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The three declined throughout their journey to endorse a presidential candidate. The most politically oriented statement was made by Charles in Copenhagen. ''It was my belief and the belief of the men with whom I lived in Hanoi that if the war is terminated their return home will be certain. I have committed myself to do everything in my power to work for their return home,'' Charles said on Thursday.

''I, and some of the men I left, have a great deal of faith and hope in you, the American people. I call on you to help me in helping to bring these men home,'' he said.

Said Gartley: ''The issues and policies are not completely clear to me. What is clear to me is that the men who are still there must come home and whichever policy is the one that can bring them home is the one I can support the most.''

Elias said he wanted to do more reading on the issues before stating his opinion.

On his arrival in Alabama, Elias received a brief military welcome at Maxwell Air Force Base. He smiled and waved to a handful of well-wishers before being taken to a base hospital. The base was chosen because Elias is a Little Rock, Ark., native whose residence is at nearby Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga.

A base spokesman said Elias will have his choice of assignments, except a return to combat, prohibited by the Geneva accords.

Gartley was admitted to St. Albans Naval Hospital for a medical examination, acting on a request from military authorities.

Charles attended a 90-minute reunion party with relatives in New York City prior to departing for San Diego. The party, at a nearby motel, was attended by his parents, brother and sister and other relatives.

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