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Move Called 'Significant' For POWs

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A spokesman for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia said last night that President Nixon's mining of the North Vietnamese coast is "obviously a very significant development for the prisoners and missing and their families.

"It's good to know that the prisoners and missing are of priority importance to the President, that the President has again reemphasized the importance of the POWs and his real concern about them," said Mrs. Wilbur N. Grubb, national coordinator of the league.

"And I'm hopeful that his phrase 'return of all prisoners' means an accounting of the missing as well," she said.

Mrs. Grubb would not comment on whether she approved of the President's actions.

Mrs. Grubb's Air Force pilot husband was captured after being shot down in North Vietnam but he was later reported as dead.

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