

# The Nixons Salute Wives Of Diplomats

Washington

President and Mrs. Nixon joined yesterday in giving a White House salute to the wives of American diplomats, including one whose husband is about to be released from Viet Cong custody.

Mrs. Philip Manhard, whose husband, a senior province officer in South Vietnam was captured in Hue during the 1968 Tet offensive, was personally greeted by both President and Mrs. Nixon during a White House reception given for 300 foreign services wives.

Saying he understood men had a hard time, Mr. Nixon in the hands of the Viet Cong said, "But they'll come back." He told Mrs. Manhard that her husband is "obviously a strong man."

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