

Haig Meets With Cambodian Leader

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PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Nov. 12—Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. paid a brief visit to Pnompenh today to meet with President Lon Nol.

The precise reason for the special, unannounced visit by the National Security Council official, who serves as deputy to Henry A. Kissinger, was not immediately clear. The United States Embassy would say only that "the purpose of the visit is to discuss the progress of the peace plan with Lon Nol."

A number of foreign diplomats here thought that a major reason for General Haig's stop in Pnompenh was the Administration's sensitivity over Marshal Lon Nol's recent statements that Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, had informed him only of the broad terms, but not the details, of the proposed Vietnam peace accord, and that even after Mr. Kissinger's visit here on Oct. 22, he was neither being consulted nor being kept fully informed by Washington on the peace negotiations.

Marshal Lon Nol, who made these remarks in an interview last Monday with The New York Times, indicated that the first he had heard specifically

of the nine-point accord was when the Hanoi radio disclosed a text of the peace plan on Oct. 26, four days after his meeting with Mr. Kissinger.

General Haig's visit today would make it seem that the Administration was now bending over backward to give the appearance of consulting closely with the Lon Nol Government — even though it is an accepted fact of political life in Indochina that Cambodia and Laos are minor factors in the peace talks and that their fate will be decided by what happens in Vietnam.

General Haig's visit was kept such a close secret that the American Embassy reportedly did not learn of it until an hour or so before his arrival at 8:33 A.M. in a twin-jet aircraft with John Negroponte, his chief aide.

They were met by Ambassador Emory C. Swank and the deputy chief of mission, Thomas O. Enders, and spent the next hour at the embassy in discussion among themselves.

All four men arrived at about 10 A.M. at Marshal Lon Nol's villa residence alongside the presidential palace, and immediately went into conference with the President and Hang Thun Hak, the Cambodian Premier.

The Americans, as always here, were given a heavy Cambodian security escort consisting of six motorcycles plus a jeep and a truck full of armed troops. It hardly seemed necessary on a sleepy Sunday in Pnompenh. Some Cambodians snoozing in the shade of flame trees along the avenues did not even open their eyes as the sirens wailed by.

The embassy and the Cambodian Government were informed by General Haig that he did not want any contact with newsmen. Two reporters who entered the palace grounds shortly after the conference began were shooed out minutes later by security personnel.

The meeting lasted about 90 minutes, but because of the need for translating everything that was said, it amounted in reality only to a 45-minute discussion. The Cambodians spoke in French, the language of their former colonial rulers, and Mr. Enders did the interpreting.

After the session, the Embassy gave out no details of the talks except to say that General Haig was flying to Bangkok to meet the bigger jet aircraft in which he had flown to Asia and that he would then return to Washington by way of Seoul.