

### **Letters Thank Nixon For P.O.W. Release**

WASHINGTON, March 13 (UPI)—White House officials said today that President Nixon had received more than 100,000 letters commending him for winning the freedom of American prisoners of war.

The letters have come from former prisoners, members of their families, and other citizens. Mr. Nixon has sent a number of personal messages to the returning men and has promised to invite the former prisoners and their families to the White House when all have returned.

Typical of the letters is that of a Navy lieutenant commander, Frederick R. Purrington, now in Boston Naval Hospital.

"In a cell in Hanoi carved in the wall is 'God Bless you Richard Nixon,' " the officer wrote.

Mrs. John E. Stavast of Claremont, Calif., wife of an Air Force colonel, wrote: "Because of your perseverance for a just peace, John's and my separation was not in vain. May God's light continue to shine on you and yours in the coming years."