

More Details of Cong Plan Asked

WASHINGTON — (UPI)— The White House has undertaken an intensive study of the new Viet Cong peace plan and wants to seek further amplification and clarification of it either privately or at next Thursday's session of the Paris talks, informed sources said today.

The Viet Cong yesterday submitted a new somewhat relaxed peace plan, promising to release American prisoners the day all U.S. troops are withdrawn and to start peace negotiations with the Saigon government if President Nyugen Van Thieu resigns.

The initial White House reaction to the proposal, broadcast Wednesday night by the National Liberation Front, was that it would study the proposal and that it found some "new language" in it.

Later, press secretary Ronald Ziegler said a statement by Stephen Lidogar, spokesman for the U.S. delegation in Paris, that there was "nothing new" in the Viet Cong plan, represented the White House view.

But the United States did not formally reject the new proposals and informed sources said a further probing was under way.

Specifically, American officials seek to learn whether by total American withdrawal the Communists mean that the United States should dismantle all the bases it plans to turn over to South Vietnam as well as to end all military and economic aid.

Sources said the United States also wants to know if the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese would be satisfied with just the resignation of Thieu and Premier Tran Van Huong, or whether they are calling for a wholesale breakup of the Saigon government.

They also seek to determine whether the Communists are linking the political and military proposals as a condition of a peace settlement.