

# A Red Offer to Aid Evacuation

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Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government, said yesterday her government would help evacuate American personnel from South Vietnam if asked.

She told The Associated Press in an interview that there was no need for American warships and Marines to stand off the Vietnam coast to remove Americans.

"If the United States wants to bring the 25,000 American military advisers out of Vietnam then the U.S. need only discuss it with us and then we shall be willing to help them do so," she said.

She added, however, "this is not their intention." and said Washington plans "to carry out dark maneuvers against South Vietnam."

President Ford has said there are about 6000 Americans in Vietnam, including embassy staffers and civilian employees of U.S. firms.

On the evacuation of orphans from Saigon, Madame Binh repeated the Viet Cong position that the children are being "kidnaped" by the U.S. government in "an inhuman act" that takes them from their native society.

Commenting on President Ford's request to Congress for military and humanitarian assistance for South Vietnam, Mrs. Binh said if granted "It will lead to heavier and heavier U.S. involvement and a greater defeat in the end for the U.S." She opposed even the humanitarian aid, saying it would prolong the war because "it is just another way of helping" South Vietnamese President Thieu.

Asked about Viet Cong revenge against Saigon troops and government workers, Mrs. Binh replied, "Who is to be hated? Those are just Vietnamese who have taken an erroneous path. Sometimes they are your sister or brother."

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