

U.S. PRESSES ISSUE OF PRISONER MAIL

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PARIS, Dec. 2—William J. Porter, the American delegate to the Vietnam peace talks, pressed North Vietnam again today to permit "a normal flow of mail" from American prisoners held there.

Mr. Porter charged four weeks ago that mail from only 50 prisoners had been received this year by the prisoners' families, whereas almost all the 339 prisoners that Hanoi acknowledges it holds had written last year. Stephen Ledogar, the American delegation's press spokesman, said no mail from prisoners had been received in the United States in the last month.

Xuan Thuy, the North Vietnamese representative, avoided a direct answer. His spokesman, Nguyen Than Le, insisted that prisoners were authorized to write once a month and that this policy had not been changed. Mr. Le did not ex-

plain the discrepancy, but other North Vietnamese said that perhaps the prisoners were not writing.

Mr. Thuy charged that Mr. Porter was bringing up the prisoner question as a maneuver to mask the American policy of prolonging the war and of refusing to accept the peace terms of the other side.