

VIETCONG GIVE TERMS ON TRUCE WITH U.S.

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TOKYO, Jan. 3 (UPI) — The Vietcong said today that they would agree to a cease-fire with the United States if Washington "declares it will withdraw all its troops and the troops of other foreign countries" from South Vietnam.

But, according to Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the Presidium of the National Liberation front, they will continue to fight South Vietnamese forces until the present Saigon leadership is ousted.

The proposal, made in a New Year's message broadcast to Vietcong troops and their supporters, contained nothing that has not already been presented by Communist negotiators at the Paris talks. The United States has rejected the proposal at the talks as simply another way of getting a unilateral American troop withdrawal with no reciprocal guarantee of a pullout by North Vietnamese troops.