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## ... Until All Have Returned

To the Editor:

It was truly gratifying to see the widespread sympathetic coverage given to the beginning of the return of our P.O.W.'s. But for those who have husbands, sons, brothers or friends still officially missing in action there was real reason for concern. It appeared that almost without exception the news media spoke as if the list of prisoners to be returned was complete, and that once their repatriation was completed, the P.O.W.-M.I.A. problem was over.

The Hanoi list is grossly incomplete. There are at least 56 men known to have been P.O.W.'s of the North Vietnamese or Vietcong at one time who have not been included on the list. The list from Laos would be a joke if it were not such a tragic one. In signing the cease-fire agreement, Hanoi promised to account for and return all American prisoners in Laos and Cambodia as well as Vietnam. Yet with nearly 300 Americans missing in Laos, the list from that country has ten names on it—a travesty on truth, justice and humanity.

It seems to me that it is incumbent upon our people, our Government and our news media to continue to pressure Hanoi and its allies until a complete and satisfactory accounting of all our prisoners has been made, and those still living have been returned. Communists talk much about their concern for "humanity." Let us show them that Americans care about people.

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