

**U.S. DENIES HANOI SET
TERMS FOR RELEASE**
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—
The Pentagon's chief specialist
on prisoner affairs denied to-
day that North Vietnam im-
posed travel conditions on
the release last week of three
American pilots.

The specialist, Dr. Roger E.
Shields, was part of a Penta-
gon delegation that greeted the
released pilots upon their ar-
rival at Kennedy International
Airport in New York yesterday.

Dr. Shields said at a press
briefing at the Pentagon that
the pilots told him that "North
Vietnamese officials said noth-
ing about conditions under
which they would be released."

"That was said by others,"
Dr. Shields said in refer-
ence to statements made by the
New York-based peace delega-
tion that arranged the release with
the North Vietnamese Govern-
ment.

The Hanoi radio had broad-
cast terms of the pilots' release,
which included that they
travel home in civilian aircraft
with family members and anti-
war activists who had flown to
North Vietnam to escort them.

Dr. Shields denied a report
in today's edition of The New
York Times that the pilots were
delayed in deplaning because of
a 25-minute "shouting match"
between Dr. Shields and Mrs.
Minnie Lee Gartley, the mother
of one of the pilots, Lieut. (j.g.)
Mark I. Gartley of the Navy,
who objected to demands that
he travel under military escort
to St. Albans Naval Hospital in
Queens for a medical checkup.