
Thieu Bid for Direct Talks to Nixon Told

SAIGON — (UPI)— Vietnamese sources said today President Nguyen Van Thieu sent President Nixon a letter Sunday asking him to meet with South Vietnamese emissaries to discuss Saigon's stand in the peace negotiations.

The U.S. Embassy would not comment on the report.

The Vietnamese sources said Thieu wants Nixon to hear the South Vietnamese position directly from either Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam or foreign affairs ad-

viser Nguyen Phu Duc.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said: "We regard conversations and contacts of that kind as private and I can't discuss it."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Pham Dang Sum said presidential adviser Henry Kissinger is telling Hanoi that Saigon still opposes portions of the cease-fire draft treaty, the official Vietnam Press reported today.

Vietnam Press said Sum "reiterated the Republic of Vietnam stand that: All

North Vietnamese troops must be withdrawn to the north; the cease - fire must be realized for the whole of Indochina; the Demilitarized Zone must be respected and the roles, activities and composition of the so-called Council of Nations Reconciliation and Concord must be clearly defined.

"The Republic of Vietnam will not carry out any agreements which did not bear the signature of the Republic of Vietnam," the official paper said Sum reported.
