

Viet Exile Talks With U.S. Officials

Washington

Lieutenant General Nguyen Khanh, the exiled former military leader of South Vietnam, met with U.S. officials in Washington today. Khanh, who headed the Saigon government briefly in 1964 and 1965, was ousted by a coup and has been living in Paris since 1968.

Yesterday, he called for the formation of a new government that would negotiate with the Viet Cong. He said he is ready to go back to Saigon "to serve my country. At this stage we must make sacrifices. I am ready to go if my friends in the armed forces think that I can do any good."

Khanh has been meeting here with former defense secretary Melvin Laird; the former ambassador to Saigon Henry Cabot Lodge; officials of the State Department, and members of Congress.

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