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## Thieu Reported 'Satisfied' After Talking With Green

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Tuesday, March 7 — Assistant Secretary of State Marshall Green delivered a letter from President Nixon to President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday and assured him that the United States had not made any secret deals with China to settle the Vietnam war.

South Vietnamese sources said that President Thieu was "very satisfied" after his two-hour talk with Mr. Green that the United States would uphold its commitments to South Vietnam.

Neither Vietnamese nor American officials would reveal the contents of President Nixon's letter.

Mr. Green, who accompanied President Nixon to Peking, is on an 11-nation tour to brief America's Asian allies on the President's talks with Chinese leaders and on the final Chinese-American communiqué from Shanghai. Mr. Green arrived here from Taiwan Sunday and leaves for Thailand today.

### Saigon Officials Relieved

Officials in Saigon, who had been worried that the real purpose behind Mr. Nixon's visit to China was to negotiate a compromise settlement to the Vietnam war, appeared to relax after the Shanghai communiqué was issued. They reportedly concluded that Mr. Nixon had made his major concession to the Chinese on the issue of Taiwan rather than on Vietnam.

In their meeting at the Presidential Palace here, Mr. Green was accompanied by Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and Mr. Thieu by Vice President Tran Van Huong, Prime Minister Tran Thien Khiem and Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam. President Thieu later was the host at a lunch in the palace for Mr. Green.

Informed Vietnamese sources said that Mr. Green had been

questioned closely but politely on whether President Nixon had in fact reached any arrangement with the Chinese on Vietnam.

### 'No Secret Arrangements'

A communiqué issued by the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said that Mr. Green had "strongly affirmed that there had been no secret arrangements between the United States and Communist China concerning the Vietnam issue."

Mr. Green, it added, had assured President Thieu that "there had been no secret contacts between the United States and North Vietnam under any form and by any persons during the China visit." Many people here had speculated that Mr. Nixon or Henry A. Kissinger, his national security adviser, had met secretly in Peking with North Vietnamese leaders.

Mr. Thieu's nephew and closest political confidant, Hoang Duc Nha, who went to Washington last week to learn details of Mr. Nixon's trip, has reportedly arrived in Paris. There was speculation in Saigon that Mr. Nha might try to get in touch with the North Vietnamese, as former Foreign Minister Tran Van Doan did last December.