

Secret Nixon War Message

WASHINGTON — (CST) — President Nixon has sent a secret diplomatic message to U.S. friends in Asia assuring them he will not allow the North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam to succeed, it has been learned.

A major military announcement, apparently related to the President's mes-

sage to the Asians, was scheduled to be made here and in Saigon today.

Nixon's message reportedly described the North Vietnamese attack as massive and outrageous.

The fact that the President sent the message indicates he is becoming deeply involved personally in the

Vietnam crisis after a week in which his public spokesmen tended to downplay his role in the military and diplomatic developments.

He discussed the Vietnam war with Henry A. Kissinger, his top security adviser, by phone yesterday before returning to Washington for

a four-day vacation at the Florida White House at Key Biscayne.