

Hearings on Ex-Envoy To Vietnam Stalled

Washington

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday postponed indefinitely hearings on a new diplomatic post for the former ambassador to South Vietnam, Graham A. Martin.

Sources said that the understanding among senators is that no action will be taken and that Martin's nomination as presidential representative to conduct negotiations on the future status of Micronesia will be premitted to die.

The President's nomination of Martin for the relatively minor Micronesia job seemed surprising for a person of Martin's experience. Since returning to duty following the fall of Saigon in April, 1975, Martin has been a special assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a job that does not require Senate confirmation.

Senator Dick Clark (Dem-Iowa) and other members of the Foreign Relations Committee had insisted on a full inquiry into Martin's

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career in connection with his confirmation in the new post. These hearings threatened to reopen public discussion and political debate on the fall and evacuation of Saigon, a prospect unwelcome to Republicans and some Democrats on Capitol Hill. *Washington Post*