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Alert for P.O.W. Airlift Reported at N.J. Base

TRENTON, Oct. 22 (UPI)— A newspaper here reported today that air transport units at McGuire Air Force Base had been placed on 48-hour alert, possibly for the evacuation of American troops and prisoners of war if a peace settlement is reached in Vietnam.

In an article by Jack Maloney, a former public information officer at Fort Dix near the air base and now military affairs writer for The Sunday Times-Advertiser, an informed source at McGuire was quoted as saying that the units were being readied to recall troops from Southeast Asia.

A spokesman at the air base declined to comment on the report.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said, "There is no imminent plan to release any P.O.W.'s that we know about," and that no bases had been put on alert for that purpose. An Air Force spokesman said, "We don't have any air craft on alert to pick up any P.O.W.'s."

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See dispatch from Saigon
by Keyes Beech,
SFE Examiner 25 Oct 72,
this file.

See William Beecher,
NYTimes 27 Oct 72,
this file.