

Joan Baez in Hanoi With POW Gifts

Vientiane, Laos

Four Americans, including Brigadier General (Ret.) Telford Taylor and folk singer Joan Baez flew to Hanoi Saturday, carrying 500 letters and gifts for American prisoners of war. (16 DEC

Taylor, a professor of law at Columbia University in New York, was a U.S. Army prosecutor at the Nuremberg trial of Nazis following World War II. He is the author of "Nuremberg and Vietnam," which concerns itself with the legal and moral implications of both wars.

Also making the trip to Hanoi were the Rev. Michael Allen, associate dean of the Divinity School of Yale University and Barry Romo, a former U.S. Army first lieutenant who served in South Vietnam.

The group, invited to Hanoi by the North Vietnamese government's Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People, did not say whether it expects to deliver the letters and gifts to the prisoners personally.

The group is to spend one week in North Vietnam, but Taylor said that he hopes to be able to stay longer to observe conditions there.

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