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Thieu flies to Taipei;

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in seclusion

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Nguyen Van Thieu, former president of South Vietnam, arrived in Taipei early yesterday and spent the rest of the day in seclusion.

The London Evening News said he planned to live in London and alleged he was trying to smuggle \$76 million in gold to Europe.

The South Vietnamese Embassy in London sent his 12-year-old son to England. He is believed to be attending one of Britain's top schools near London.

However, the Foreign Office said the report Thieu is coming to Britain is "purely a piece of speculation."

Thieu, who resigned the presidency last Monday, flew in from Saigon with an entourage of 15 which included his wife and brother — South Vietnam's ambassador to Taipei, Nguyen Van Kieu. Kieu has lived in Taiwan for almost eight years.

They arrived aboard a U.S. military C118 aircraft at 4:40 a.m. Taipei time.