Nixon's Dual Strategy for the War

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.... This has no doubt been the President 's dual objective ever since January, 1969 - to achieve by November 1972 both a withdrawal of United States ground combat forces and a victory for Thieu in the sense that at that date he would still control Saigon and most of the South.

.... What seems to be taking place on the American side therefore is primarily a buying of time until November.