

# U.S. Rebuffs Gesture by Hanoi For Better Relations as 'Ironic'

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WASHINGTON, June 4 — State Department officials today rejected a North Vietnamese offer to normalize relations with the United States if Washington lived up to the Paris cease-fire accords of 1973.

Robert Anderson, the State Department spokesman, said that in view of Hanoi's "wholesale violation" of the Paris accord by its recent vanquishing of South Vietnam, Washington believed it was "ironic" for North Vietnam to make American observance of the agreement a condition for the normalization of relations.

Yesterday, Premier Pham Van Dong said Hanoi would normalize relations if the United States recognized the "national rights" of both Vietnams and seriously implemented "the spirit" of Article 21 of the January 1975 accord.

The article said that the United States, in accordance with its traditional policy, "will contribute to healing the wounds of war and to postwar reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of [North] Vietnam and throughout Indochina."

## No Aid Request Drafted

Because North Vietnamese violations it listed beginning in the spring of 1973, the Administration refused to seek any aid for Hanoi from Congress.

Moreover, the Congress on its own adopted amendments to foreign aid bills to bar any aid to Hanoi. Congress was angry over the way American prisoners had been treated in captivity and Hanoi's lack of cooperation in accounting for missing Americans.

At the moment, Mr. Anderson said, the Ford Administration has no intention of giving any aid to North Vietnam. Likewise, Secretary of State Kissinger has asserted that Washington does not plan to give aid to South Vietnam, now under Communist government.

The question of whether to establish diplomatic relations with Hanoi has received some study but has so far been rejected, officials said. Not only would the United States refuse to normalize ties under conditions set by Premier Dong, they said, but to rush into ties so

soon after North Vietnam's victory over an American ally would be a mockery of American efforts to aid the former Government of South Vietnam.

## Views Differ on Issue

State Department officials said the United States had little to gain by seeking to establish ties with Hanoi at this time. But some officials have privately speculated that an American presence in Hanoi might be useful to test the degree of independence North Vietnam would show from China and the Soviet Union.

But until North Vietnam sharply curtails its anti-American propaganda and offers to normalize relations without conditions, the question cannot be considered seriously, officials said.