
Transport of POWs

Hanoi

American prisoners will be repatriated by sea under the draft cease-fire agreement, informed sources said here yesterday.

Observers linked this to Thursday's Pentagon statement that a minesweeping

force is being assembled in the Gulf of Tonkin to clear North Vietnam ports of the American mines laid last May.

The sources here said several American warships might take on the 420 captured pilots at North Vietnam ports. Those most fre-

quently mentioned were Dong Hoi, just north of the 17th parallel, and Haiphong.

Hanoi officials made this suggestion, the sources said, adding that Gialam airport was unable to take long-haul U.S. planes.

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