

POW Wives Worship at White House

Washington

Wives of five prisoners of war of the North Vietnamese attended White House worship services yesterday and quoted President Nixon as saying:

"This is one thing we can't deviate on. As long as we have prisoners there we'll have men there."

White House officials said this was no new policy statement. Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren told reporters that it is consistent with what Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird has said.

But apparently it was the first time Nixon has said this, at least publicly and in such specific fashion.

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