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## Pompidou Calls It 'Deplorable'

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The French government formally protested the bombing of its diplomatic mission in Hanoi by American planes yesterday.

The attack, which President Georges Pompidou called "a deplorable act" and United States Ambassador Arthur Watson called "a tragic accident," came during extended talks here between United States presidential security adviser Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese leaders.

Officials at Orly Airport said at 9:40 p.m. (Paris time) that Kissinger's flight to Washington had been canceled again and that he probably will not leave before today.

### MEETING

Kissinger met again yesterday with his North Vietnamese counterpart, Politburo member Le Duc Tho. American sources said. It was his fourth meeting on successive days with Tho.

Hanoi's Paris spokesman issued a North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry statement saying the "Nixon administration must bear full responsibility for the consequences which could result from his frenetic escalation of the war."

The statement denounced these "demented acts of war" which, it said, "violate elementary principles of international law and cynically betray the U.S. govern-

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ment's 1968 commitment" to stop bombing the north.

Continued "savage attacks" on Hanoi belie "fallacious U.S. claims" to be seeking negotiations and an end of America's engagement in Vietnam, it said.

Earlier, the spokesman said high explosive and pellet bombs killed and wounded many North Vietnamese civilians in a raid on Monday.

The French said that their delegate general in Hanoi, Pierre Susini, was gravely injured but that his life was not in danger. The five buildings of the French compound in central Hanoi were seriously damaged, they said, but they were getting sketchy reports through the Swedish ambassador in North Vietnam because their own communications were disrupted.

The North Vietnamese statement said a woman member of the French mission's staff "had two legs cut off by the bomb bursts and died on the spot." Four Vietnamese staff members were killed and a fifth was injured, the statement said.

### WOUNDED

Qemal Rahmanaj, Albanian charge d'affaires who was at the French mission when the bombs hit, was wounded, the North Vietnamese said. The roof of the nearby Algerian mission was also damaged in the U.S. Navy raid, which the North Vietnamese said had

released about 60 bombs in and around Hanoi.

The Algerian radio said its mission building in Hanoi was "seriously damaged."

The statement said an apartment building on the bank of the Red river and the residential area of Gia Lam, on the opposite side of the river, also were hit.

Herve Alphand, director general of the French Foreign Ministry, called in Watson to protest yesterday morning. Watson said the French official was "visibly shaken. He has always spoken English to me, but he said, 'Do you mind if I speak French now?' He was terribly upset. It is a terrible accident."

The French government ordered Etienne Manach, its ambassador in Peking, to hurry to Hanoi.

There were indications that the U.S. is planning to offer compensation damages to the French. Later in the day, Secretary of State William P. Rogers sent a formal apology to Paris.

A government spokesman, Jean Lecat, said after a Paris cabinet meeting, that "A French contribution to the establishment of peace in Vietnam can be very important."

The remark was taken to mean that France will not link the attack in Hanoi to the continuation of the Paris peace talks, which it hosts.

Hanoi's statement said that 56 per cent of Susini's body was covered with third-degree burns, mainly on the head and torso. Premier Pham Van Dong went to see him at St. Paul Hospital.