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U.S. Bribe Offers In Viet Election?

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Broadcasting Co. reported today that U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker offered money to Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and Gen. Duong Van Minh to keep them in the South Vietnamese presidential race.

The report from Sydney Byrnes, ABC's bureau chief in Saigon, quoted "reliable sources" and said that both Ky and Minh turned down the offers. He said the U.S. embassy in Saigon denied the story.

Ky's press officer, Lt. Col. Vu Duc Vinh, also denied that Ky had been offered any money.