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U.S. Blasts Paris on Talks

WASHINGTON — The United States expressed formal displeasure to the French government today for urging the Vietnam peace talks be resumed without delay.

French charge d'affaires Emmanuel de Margerie was called in by the undersecretary of state for political affairs, Alexis Johnson, to convey the Nixon administration's feelings that the French call was one-sided and made without notifying the U.S. in advance, a spokesman said.

Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey also said that U.S. Ambassador William Porter will be flying back to Paris tonight but that the meeting tomorrow demanded by North Vietnam and

the Viet Cong representatives will not be held.

McCloskey said the United States objected not only to the timing of the French government's statement but also to "what we judge is a one-sided statement because it picks up demands of the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations to return immediately to the conference table."

In midmorning the State Department had described the French request as an even handed move to get all parties back to the conference table.

One U.S. official said "nothing would please us more than to go back to the conference table" if it would serve a constructive purpose.

But within two hours, the department changed its view and criticized the French.

The White House and the State Department have been emphasizing that the United States stands ready for serious negotiations but not under military pressure, McCloskey noted.

He said the Communists are aware of the U.S. views and know how to communicate with the United States.

McCloskey made clear that the U.S. protest does not involve broader issues with the French government.

In the midst of improved Franco-American relations, McCloskey noted "our displeasure is confined to this

issue — the war and the situation we find ourselves in during the last 10 days to two weeks."

He was referring to the country-wide North Vietnamese attacks in South Vietnam which the United States regards as a "massive invasion" violating the 1954 Geneva Agreements and the purported 1968 understanding with Hanoi to halt bombing of the North.

Yesterday McCloskey chided the Indian government for having condemned the bombing of the North Vietnam while failing to acknowledge an "invasion" of the South by North Vietnamese regular army forces. India is chairman of the International Control Commission.