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SECRET TALKS

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SAIGON -- U.S. Presidential adviser Henry

Kissinger arrived in Saigon today and Le Duc Tho, his North Vietnamese adversary in secret peace talks, flew to Hanoi amid widespread speculation about a new move to end the war.

There was no official confirmation of the new peace move, and Tho contended there was no basis for it. But some diplomats in Washington and Paris surmised that Kissinger, who met with Tho in Paris Monday, would try to persuade President Nguyen Van Thieu to agree to a compromise formula approaching the enemy's demand that Thieu step down.

Others suggested that Kissinger and Tho would report a deadlock in their secret Paris sessions, with Kissinger reassuring the uneasy Thieu that President Nixon will not let him down.

Speculation

There also had been speculation in Saigon that Kissinger might fly on to Hanoi after ending his visit here Friday. But informed sources said Kissinger would fly from here to Tokyo en route back to Washington.

He will stop in Tokyo to make final plans for the forthcoming summit conference between Nixon and Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka scheduled for Honolulu at the end of this month, sources said. Plans call for him to leave Tokyo on Saturday.

As he left Paris today, Tho, a politburo member, said his trip home is "routine and has no other meaning."

Reality

"Since yesterday there has been a lot of speculation, but this speculation does not coincide with reality and could lead to inaccurate conclusions," he said.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald Ziegler made this announcement:

Kissinger will confer with Thieu and others in Saigon until late Friday. He will re-

port back to Nixon before the Republican convention opens in Miami Beach next Monday.

Ziegler said Kissinger's two days in Saigon will include "a general review of all aspects of the Vietnam problem, including the negotiations in Paris."

Caution

He cautioned against speculating about a breakthrough in the Paris talks. He said the trip had been under consideration for several weeks.

There seems little doubt that Nixon would like to

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have a Vietnam peace deal before the November election, but the White House is keeping the specific aim of Kissinger's journey a tight secret.

Public statements by Thieu since the new round of Kissinger-Tho session have been interpreted here as showing concern by the Saigon leader that Nixon may ease the terms he set forth May 8.

Cease-Fire

Nixon said then that the bombing of North Vietnam will continue until Hanoi agrees to an Indochina cease-fire and release of U.S. prisoners, whereupon U.S. forces would pull out of South Vietnam within four months.

Speculation here about a possible new Nixon offer ranges over the possibilities of a cease-fire-in-place, which would give Communist forces territory they hold in South Vietnam, and a new election format giving the Communists a stronger chance to defeat Thieu.

Nixon spokesmen, however, have been reaffirming the administration's avowed determination to prevent a Communist takeover of South Vietnam by force.