

Pentagon Says Hanoi Bans Some Parcels for P.O.W.'s

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 — The Pentagon said today that North Vietnam had refused to accept 900 packages mailed to American prisoners of war and men listed as missing in action. Jerry W. Friedheim, the Pentagon spokesman, said the packages were mailed by families of the servicemen during August and October — in ac-

cordance with Hanoi's two-year-old policy of allowing prisoners to receive one six-and-a-half pound package every two months.

The packages were returned to the United States Postal Service in New York by the Soviet postal administration — through which letters and packages are routed to Hanoi, Mr. Friedheim said.

Mr. Friedheim also reported a sharp decline — from 2,700 last year to 1,500 in 1971 — in the volume of letters from United States prisoners.