

# U. S. Efforts to Resume Peace Talks 'Still On'

NEW YORK — (AP) — The New York Times today quoted a high Nixon Administration official as saying without qualification that efforts to resume Indochina peace negotiations with North Vietnam were "on track."

While the unnamed official declined to be specific, the Times said, he gave the impression that Le Duc Tho had signaled privately that he would soon leave Hanoi for another round of talks with Henry A. Kissinger.

"Certain things will become apparent in a few days," the official replied when asked whether a date had been set for the next Kissinger-Tho meeting, the Times reported in a Washington dispatch.

Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese politburo, and Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser for national security affairs, negotiated the tentative peace agreement that was announced 12 days ago.

Kissinger said then that one more negotiating session was necessary to resolve some details in the plan. North Vietnam insisted the plan was final and demanded that it be signed by last Thursday.

The Washington official quoted in the Times story said the Administration was encouraged by the remarks made by Xuan Thuy, the leader of North Vietnam's delegation to the Paris peace talks, in an interview Saturday.

The Times said the official implied that Hanoi had already given private assurances that some points raised by Kissinger could be met without difficulty.

In another <sup>6 Nov</sup> interview, broadcast Monday on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite, Thuy was quoted as saying that if the North Vietnamese meet with Kissinger again it will be only to discuss "preparations for signing the agreement."