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Issues Tied Together

Manor Outlines Peace Conditions

Delegate's Statement In Paris

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North Vietnam's chief delegate to the Paris peace talks made it clear yesterday that his side will not give up prisoners of war in return for withdrawal of all United States forces.

The delegate, Xuan Thuy, also indicated that the military and political issues must be handled together.

The conditions for settlement, he said, had changed with the reelection last October of South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu.

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He suggested that the POWs could have been returned in exchange for a total U.S. withdrawal, and the political and military issues handled separately last year if the Nixon administration had withdrawn support of Thieu.

"It would have allowed Mr. Nixon to get out of the war very honorably," Thuy declared. "But Mr. Nixon refused to do that."

Thuy asserted in a New York Times interview Saturday that had the U.S. set a precise date for withdrawal before the October elections, Thieu would not have been re-elected. He thus suggested that an over-all settlement would have been possible by withdrawal alone.

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Secretary of State William P. Rogers, referring to Thuy's comments, said they have.