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Pentagon

Says POWs

'Sincere'

San Diego

A spokesman for the Department of Defense denied yesterday that statements being made by freed U.S. prisoners on their return were prewritten by superiors.

"We are not writing statements for them," the spokesman said at a briefing at San Diego Naval Hospital where 15 high-ranking Navy officers are being treated after their release in Hanoi.

"They are terribly sincere and are saying what they believe . . . There is no orchestration of statements."

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