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MEETS WITH U.S. COMMANDER IN VIETNAM: Senator George McGovern with Gen. Creighton W. Abrams in Saigon yesterday before the Senator was trapped inside a Catholic church by a mob throwing rocks and fire bombs.

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McGovern Reports Abrams Pullout Assurance

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Sept. 14—The United States commander in South Vietnam, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, assured Senator George McGovern today that under the Vietnamization plan no United States ground forces or air power would be left in Vietnam to support Saigon's army.

The South Dakota Senator, a long-time critic of the Vietnam war and so far the Democratic party's only announced candidate for President, said that General Abrams gave him the assurance during a 45-minute private briefing at the United

States command's headquarters here.

But Senator McGovern stressed that General Abrams did not put a time limit on the presence of American forces in South Vietnam, and this disappointed the Senator, who has repeatedly urged a total pullout of United States forces by the end of this year.

Senator McGovern, on a three-day tour of Vietnam, said in a telephone conversation that the question came up when he mentioned an analysis of the vulnerability of a residual force published recently by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway, who is retired.

"Well, the General said that was not his view of Vietnamization," Senator McGovern said. "He said that to him, Vietnamization meant the termination of all U. S. military operations, including the withdrawal of all ground forces and ending all aerial operations."

According to the Senator, General Abrams expressed confidence in the ability of the South Vietnamese Army to carry on without the help of American armed forces.

The U. S. command refused to confirm General Abrams reported comments to Senator McGovern. "It was a private conversation," a spokesman said.