

Hanoi Officials And Americans Set First Talks

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—State Department officials said today that they expected that the first meeting between American officials and representatives of unified Vietnam would take place shortly after the Nov. 2 election.

A precise time has not been worked out for the talks, the first between the two governments since the fall of Saigon last year and the unification of North and South Vietnam this year. But the American officials said it would be at the embassy level, in Paris, and would take place "soon" after the election.

However, high officials stressed that before the United States would agree to normalization of relations with Hanoi, there will Vietnamese accounting of all information it has about the 2,505 American military men whose fate is still officially unknown. None are believed to be alive. Of the total, 795 are listed as missing in action and the rest as killed in action.

U.S. Stresses 'Looking Ahead'

In an exchange of notes with Hanoi that began in March, Washington has stressed the need to clear up the missing-in-action issue and "to look ahead" in relations, not back.

The Vietnamese, for their part, have emphasized their charge that the United States was violating the 1973 peace accord by not agreeing to give aid to their country; the United States says the 1973 accord was voided by the 1975 invasion of South Vietnam by North Vietnamese forces.

Some American officials believe Hanoi may be willing to clear up the missing-in-action matter now because President Ford has threatened a United States veto of Vietnam's application to the United Nations unless that issue is resolved. That threat, last month, led the French to put off a Security Council vote until after November to provide time for a diplomatic resolution of the matter.