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U.S. Ready To Stop--

Rogers

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BRUSSELS — (AP) —

The United States is willing to negotiate a cease-fire in Vietnam and leave political questions until later, Secretary of State William Rogers told the North Atlantic Council today.

U.S. sources quoted Rogers as saying the United States is open-minded on how to negotiate, if the other side is serious.

Rogers was asked what President Nixon meant by saying the United States would take any military action necessary in Vietnam.

Rogers replied that the United States would not use nuclear weapons or send back ground troops — but that he was not going to say any more than that.

The United States intends to tell the Soviet Union that it bears a responsibility for the Vietnamese offensive, because its rockets, tanks and long range artillery were used to foment it, he asserted.

Rogers repeated immediately afterward that the United States intends to continue using sea and air power in North Vietnam as well as South Vietnam.