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Administration officials have repeatedly stated in recent days that all U.S. forces will not be withdrawn from Vietnam until all American prisoners held by the other side are freed.

I am surprised that this has generally been taken as a pronouncement of policy instead of being recognized for what it is: an attempt to confuse cause and effect in the public mind in order to distract attention from the inescapable fact that the prisoners will be held by the other side as long as we continue to fight or fuel the war in Indochina.

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