

Viet Cong to Free Others By Sunday

Saigon

All remaining American prisoners of war held by the Viet Cong will be released by Sunday, a Viet Cong press officer said today. 25 MAR

There was no immediate word on the remaining U.S. POWs held by North Vietnam but it was believed that they also would be freed by that date.

In the three previous releases of American prisoners, U.S. captives held by the Viet Cong have either been freed the same day or a day or two after those held by North Vietnam.

Captain Phuong Nam, a press officer assigned to the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government delegation to the Joint Military Commission, noting that the Vietnamese prisoner exchange would be finished by Sunday, said:

"As far as American military captives, that will also be taken care of by the 25th of the month."

The announcement by the Viet Cong came one day after U.S. members of the commission proposed advancing the release day by three days in line with the accelerated prisoner exchange program between the two Vietnams.

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