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THO DUE IN PARIS TODAY, AIDES SAY

They Rule Out All but Minor Changes in Vietnam Draft

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PARIS, Nov. 16—The North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam peace talks said today that Le Duc Tho would arrive here tomorrow for further private talks with Henry A. Kissinger but would not discuss any modification of the substance of their draft agreement on a cease-fire in the war.

The statement came as a three-hour session of the semi-public peace talks was held by the North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegations on one side and the United States and South Vietnamese delegations on the other.

Mr. Tho, who was in Moscow on his way to Paris from Hanoi, received a fresh pledge of backing in talks with Soviet officials, Reuters reported. In Washington, a Nixon Administration official said Mr. Kissinger would be leaving for Paris in the next day or so.]

Minor Changes Expected

The statement that Mr. Tho, a member of North Vietnam's Politburo, would not discuss any major changes in the draft agreement with Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, was made at the talks by Xuan Thuy, Hanoi's chief delegate. But his statement, made in connection with a call for speedy signature of the accord, was interpreted as meaning that the North Vietnamese were in fact ready to discuss minor modifications.

After urging the United States to sign the agreement, Mr. Thuy bitterly denounced the re-

cent intensification of American bombing in North Vietnam.

The Vietcong delegate, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, also urged prompt signature of the agreement, but as it stands. She also appeared to insist on two conditions that do not figure in the accord — that the United States stop all military aid to President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam before a cease-fire and that Mr. Thieu step down — both earlier Vietcong conditions.

Saigon Opposes Draft

The Saigon Government deputy delegate, Nguyen Xuan Phong, argued against the cease-fire agreement on the ground that "it will not produce a complete and definitive cessation of hostilities."

He went on to list Saigon's known objections to the draft agreement. They are, he said, that it does not provide for a cease-fire in Laos and Cambodia as well as Vietnam, nor for evacuation of all North Vietnamese forces from the South, nor for maintaining the demilitarized zone between North and South, nor for a satisfactory political solution in the South.

The spokesman for the American delegation, David Lambertson, asserted after the meeting that he could not say how far the South Vietnamese statement went in reflecting the American position as well. Mr. Lambertson underlined his point by adding that the United States and South Vietnamese delegations were working "independently."

U.S. Delegate Is Modertte

A statement at the talks by William J. Porter, the American delegate, contrasted in tone with that of the South Vietnamese. Making no reference to points in dispute, he spoke of "responsibilities toward peace," "reconciliation" and "mutual respect" and called for moderation in the semipublic talks.

The talks are scheduled to resume on Nov. 30, with next Thursday's called off because of Thanksgiving.

Nguyen Thanh Le, the spokesman for the North Viet-

namese delegation, speaking in reply to questions, firmly ruled out any participation by a Saigon delegate in the Kissinger-Tho meetings. He said that "Mr. Kissinger can bring along any auxiliary staff he likes — office boys chauffeurs — but they will have to wait here." He was speaking outside the conference room.

'Irrelevant,' US. Aide Says

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 16—A key Administration official dismissed the statements made by the North Vietnamese and Vietcong representatives in Paris today as irrelevant to the efforts to conclude an Indochina settlement.

He said that there was no reason to doubt that when Mr. Tho meets with Mr. Kissinger again in Paris, a serious effort will be made by both sides to resolve the problems that have delayed signing the nine-point agreement.

Mr. Kissinger met again during the day with top aides at the White House and spoke by the phone with Mr. Nixon, who is at Camp David, in nearby Maryland.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers went to camp David to confer with Mr. Nixon. The White House said that Mr. Kissinger would go there tomorrow for what presumably will be his last-minute intrusions.

Conference in Saigon

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Nov. 16 (AP)—American officials, headed by Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, conferred against today with South Vietnamese officers on the draft Indochina peace accord.