

From White House transcript of Nixon news conference  
2 Mar 73:

Mr. President, could you give us your own delineation of what really entered into the recent agreement on the P.O.W. return and the resumption of troop withdrawal?

Well, Mr. Theis, I don't think that any useful purpose would be served by indicating what the content of the various messages were which went between the Governments involved at that time.

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As far as the P.O.W.'s are concerned that provision and the withdrawal provision cannot be linked to anything else. The suggestion, for example, that what brought about the P.O.W. return was some action on the part of the United States or some assurance on the part of the United States that we would do something with regard to getting better compliance with the cease-fire, that suggestion is completely wrong. That provision stands on its own, too.

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See transcript for answers on aid to North Vietnam, violations of cease-fire, etc.