

## Viet Cong Refuse Petition on POWs

### Paris

Viet Cong officials refused yesterday to accept a leather-bound book containing a petition in behalf of United States Vietnam prisoners approved by 65,000 readers of the Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Madgar Evers, widow of the assassinated black civil rights leader, handed the book to Viet Cong officials Saturday during a two-hour meeting at the information center of the Viet Cong's

provisional revolutionary government.

Mrs. Evers came to Paris as a member of a delegation from the Ladies' Home Journal staff to present the petition to the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations at the Vietnam peace talks.

Only an hour before Mrs. Evers was scheduled to leave her hotel yesterday morning to return to her home in California, an unidentified Viet Cong messenger left the book

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at the front desk. No word of explanation was attached.

North Vietnamese officials earlier had also refused to accept the petition.

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