

From AP account of Nixon TV intv by Dan Rather. CBS:

On other points, Mr. Nixon said:

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By election day, the level of U.S. forces in South Vietnam will be very low, but a complete pullout depends on the prisoners held by North Vietnam. He said all U.S. forces cannot be withdrawn so long as one American is held prisoner in Southeast Asia.

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[Available edition of NYTimes did not carry transcript of intv, nor story on it, so do not have exact quote.]