

2 Regiments

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# Reds Pull Out Some Regulars

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Administration officials said today some North Vietnamese regular troops appear to have been withdrawn from South Vietnam.

They cited this as evidence that a peace formula worked out with Hanoi by Henry Kissinger is still on the track—although a formal peace agreement is still some distance down the road.

Intelligence reports indicate, U.S. officials said, that at least two regiments have pulled out of South Vietnam across the Demilitarized Zone, with some evidence that others might be preparing to leave.

Such a withdrawal would be the beginning of Hanoi's fulfillment of an unwritten "understanding" Kissinger received in the secret Paris

talks that some 35,000 regulars would be withdrawn.

U.S. officials estimate there are about 145,000 regulars in the South. Hanoi, of course, has never acknowledged that it had any forces there, contending the whole war was a conflict among southerners. Thus it could not officially pledge the withdrawal of forces it has never admitted are there.