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Hoffa Plan for
Hanoi Trip At-
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WASHINGTON (AP) — James Hoffa may still go to Hanoi to seek release of American prisoners of war, his attorney says, but whatever administration support he had apparently has vanished.

After two days of hemming and hawing, key members of the Nixon administration appear now to be joining Secretary of State William P. Rogers in attacking the plan and the way it was devised.

Rogers had stood virtually alone among U.S. officials Thursday and most of Friday against the trip Hoffa said he wanted to make to North Vietnam.

Rogers Thursday had revoked Hoffa's passport validation to travel to Hanoi, citing technical violations of regulations and insisting that private American citizens should not interfere with the POW situation.

White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler acknowledged presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger had met with Hoffa and Taub, but would go no further to rebut Taub than saying "I don't believe" the national security adviser "gave any encouragement."
