

Vietnam holds no GIs, committee concludes

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DENVER — All evidence indicates the 792 servicemen and 12 news correspondents missing in Southeast Asia probably are dead, the chairman of a House committee studying the problem said yesterday.

Rep. G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, said efforts were continuing to obtain the release of 50 civilians still being held in Saigon.

Committee member Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., said every Vietnamese government official who has talked to committee members said Vietnam is not holding any MIA's. It doesn't appear very likely

there are any left alive, Schroeder said.

Schroeder said Secretary of State Kissinger was attempting to renew talks for release of the 50 civilians, but the Vietnamese government is more willing to talk with her committee.

"The Vietnamese don't trust this administration," she said. "They keep wanting to talk to us, but the committee doesn't have any authority in negotiations."

Schroeder also said the committee was trying to recover the bodies of American military personnel missing in action during the Vietnam war. She said the committee knows the Vietnamese have the remains of many American servicemen.