

U.S. Aides Studying 9-Point Peace Plan Disclosed by Hanoi

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—The Nixon Administration took note today of North Vietnam's decision to make public its own nine-point peace plan, but declined any specific comment.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, told reporters late today that the Administration's Vietnam specialists were "in the process of reviewing" the North Vietnamese statements. He said he would respond to questions on the matter tomorrow.

Privately, Administration officials seemed to be pleased that the North Vietnamese had made their own proposal public. "We didn't feel we could do it ourselves," one specialist said, "but now that they have done it, the American public can see precisely what the other side has been demanding of us."

In his news conference last

Wednesday, Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, all but invited the other side to release its own plan, which was first presented to the United States in private on June 26, 1971.

Noting that the United States would not release Hanoi's proposal in an effort to protect "the confidentiality of these negotiations to the maximum," he added: "If the other side wishes to release its nine-point proposal, we have no objection