

THIEU TERMS VOTE TEST OF CONFIDENCE

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White House Comment

San Clemente, Calif., Sept. 2 - Asked today for the White House's response to President Thieu's decision to proceed with the Oct. 3 election in Vietnam [in which he is the only candidate], President Nixon's press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, commented:

"Apparently [President Thieu] has decided to proceed with the election on Oct 3 following the withdrawal of his two political rivals. In the absence of these contestants, he has apparently decided that he will modify it [the election] to a vote of confidence. That suggests he is obviously attempting to introduce an element of popular choice to the election."

[Complete item.]