President's Error on POWs

Washington

President Nixon made a mistake at his news conference Thursday night when he talked of "1600 Americans in North Vietnamese jails under very difficult circumstances at the present time."

The figure Mr. Nixon cited includes all Americans missing in action — some of whom are believed to be prisoners of war — inallof Indochina.

A White House source said yesterday the total of missing in Indochina, as of February 28, was 1605, of whom 460 are believed to be prisoners.

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