

**OLD SAIGON REGIME
SOUGHT I.M.F. FUNDS**

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WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuters)—A few days before South Vietnam fell, the International Monetary Fund received a request from Saigon for \$40-million, informed sources said here.

Urgent attempts by the agency to clarify the authority of the cable failed and the request was never met. The government fell before clarification could be made.

A spokesman for the fund confirmed that the Saigon Government had requested funds before the surrender on April 30. The spokesman refused further comment saying, that the fund could not discuss details of drawings that had not been made.

The sources said that the Saigon request was for about 20-million, which could be unconditionally drawn against gold contributed by South Vietnam to the fund. This drawing would have been supplemented by \$20-million resulting from the use of the country's special drawing rights. Those S.D.R.'s could have been exchanged with other governments for foreign exchange.