

### U.S. Contacting TV Source Of Report on Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (Reuters)—The State Department plans to contact West German businessman who played a role in reports yesterday that Hanoi might release 187 United States prisoners of war.

Robert McCloskey, departmental press relations officer, said the department had, "through the good offices of one of the media," obtained the name of a man interviewed on NBC television last night with his back to the camera. He did not identify the medium.

The man, identified only as a travel agent, told NBC he had been called an international Western organization to get a plane to take a large group out of the Far East. The organization later asked him to cancel the arrangements, he said.

The reports originally appeared in the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter. They said that United States military authorities had asked the Scandinavian Airlines System about chartering a flight to move American prisoners of war from Vientiane, Laos, to New York. The airline, the United States and North Vietnam denied the reports.