

Comparison of the Positions on Peace

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—Following, for comparison with the proposals made by President Nixon tonight, is a summary of the latest proposals by the Vietcong, issued Sept. 17, plus proposals made by Mr. Nixon in June, 1969, and by the Vietcong in May, 1969:

CEASE-FIRE

LATEST VIETCONG—To be carried out after an agreement on all other points to end the war.

NIXON 1969—International body acceptable to both sides to supervise cease-fires (presumably local), plus a cessation of combat after a year of troop withdrawals.

VIETCONG 1969—Not specifically mentioned.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

LATEST VIETCONG—Total withdrawal of N.S. and allied troops by June 30, 1971; no attacks by Vietcong during withdrawal.

NIXON 1969—Gradual withdrawal of most United States, allied and North Vietnamese forces over 12 months following agreement on mutual withdrawals; remaining forces not

to engage in combat; remaining United States and allied troops to be withdrawn completely as North Vietnamese forces leave South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

VIETCONG 1969—Unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops, with no date set.

PRISONERS OF WAR

LATEST VIETCONG—Ready now to discuss release.

NIXON 1969—Earliest possible release on both sides.

LATEST VIETCONG—Ready now to discuss release if United States agrees to withdrawal by June 30, 1971.

INTERIM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

LATEST VIETCONG—Thieu, Ky and Khiem out, Vietcong to negotiate with new Saigon government.

NIXON 1969—Full participation of all political elements not using force; no coercion to impose any form of government.

VIETCONG 1969—Coalition of all political tendencies that stand for peace, independence, neutrality; no names mentioned.

ELECTIONS

LATEST VIETCONG—All citizens to participate under supervision of provisional government.

NIXON 1969—Elections open to all who renounce use of force, under international supervision.

VIETCONG 1969—South Vietnamese to decide for themselves without foreign interference.

REUNIFICATION

LATEST VIETCONG—To be achieved step by step, through peaceful means, without foreign interference.

NIXON 1969—No objection if decision reflects free choice of South Vietnamese.

VIETCONG 1969—Same as September, 1970.

FOREIGN POLICY

LATEST VIETCONG—Neutrality, respect for Cambodian and Laotian sovereignty, diplomatic relations with all nations.

NIXON 1969—Neutrality acceptable if South Vietnamese choose it.

VIETCONG 1969—Same as September, 1970.