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Report on A Date for Withdrawal

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Newsweek magazine said yesterday that within a few months President Nixon will offer a specific date for total withdrawal of all U.S. forces from South Vietnam and an end to U.S. air activity over both North and South Vietnam in exchange for release of American prisoners by Hanoi.

"And although Washington does not expect Hanoi to accept the proposal because of its failure to include the abandonment of the Thieu regime, the announcement, it is anticipated, will defuse the war as an election issue," Newsweek said in its current issue.

The magazine said the offer would not include ending air activity over Laos and Cambodia.

As for Hanoi's strategy in 1972, Newsweek said it will "concentrate on trying to spotlight the weak points in the U.S. military posture in Indochina."

Associated Press

Offer is made 25 Jan 72.
No specific date is given,
beyond commitment to withdraw
after agreement is reached on
terms outlined.