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Swedish Leader

Spurns Criticism

By Sec. Rogers

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Prime Minister Olof Palme yesterday rejected Secretary of State William Rogers' argument that Swedish and other criticism of American policy may have helped prolong the war in Vietnam.

The Swedish leader, in a brief statement, said he still wishes to restore normal diplomatic relations with Washington.

In his statement Palme said Sweden's feelings about the war had been expressed by the 2.6 million people who signed a recent petition here.

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