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Bob Hope's POW Plan Turned Down

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There is absolutely no chance that Bob Hope, the American comedian, will be allowed to enter North Vietnam in the present circumstances, North Vietnamese

embassy sources said here yesterday.

First Secretary Nouyen Van Thanh had made it clear to the show business multimillionaire that he will not be granted a visa, the sources

said. Hope came here Thursday to seek permission to fly to Hanoi to negotiate the "purchase" of American prisoners for \$10 million.

The embassy in a statement yesterday on the request, said Hope had "presented his views on the question of American pilot captured in North Vietnam."

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