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PARIS AP — Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho agreed Saturday to interrupt their critical secret peace talks for nine days, apparently to seek new instructions from their governments.

The U.S. special envoy left for New York to report to President Nixon during what the President had intended to be a private family weekend.

Kissinger refused to talk to newsmen at Orly Airport as he smilingly took leave of his chief aides and the head of the South Vietnamese delegation, Pham Dang Lam.

"I'll see you on Dec. 3," Kissinger told Lam.

The North Vietnamese delegation said Tho would remain in Paris to await the resumption of the secret talks on Dec. 4. A delegation spokesman said Kissinger had suggested the break.

Kissinger and Tho, accompanied by only their top aides, met for two hours in Tho's residence in suburban Cholsy Le Roi. Both sides refused comment on details of the negotiations.

The unexpected interruption came after reports in Saigon that South Vietnam's special observers at the talks told President Nguyen Van Thieu that the negotiations were "virtually deadlocked," over North Vietnamese troop withdrawals.

A Saigon newspaper controlled by Thieu's Independence Palace quoted a "high source" as saying no optimistic signs had been seen in Paris. The paper added in an editorial that peace remains "far away" because the negotiators have ignored the troop withdrawal issue.

One of Thieu's main objections to the draft peace accord was that it said nothing about North Vietnamese troop withdrawal.

Kissinger and Tho refused comment on a Washington Post story that the talks were deadlocked by an American refusal to honor the tentative agreement reached last month.

In New York, presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said it had been mutually agreed "not to discuss the substance of the talks or characterize them in any way whatsoever."

Asked about any obstacles that may have come up during the talks, Ziegler said, "I would caution you against excessive speculation." He added that both sides "are negotiating seriously."

It was the U.S. position, Ziegler said, not to sign a final agreement "until the agreement is right."

The administration spokesman also said that Nixon has agreed to meet this week with Thieu's special assistant Nguyen Phy Duc who is coming to Washington to discuss the negotiations.

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Duc is the South Vietnamese counterpart of Kissinger. His trip to Washington follows reports that Thieu believes South Vietnam's views on the agreement have not been made sufficiently clear to Nixon.

The official Hanoi newspaper Nanh Dan charged that the Nixon administration was creating "all the difficulties and troubles in the path of ending the war." The paper accused the United States of "trying a 180-degree turn" in backing away from the draft agreement.

The North Vietnamese criticism came as U.S. B52 bombers continued their heaviest raids of the war over the southern part of North Vietnam. U.S. military sources indicated the raids were a signal to Hanoi that the bombing would not stop until a peace agreement is signed.

There was no official explanation for the circumstances leading to abrupt nine-day suspension of the talks. When Kissinger landed in Paris Nov. 19 he told newsmen that Nixon had instructed him to remain in Paris "as long as is useful."

Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann of France said he had been in close contact with all parties to the conflict and that he was "decidedly less pessimistic" than recent press reports. He said in a television interview that he couldn't disclose the reasons for his optimism.

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