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Saigon Solicits Talks

### **On Off-Shore Oil Pacts**

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South Vietnam is ready to discuss offshore oil prospecting and exploitation with foreign companies, Saigon's Liberation Radio said in a broadcast monitored in Hong Kong.

The statement said all oil agreements concluded by the government that fell last spring were void. But firms, several of which are Americans, that held such agreements were welcome to negotiate new ones with the present government, the radio said.

Meanwhile, another announcement on Liberation Radio indicated that the re-education courses for military and civilian members of the old government are lasting longer than originally announced.

When they began in June, the government said the courses would last from a few days to a month. A radio announcement Tuesday said that persons attending re-education courses will be allowed to send and receive family letters once a month.