

Under the provisions of the nine-point draft agreement between North Vietnam and the United States, the following would occur upon signing:

**Cease-fire** — Within 24 hours, all fighting in South Vietnam would stop and the United States would end its bombing and other military actions against North Vietnam. Parallel cease-fires would be negotiated separately in Laos and Cambodia.

**Troop withdrawal**—All United States troops would be withdrawn from South Vietnam in 60 days, but the North Vietnamese could maintain their forces in place, although the United States expects several thousand North Vietnamese to be withdrawn to the North. All foreign troops must leave Laos and Cambodia. No further infiltration of troops into South Vietnam would be permitted, but weapons could be replaced on a one-to-one basis, under international supervision.

**Prisoners**—All American military and civilian prisoners would be released at the same time as the troop withdrawal.

**Political settlement**—Saigon and the Vietcong would retain authority over their areas of control and would be obliged to enter into talks on the framework of a political arrangement. They would choose the neutralist members of a three-sided Council of National Reconciliation and Concord to supervise future elections, but all actions of this administrative body must be unanimous. The two sides would also discuss the future of their respective armed forces.

**Supervision** — There would be a four-party military commission (the United States, Saigon, Hanoi and the Vietcong) to monitor some of the agreements, a two-party commission (Saigon and the Vietcong) to supervise others, and an international commission (Canada, Indonesia, Poland and Hungary) to which disagreements can be referred. The whole settlement would be guaranteed by an international conference to be convened within 30 days of the signing. Representatives of the United States, North Vietnam, the Saigon Government and the Vietcong, Britain, the Soviet Union, France and China would attend the conference, along with the four members of the cease-fire commission and Secretary General Waldheim of the United Nations.