

# Kissinger's Return to Paris Likely Viet Talks in 'Very Serious' Stage

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WASHINGTON — Presidential aide Henry A. Kissinger made enough progress during his latest Paris talks with North Vietnamese diplomats that a return to the French capital early next week for another round is probable.

This quickened pace reflects the "very serious" stage negotiations have reached, an informed source said. The most recent round, during the last 10 days, followed an 11-day interlude. That in itself was briefer than the intervals of at least 14 days between previous meetings since the private talks resumed July 9.

The White House and the North Vietnamese in Paris say no agreement has been reached.

Last evening White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said a report that accord has been reached on a new coalition government in Saigon and a cease-fire had "no substance."

Nevertheless, the report—carried by radio station WOR in New York—was enough to cause a flurry in the stock market and help push the Dow Jones stocks average up 19.69 points yesterday.

Today Xuan Thuy, Hanoi's chief negotiator in Paris, told newsmen as he entered the 161st meeting of the formal peace conference the report was "without foundation and contrary to the truth."

He said his mission had been besieged since yesterday with calls from reporters. He said he was unable to

comment on substance, but he did say, "the positions of the two sides are still far apart and contradictory."

And Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the Viet Cong foreign minister, paused before entering the conference hall for the talks today to tell journalists, "All these rumors are designed to deceive American and world public opinion."

Washington sources indicate, however, the sides have narrowed to a point where they are bargaining over a political formula for changing power in Saigon. The mechanism for setting up a new government is to be tied to the Nixon formula—proposed May 8—for a cease-fire throughout Indochina and withdrawal of American forces.

Kissinger talked by telephone with

Nixon in California last night, soon after Kissinger's plane from Paris took off down at Andrews Air Force base. The presidential envoy steadfastly refused to say anything to newsmen about his talks with North Vietnamese Politburo member Le Duc Tho and Xuan Thuy.

At the center of the remaining differences is the future of South Vietnam, President Nguyen Van Thieu said.

The Communists demand his resignation and exclusion from the new government, although they are willing to include "members of his government" together with other non-Communist politicians in the new coalition.

It is understood Nixon has pledged to Thieu that no agreement will be made without Thieu's approval.