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MRS. BINH  
She dropped a line

## Viet Cong Letter to Congressmen

Washington

The White House yesterday accused the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) of South Vietnam's foreign minister of a presumptuous and arrogant effort to "project herself into the American political process" by sending letters to every member of Congress.

Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren, who said he was expressing President Nixon's viewpoint, read newsmen a statement responding sharply to the letter in which Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh asked congressmen to stop "Mr. Nixon" from an adventurous path fraught with unpredictable consequences."

The letter caused an uproar on Capitol Hill, and Warren began responding to a question by saying members of Congress "have every right to express outrage."

'FOLLY'

Mrs. Binh's "presumptuous effort to project her-

self into the American political process is folly," Warren continued.

Senator Robert Taft (Rep-Ohio) joined several other members of Congress in denouncing Mrs. Binh's letter, but suggested also that its dispatch might indicate the enemy is willing to resume serious talks.

He said the enemy, through Mrs. Binh, is "overplaying its propaganda hand." Members of Congress will be responsive to the American people and "not to propaganda ploys of the enemy," Warren said.

"The arrogant effort of Mrs. Binh will not work because members of Congress know and understand their responsibilities."

### DELEGATION

Mrs. Binh, who heads the delegation of the National Liberation Front to the now-suspended Paris peace talks, wrote members of Congress that "no matter to what level Mr. Nixon escalates the war, he cannot retrieve his Vietnamization policy from bankruptcy."

At the briefing, Warren said he had nothing to add to his previous insistence that Mr. Nixon has not yet decided on the contents of his promised statement prior to May 1 on troop withdrawals.

He said also that a presidential aide who predicted that Mr. Nixon will continue troop withdrawals "has no special insight into the President's thinking."

Steven Karalekas, a member of the staff of presidential counsel Charles W. Colson, had said in a weekend speech to a Republican group in Massachusetts that Mr. Nixon will announce a further withdrawal before May 1.

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