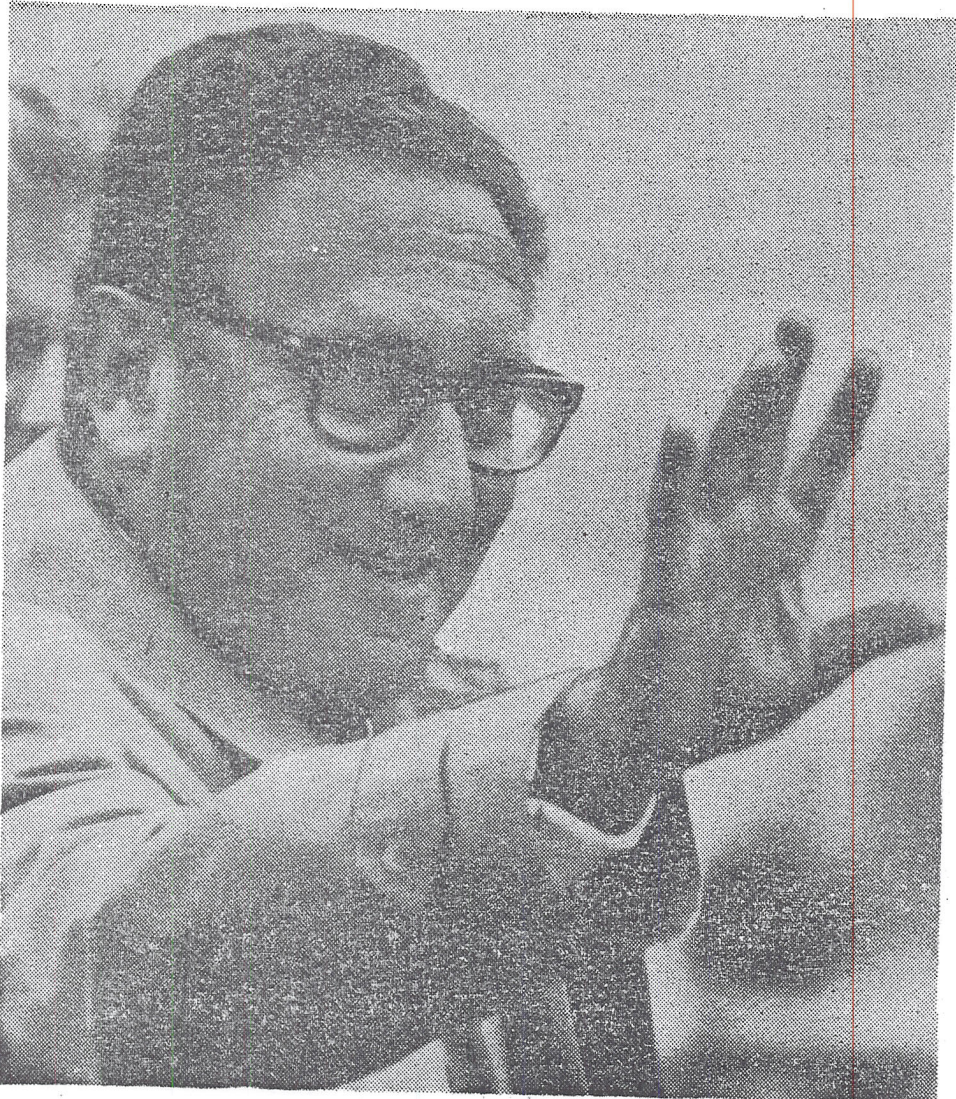


# Kissinger Arrives in Paris for Talks <sup>Post 11-20-72</sup>



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Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger leaving Andrews Air Force Base for Paris.

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PARIS, Nov. 19 — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger arrived here tonight and said that if Hanoi's envoys negotiate with understanding and flexibility, "a rapid settlement of the war is probable."

Kissinger, who flew here from Washington for resumption of private peace talks Monday with North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho, told newsmen at Orly Airport:

"The President has sent me here for what he hopes will be the final phase of the negotiations to end the war in Indochina.

"My instructions are to stay for as long as it is useful and to conduct the talks in a spirit of conciliation and goodwill.

"If our North Vietnamese interlocutors have come here in the same spirit of understanding and flexibility which has characterized our meetings in October, a rapid settlement of the war is probable.

"As for the United States," Kissinger said, "we believe that we have come so far that both sides have an obligation to remove the remaining obstacles."

Among those greeting the U.S. presidential adviser at Orly was South Vietnam's chief negotiator at the public peace talks, Pham Dang Lam.

South Vietnam and the Vietcong have been excluded from the private talks between Kissinger and North Vietnamese Politburo member Tho.

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Kissinger said today he would "consult frequently" with Lam during his stay.

"While I am here, I will be in the closest daily contact with allied countries and the representatives of the Republic of Vietnam," he said.

Earlier in the day, South Vietnam claimed credit for blocking the signing of the draft agreement between the United States and North Vietnam, and warned again that any pact signed behind its back would be invalid.

A commentary broadcast by the official Saigon radio said the draft agreement, which Hanoi had demanded that the United States sign Oct. 31, "was not signed because the people and government of South Vietnam objected to its provisions.

"Let us remember that any treaty negotiated behind the backs of the South Vietnamese people . . . without the signature of the legal representatives of the South Vietnamese is invalid," Saigon radio said.

Kissinger, making his 21st trip to Paris since 1969, for no longer secret talks, was accompanied by his deputy, Gen. Alexander M. Haig, and William H. Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of state for Southeast Asian affairs.

Tho when he arrived in Paris late last week on his return from Hanoi, was accompanied by North Vietnamese Vice Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach. He will also be flanked at Monday's talks by Hanoi's delegate to the public peace negotiations, Xuan Thuy.

Kissinger left Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland at 10 a.m. for the seven-hour flight to Paris.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen in Washington that Nixon did not meet personally with Kissinger today before his departure, but conferred with him by phone and provided notes on the U.S. negotiating position.

Shortly after Kissinger left for Paris, Nixon returned to Camp David in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

White House sources indicated last week that the new Paris sessions might last several days. Kissinger said at a White House press conference Oct. 26 that there were "six or seven very concrete issues" which could be settled with the North Vietnamese in a few days of negotiations.

Until last week, North Vietnam had been insisting that the agreement was complete and the only purpose of fur-

ther negotiations was to establish the date for signing the peace pact.

But Tho, on his arrival in Paris Friday, did not repeat this demand and said he was ready to negotiate a rapid conclusion of the accord.