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Former president Nixon has agreed to provide background information on a letter he reportedly wrote to North Vietnamese officials near the end of the Vietnam war promising economic aid, Representative Lester Wolff, (Dem-N.Y.), said yesterday.

Wolff, chairman of a House International Relations subcommittee investigating the reported promise of aid to Hanoi, had said Monday he might have the Nixon letter subpoenaed if necessary to get the information.

He said then he had written Nixon a month ago asking for information about the background and context of the reported offer in the letter.

"The State Department does not have the original," Wolff said. "The original is in the Nixon files," which are sealed.

The former president offered to supply the committee with his recollections of the letter, Wolff said, and added that this is satisfactory.

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