

General Urges U.S. Air Raids

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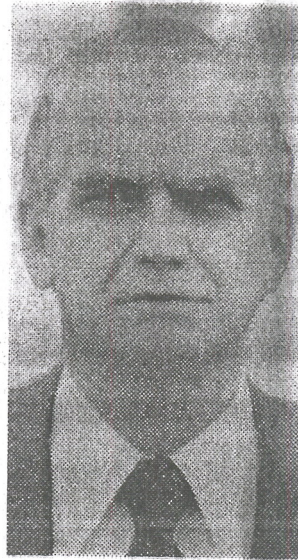
General William Westmoreland, former U.S. military commander in Vietnam, said yesterday that President Ford should be given authority to launch B-52 air raids in Indochina and mine the Haiphong harbor.

"The only language that Hanoi understands is the language of force," Westmoreland said after a White House meeting with Mr. Ford.

The air raids and mining are prohibited under the Paris peace agreement ending U.S. involvement in Vietnam. The harbor was mined shortly before the agreement was signed in January, 1973, and later cleared.

He recommended that Mr. Ford be authorized, presumably by Congress, "to use tactical air, B-52 strikes to hit the Communist supply lines, all of which have been set up in violation of the Paris cease-fire accord."

White House spokesmen said the general was scheduled to pay a 15-minute courtesy call on Mr. Ford,



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**GEN. WESTMORELAND
A talk with the President**

but they talked for 45 minutes.

When asked if Mr. Ford had sought his advice, Westmoreland told reporters: "I think he was very much interested in my views."

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