

U.S. Planes Landing in Hanoi

Washington

Two U.S. Air Force C-130 transport planes flew to Hanoi last night to pick up about 150 North Vietnamese military men who will serve with a new commission supervising the Vietn a n cease-fire, the Pentagon announced.

The C-130s were to land at Gia Lam airport near Hanoi. They would become the first

American planes to land in Hanoi since the 1950s, when the French were in Vietnam.

The C-130s were scheduled to be on the ground only an hour before heading back to Saigon with the North Vietnamese passengers.

Their route was to be virtually entirely over water off the coast of South and North Vietnam.

The trip between the two

Vietnamese capitals takes between two and three hours.

No explanation was given for the overwater route, but one reason may be to avoid possible accidental shooting at the two American planes by north Vietnamese anti-aircraft batteries.

Pentagon spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said the U.S. transport planes were

requested by diplomats involved in working out details of a four-part joint military commission. That commission will police the cease-fire during the 60 days when U.S. forces will be withdrawn finally from South Vietnam.

The United States, South Vietnam and the Viet Cong also will have representatives on the temporary commission. *Associated Press*