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Rogers Says POWs Key To U.S. Exit

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State William Rogers predicted today that U.S. ground forces in Vietnam "are going to be out of there for all practical purposes in 1972."

He added that complete withdrawal hinges on the prisoner-of-war issue.

Rogers said, as other Administration officials have, that South Vietnam has proved it can provide for its own security, but he added that the United States would continue economic aid to Saigon and provide air support for its military forces.

The secretary was interviewed on a special ABC television program.