

## **McGOVERN URGES U.S. ACCEPT HANOI OFFER**

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PARIS, Sept. 12 — Senator George McGovern said today that "President Nixon holds the key to the jail cells of Hanoi."

The South Dakota Democrat, the only declared candidate for his party's Presidential nomination next year, said the United States should test the offer of the Vietnamese Communists to free American prisoners of war if Mr. Nixon sets a date for total withdrawal of United States forces from Vietnam.

The Senator told a news conference here that, after having talked with Vietnamese Communist officials here for six hours, there was "no doubt in my mind whatsoever that our prisoners will be released as we withdraw our forces, but this will only be possible if we agree to a definite withdrawal date before the end of this year." Otherwise, he said in reply to a question, "the Vietnam war will be a principal factor in the 1972 campaign."

Immediately after his breakfast news conference, at the Hotel George V, Senator McGovern left for a four-day visit to South Vietnam.