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Reds: Nixon Toughening His Terms

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Washington

North Vietnam suggested yesterday that the United States is hardening its terms for a settlement beyond that negotiated last month by Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief negotiator.

In a radio commentary, Hanoi also said that President Nixon's firm statement Thursday night was in contradiction to the conciliatory remarks made by Kissinger at his news conference eight days ago.

Hanoi said "previously Kissinger said the problems to be discussed are not basic, but now the U.S. president asserts the need again to discuss basic problems, central ones that could make the agreement collapse." It asked if this was preliminary to sabotaging the draft agreement.

Meanwhile, there were no signs in Washington of movement toward resolving the issues the U.S. claims still remain before an Indochina settlement can be reached.

PARIS

Kissinger had no immediate plans to travel to Paris, administration sources said, and the general expectation is that nothing significant would occur before election day Tuesday.

Administration officials said, however, that North Vietnam — as well as China and the Soviet Union — has carefully not ruled out the additional round of negotiations sought by the administration, but has made it clear that it regards the

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newly - raised issues as not insignificant.

Mr. Nixon, in fact, surprised some officials here by his remarks which seemed to go beyond what Kissinger had said.

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