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UN Plea For 'Utmost Restraint'

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UNITED NATIONS — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today appealed for "utmost restraint" by all parties in the Vietnam war and said he is considering convening an urgent Security Council meeting.

Informed sources said Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik made an appointment to discuss the Vietnam situation with Waldheim later in the day. There was no indication whether Malik planned to ask for a Council meeting.

The United States earlier informed the Council that it is mining North Vietnamese harbors under the "inherent right of self-defense" provided by the UN Charter.

Waldheim said he felt the time had come for "the full machinery of the United Nations" to be used in getting a cease-fire and a settlement in Vietnam.

A spokesman disclosed that Waldheim was in consultation with the Big Five and upon finishing the consultations would "consider the possibility" of using his own authority to call a meeting of the Council.

Waldheim had separate conferences with Sir Colin Crowe of Britain, Francois de la Gorce of France, George Bush of the United States and he was trying to arrange one also with Ambassador Huang Hua of China.

In his statement, Waldheim said that the present situation is "extremely serious."

He repeated his offer of good offices to help settle the war.