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# Viet Red Appeal To Exiles

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PARIS — (CDN) — Top Vietnamese Communist officials here have been contacting France's large and influential exiled Vietnamese community since Hanoi's recent military victories.

Their object is to gain adherents and prepare for a coalition government to replace South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Le Duc Tho of Hanoi's Politburo and Madame Nguyen Thi Binh, head of the South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government, have been inviting influential exiles for a series of talks.

There are from 40 to 100 South Vietnamese political and military figures here, including at least a dozen high army officers and around 20 former cabinet ministers or political leaders.

Gen. Nguyen Khanh, a former South Vietnamese chief of state, for example, regularly receives invitations to PRG National Day receptions, which he doesn't attend.

But Khanh has been snubbed by the South Vietnamese government officials here, including Saigon's chief negotiator, Ambassador Pham Dang Lam, whom Khanh had appointed ambassador.

Allied sources denied reports that Le Duc Tho and White House adviser Henry Kissinger had discussed names of possible alternatives to Thieu in a compromise Saigon government.

Communist contacts with the expatriates here have been using a "soft-sell" approach explaining the war and political developments from the Hanoi and PRG viewpoint.

The PRG peace plan calls for a three-part "national concord" government to replace Thieu and arrange elections. It specifically is open to expatriate Vietnamese but would consist mainly of PRG, neutralist and former Saigon government people.