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# End Air Raids for Secret Talk: Hanoi

PARIS — (AP) — North Vietnam held out the possibility today of high-level secret talks to end the Vietnam war if the United States halts air attacks on North Vietnam.

A second and linked condition was that the United States agree to resume the weekly semi-public peace talks which the U.S. and South Vietnamese broke off last month.

If the United States agreed, it was announced, North Vietnamese Politburo member Le Duc Tho would come to Paris to take part in the talks, presumably at the secret level.

Tho had met several times last year with President Nixon's national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, in secret Paris exchanges

which failed to produce a settlement.

Washington said Hanoi broke off the talks with Kissinger, claiming Tho was ill.

The U.S. delegation to the Vietnam conference withheld comment on the North Vietnamese proposal pending consultations with Washington.

The North Vietnamese package deal was made public at a news conference held by Minister of State Xuan Thuy, who has headed the Hanoi delegation in Paris since the talks began in January, 1969.

His proposals were made public to culminate a flurry of secret exchanges through "a private channel" between the United States and North Vietnam. The United

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—From Page 1 military solution of the conflict while rejecting the "reasonable and correct" Communist peace plan.

States was believed to be pressing for further secret talks, either separately or in connection with the regular sessions.

The exchanges were aimed at getting the talks going again after Nixon had indefinitely suspended them March 23 to break what he called a 3½-year "filibuster" by the North Vietnamese. The talks had gone through 147 sessions.

U.S. Ambassador William Porter reported last Thursday that the United States wanted the talks resumed that day, but that this was rejected. 13 APR

North Vietnam countered by saying it had proposed talks every Thursday since the conference was suspended, but that the United States said "no." Neither side reported conditions it was laying down.

Xuan Thuy, in answer to questions, revealed today what Hanoi had in mind.

Asked about the possibility of new secret talks, Thuy said:

"If the Paris conference on Vietnam does not resume its work and on the other hand if the United States does not stop its escalation of the war and destruction against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, then there is no basis for private meetings."

Pressed as to whether he meant that if the United States agrees to hold regular sessions of the talks and stops the bombing of North Vietnam, secret negotiations can then resume, Thuy responded:

"That is correct."

The United States has argued that nothing valid was coming out of the regular sessions, called them "propaganda circuses" and pressed for restricted or private talks.

On the other hand, the Communists accused the United States and South Vietnam of aiming toward a

Mr. Nixon's proposal for April 13 was accepted but the offer was withdrawn four days later, Hanoi said.

Henry Kissinger, Paris, NYTimes 13 Apr 72, this file.

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