

Kissinger's Views on Viet Future

[From UPI account of televised interview of Henry Kissinger by Barbara Walters.]

Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger said yesterday the U.S. would not be opposed to a peaceful and democratic Communist takeover of all of Vietnam.

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Kissinger declined to say whether Mr. Nixon's decision to bomb the Hanoi-Haiphong area last December was made with his approval or over his objections, but he did say "you can assume that if I could not support a major policy I would resign." The administration has consistently said that Kissinger is in accord with President Nixon's policies.

He defended his pre-election "peace is at hand" prediction, which came ten weeks too early, as not a bad guess considering the war's ten-year duration.

[From AP account.]

However, he would not discuss his role in last December's resumption of heavy bombing in North Vietnam, saying, "I have one absolute rule which is that I never discuss publicly what I recommend to the President."