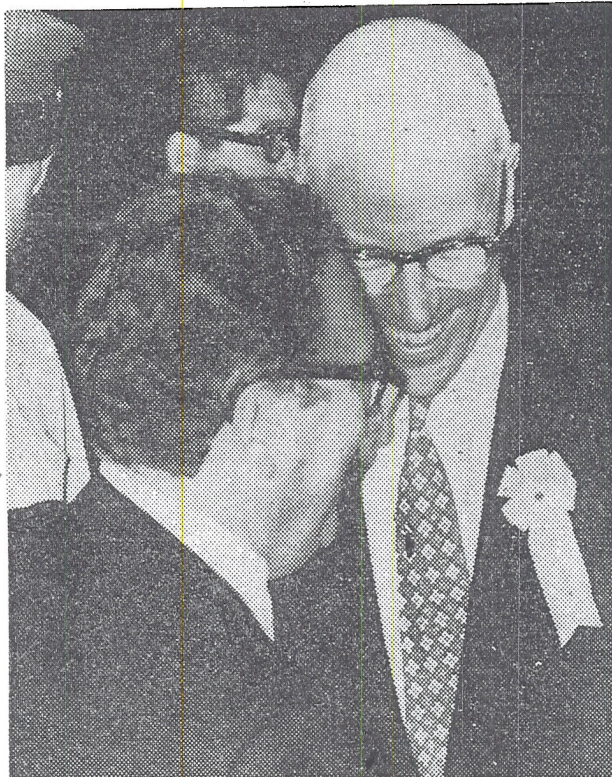




Henry A. Kissinger with Nguyen Phu Duc, South Vietnamese Presidential adviser before leaving for Tokyo.



Mr. Kissinger chatting with Robert Ingersoll, American Ambassador to Japan, on arrival in Tokyo.

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## Kissinger-Thieu Talks End Without a Disclosure

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Aug. 18—Henry A. Kissinger concluded nearly six hours of talks with President Nguyen Van Thieu and departed for Tokyo today, leaving diplomatic observers as much in the dark as ever about what his trip here had signified.

The tanned and smiling Mr. Kissinger, who is President Nixon's national security adviser, patted a Vietnamese protocol officer on the shoulder before boarding his plane, and gave a last-minute authorization to American Embassy officials to release a short statement that they had prepared. The statement read:

"In the course of his visit to Saigon, Dr. Kissinger met with President Thieu and his staff for more than two hours on Aug. 17 and for nearly four hours on Aug. 18. These talks provided an opportunity for a general review of all aspects of the situation in South Vietnam as well as of the talks which have taken place in Paris with representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam."

### Did Not Dine with Thieu

In his two days in Vietnam, Mr. Kissinger stayed at the residence of the United States Ambassador, Ellsworth Bunker, and did not dine with President Thieu. Most of his conversations were with American civilian and military officials.

As usual, strong security prevailed at Saigon's military airport during his departure and along the route his motorcade traveled through the city. There were no incidents.

At the airport newsmen were kept behind barriers some distance away, and Mr. Kissinger glanced in their direction only once.

Neither Vietnamese nor American officials were willing even to characterize the atmosphere in which the talks were held.

A U. S. Embassy spokesman said that no significance was to be attached to the fact that the statement referred to "South Vietnam" while using the official name of North Viet-

nam, "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam." He noted that a White House statement of Aug. 15 on Mr. Kissinger's visit had also referred to the Republic of Vietnam simply as South Vietnam.

### Kissinger Arrives in Japan

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TOKYO, Aug. 18—Henry A. Kissinger arrived here from Saigon tonight to meet tomorrow with Premier Kakuei Tanaka and Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira. They are expected to discuss Japan's impending diplomatic recognition of China and the impact of that on American relations with Japan.