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SAIGON — (AP) — A captured American pilot in a recorded interview broadcast by Radio Hanoi today said U.S. prisoners of war hope President Nixon won't be re-elected "because we don't want to go on sitting here for another four years."

The pilot said he was U.S. Air Force Capt. William Glen Byrns, 29, from Missouri. His capture on May 23 while on an armed reconnaissance flight over North Vietnam had been reported earlier by Hanoi.

Today he said the POWs consider Sen. George McGovern's promises to end the war an important issue for them and "we hope that he will win the election."

Like other POWs quoted on Hanoi broadcasts Byrns accused Nixon of escalating the Vietnam war.

"Only two days ago," he reported, "some bombs hit within 300 meters of our camp. We could see the smoke and dust from the explosions. I also saw an American plane get hit by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot ejected and was captured."