

- 19 Jul 72 - Kissinger meets with Le Duc Tho and Xuan Thuy  
 1 Aug - " " " " " " " " " " \*\*  
 8 Aug - "Battle develops to east of Saigon; fight  
 17 miles from capital closest in foe's drive -  
 South's losses heavy"  
 11 Aug - "Communists shell roads to Saigon [attack on  
 three approaches to the capital]"  
 14 Aug - After third meeting within a month with  
 Le Duc Tho, flies to Switzerland.  
 16 Aug - Kissinger arrives in Saigon. \*  
 - "American fighter-bomber pilots reportedly flew  
 more than 370 strikes against North Vietnam ...  
 in what appears to have been the heaviest day  
 of raids of the year. ... "  
 18 Aug - Kissinger leaves Saigon, after second meeting with T.  
 19 Aug - Kissinger briefs Nixon and Rogers, Camp David.  
 20 Aug - "North Vietnam has scored its biggest gain since  
 May 1, overrunning the strategic Que Son Valley  
 and laying bare to attack a populous 50-mile  
 stretch of Highway 1 from Da Nang southward....  
 Da Nang is South Vietnam's second largest city."  
 21 Aug 72 - Republican national convention opens.  
 - Administration officials tell newsmen not to  
 expect any major announcement about Vietnam in  
 Nixon's acceptance speech 23 Aug.

\*Cold reception. Only one meeting with Thieu had been  
 planned, 17 Aug., but second meeting scheduled for 18 Aug.

- \*\*1 Aug - Thieu rejects any compromise that would include SV  
 Communists in coalition government. (NYT 11 Aug.)  
 Speech, <sup>in Vietnamese,</sup> received no international publicity at the  
 time, ~~seemingly because partly because it was~~  
~~delivered in Vietnamese~~ possibly because Thieu  
 "wanted the import to 'filter out' to the  
 Americans." "Western diplomats view the speech  
 as a major one, its main thrust aimed at  
 Washington." (NYTimes 14 Aug 72.)

26-27 Sep Kissinger meets in Paris with Tho and Thuy.  
28 Sep 72 3 POWs arrive NY.  
1 Oct 72 Haig in Saigon; leaves 4 Oct.  
(Haig is supposed to have obtained Thieu's  
agreement to last peace plan, involving his  
resignation one month before elections in  
Vietnam.)  
~~8 Oct~~ ~~Kissinger back in Paris~~  
6 Oct Thieu reported willing to resign under terms  
of new U.S. peace proposal.  
8 Oct Kissinger and Haig in Paris for secret talks.  
11 Oct French mission in Hanoi bombed.  
18 Oct Kissinger in Saigon; met by Bunker, Abrams  
(who had arrived earlier in the day) and  
Gen Frederick Weyand, commander of U.S. forces  
in Vietnam. Also in Saigon this week,  
Adm. Noel A.M. Gayler, new commander in chief  
of Pacific command.  
21 Oct Special alerts at air bases.  
23 Oct Kissinger leaves Saigon in the afternoon;  
three hours later Abrams also leaves Saigon for  
Washington.  
  
2 Sep Cora Weiss and Dave Dellinger announce in  
Paris they will escort three POWs from  
North Vietnam.

- 9 Oct 72 North Vietnam and U.S. agree on peace proposal  
(bombing and mining to cease 18 Oct; initialing  
of protocol document in Hanoi 19 Oct; official  
signing of agreement in Paris 26 Oct). (Over
- 11 Oct French mission in Hanoi bombed.  
U.S. asks for delay in implementing peace-  
proposal. N.V. agrees, no date given.
- 20 Oct N.V. says a message 20 Oct to Premier Pham Van  
Dong from Nixon confirms that U.S. considers the  
text of the agreement to be completed. U.S.  
asks for further postponement; according to  
N.V. spokesman in Paris, 27 Oct, the date for  
signing the agreement - 31 Oct - was given by  
Nixon in his message of 20 Oct. N.V. agrees  
[no date] but in doing so "[stresses] that the  
U.S. side should not under any pretext change the  
agreed schedule."  
Nixon campaign visit to Philadelphia.
- 22 Oct ~~(While this is still not clear, it seems that -~~  
~~According to N.V. another message was received~~  
from Nixon in reply, dated 22 Oct, in which he  
"expressed his satisfaction" with Hanoi's  
"[explanation of] its viewpoint." Quotes are  
from Xuan Thuy at press conference, Paris,  
26 Oct.) (Flora Lewis, NYTimes 27 Oct 72.)  
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- 23 Oct \* U.S. again asks for delay.  
Nixon campaign appearance, Long Island.  
In White Plains, unusual security precautions.

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\*22 Oct, U.S. time (last question, Kissinger press conference  
26 Oct).

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UPI, Saigon - A highly placed ~~civilian~~ American civilian source said today that ... Defense Department officials apparently had not been informed of the terms of the proposed agreement until it was ready for signing. ....