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# Saigon Hears Paris Rumors

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SAIGON — (CDN) — Some agreements apparently have been reached in the Paris peace talks, according to authoritative sources quoted today in a newspaper owned by South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu's private secretary.

"In Song" which receives its financial support from Hoang Duc Nha Thieu's American-educated secretary and confidant, carried the report under an eight-column headline.

It also quoted the sources as saying prospects for an Indochina cease-fire are "distant."

Nha was present yesterday during an extraordinary four-hour meeting between Maj. Gen. Alexander Haig, President Nixon's deputy National Security Affairs adviser, and South Vietnam's National Security Council.

### Exchange

In an unattributed section of the lengthy story, the paper said the U.S. is considering "announcing a definite

time for the withdrawal of American troops from Indochina and an end to the bombing and blockade of North Vietnam, in exchange for U.S. prisoners of war held by the Communists."

"President Thieu," the story said, "has warned the U.S. not to exchange a unilateral cease fire with the North for the Communists' POW bait."

Quoting "authoritative sources" again, the paper, which frequently reflects the views of the presidential palace here, said yesterday's unusual, unscheduled meeting was held at Thieu's request "so the nation's top leaders could understand what has taken place in Paris "and share the responsibility with Thieu."

### Withdrawal

"The things that have been discussed between the U.S. and North Vietnam and to what extent the two sides have agreed has been fully reported to Thieu."

This was the first indication here that any agreements have been reached in

Paris. In the unattributed portion of the account, the paper also reports that Nixon will step up troop withdrawals

before the end of the year eventually leaving only 10,000 men here. Current plans are to have 27,000 men by Dec. 1.



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