked Mr. Palme to check on the fate of the servicemen.

The names on Hanoi's list were not made public, officials said, because there was some duplication and misspelling of

names and because families were still being notified.

Before the receipt of the list, which contained names provided to Sweden up to July 1, the official United States count of its men held in North Vietnam was 378. The number of those missing was 403.

Officials said that the listing of three-quarters of the 200 men as never having been captured was in many cases the first indication that they were not prisoners. The officials declined to speculate on their fate.

Hanoi listed the men as either dead, held prisoner or not captured.