

Ex-Saigon Aide Seeks Job in Capital

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WASHINGTON, June 12—
Nguyen Phu Duc, a former
South Vietnamese Foreign
Minister, has asked Repre-
sentative Lester L. Wolff for
help in getting him a job with

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the House In-
ternational Re-
lations Com-
mittee or the
Senate For-
eign Relations
Committee. The Nassau-
Queens Democrat, who heads
the House group's subcom-
mittee on future foreign pol-
icy, says Mr. Duc's chances
are nil. Noncitizens are not
permitted to serve on the
staffs of these committees
because they deal with high-
level security matters.

"I think it's a unique situ-
ation," Mr. Wolff observed.
"It isn't every day I receive
a letter from a former for-
eign minister asking to be a
member of my staff."

Mr. Duc, who was Ambas-
sador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary to Belgium,
Luxembourg and the Euro-
pean Economic Community
when his country fell this
year, recalled that he and
Mr. Wolff had last met when
Mr. Duc attended the United
Nations General Assembly in
October, 1973, as acting
Foreign Minister.

"My wish and my hope
is to be able to continue
to contribute to the free
world in the field of foreign
affairs in the capacity of
consultant or in research,"
Mr. Duc wrote from Paris,
where he is living.

He asked if there was
"such an opening" for him
on one of the committees
"or with a foundation related
to foreign affairs."

The 50-year-old diplomat en-
closed an impressive resumé.
He has degrees from the Uni-
versity of Hanoi and Harvard
and served for seven years
as first secretary and counse-
lor at his embassy in Wash-
ington, as Ambassador to the
United Nations and as Pres-
ident Nguyen Van Thieu's
special envoy to President
Richard M. Nixon during the
1972 peace negotiations
among North and South Viet-
nam and the United States.

Mr. Wolff, who opposed
the Thieu regime, said he
regarded Mr. Duc as having
been a "moderating influ-
ence" in Saigon.

Two of the New York City
municipal union leaders who
have been fighting layoffs
by Mayor Beame turned this
week to Washington for help.
Ken McFeeley, president of
the Patrolmen's Benevolent
Association, and Richard J.
Vizzini, president of the
formed Firefighters As-
sociation, vigorously sup-
ported a bill by Represe-
ntative A. Peyser, a
publican,
worth
million
fund

problem of reaching his con-
stituents vastly different
from that of Representatives
such as Edward I. Koch
whose Manhattan dist-
rict is about five miles
long. Herman Badillo
does walk
stretch ac-
ross the district.