



Presidential envoy Henry Kissinger with South Viet President Nguyen Van Thieu

## Kissinger, Thieu Meet-- The Secrecy Lid Is Tight

SAIGON — (AP) — Henry Kissinger and President Nguyen Van Thieu conferred for more than two hours today on secret peace talks that the presidential adviser held with the North Vietnamese in Paris.

They scheduled a second meeting tomorrow. It had been expected that Kissinger and Thieu would confer only once.

The second meeting fanned speculation that the subject was highly significant and possibly involved a major proposal put forth by the Americans.

U.S. sources confirmed that the talks between Kissinger and North Vietnam's chief negotiator, Le Duc Tho, figured in the meeting. They gave no hint as to the tenor of the discussion or whether there had been disagreement.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman declined under questioning by newsmen to "characterize the atmosphere" of the meeting and

said he "could not say whether it was cordial." Thieu's Independence Palace refused all comment.

Kissinger and Thieu were smiling as they posed for photographers at the palace

before the start of the meeting.

U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and Winston Lord, an aide to Kissinger, also were present at the meeting.