

# KISSINGER MEETS WITH NIXON TWICE ON PEACE EFFORT

White House Adviser Also Sees Rogers on Details for Cease-Fire Team

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AIDES ARE OPTIMISTIC

2 Officials Think Pact Could Come in 2 to 3 Weeks—

An Impasse Is Denied  
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 27—President Nixon met twice with Henry A. Kissinger on Vietnam today and Mr. Kissinger made a rare trip to the State Department to confer with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, as Administration officials privately asserted that efforts to achieve settlement of the war were on course.

One official, fully briefed on Mr. Kissinger's talks with the North Vietnamese in Paris last week, said he thought that a settlement could be arranged in two to three weeks. Another official, equally informed, said he would support that prediction.

The Administration says it has an agreement with Hanoi not to discuss details of the six days of talks between Mr. Kissinger, who is Mr. Nixon's adviser on national security, and Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's negotiator in the private peace talks. Nevertheless, it seemed intent today on combating news reports that suggested that the talks were at an impasse.

### Official Administration Line

The impression that the Administration sought to convey was that it was pleased with the way last week's talks had progressed, and that it saw no reason to doubt that a settlement would be reached.

In private conversations,

well-placed officials said that Mr. Kissinger and his staff had devoted most of the time at the negotiations to removing "ambiguities" from the nine-point draft agreement reached with Mr. Tho last month, which presumably will be the basis for an eventual accord.

These officials said that Mr. Kissinger had also sought a firmer assurance from Hanoi—tacitly, not as part of the formal agreement—that it would withdraw some of its troops in South Vietnam.

### Condition for Thieu

In addition, considerable attention was devoted to Section 4 of the draft accord, which includes a provision for thinning out the armed forces of the Saigon Government and the Vietcong after an accord takes effect.

President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam has made removal of North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam a major condition for his agreement to a settlement. He has argued that since the projected accord calls for the removal of the

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remaining 27,000 American should also call for the pullout of the North Vietnamese soldiers, whose number the United States puts at 145,000.

Hanoi, however, has never conceded that its troops are in South Vietnam, and has refused to include any such reference in a formal accord. The Administration has asserted that Hanoi needs these troops—which cannot be replenished by the terms of the draft accord—to protect the Vietcong areas permitted under the political sections of the accord.

The Administration believes, however, that Hanoi will be willing to remove the 35,000 troops estimated to be in the northern parts of South Vietnam, and to withdraw additional men as part of an eventual agreement between Saigon and the Vietcong.

### Thieu Aide Due Here

The troop issue is likely to be discussed when Mr. Thieu's adviser on foreign policy, Nguyen Phu Duc, meets with Mr. Nixon on Wednesday. There was speculation in Saigon today that Mr. Duc would seek Mr. Nixon's agreement to meet with Mr. Thieu.

But authoritative Administration sources said they had no indication that Mr. Thieu was, in fact, seeking such a meeting.

The sources said that under the timetable now being dis-

cussed in the Administration, Mr. Kissinger would return to Paris on Sunday and resume his negotiations with Mr. Tho Monday.

It is thought here that after that round, which may take several days, Mr. Kissinger will return to Washington.

### Trip to Saigon Foreseen

After further consultations in Washington, Mr. Kissinger or his deputy, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., would probably fly to Saigon to confer again with President Thieu, in an effort to get his acceptance of the agreement that by then would have been worked out by Washington and Hanoi.

Administration sources said it was conceivable that Mr. Thieu might still refuse to agree, but one official said that this would be "suicidal" for him, implying that he would run the risk of losing all American support. It was stated again that the Administration did not believe that Mr. Thieu, in the end, would refuse to go along.

Earlier today, Mr. Kissinger went to the State Department and conferred with Mr. Rogers for about an hour. Sources said that the two men discussed the need for the State Department to work out with Canada, Hungary, Indonesia and Poland the details of their participation in the international supervisory team that will monitor a cease-fire.

It was understood that Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho had discussed in Paris the role and duties of the international supervisory team at some length.

### Clear Instructions Wanted

Canada and the other three nations have insisted that they be given clear written instructions on their duties before they actually commit the total of 5,000 men contemplated for the force.

Administration sources specifically denied some reports from Paris that said Mr. Kissinger had reopened the negotiations and had demanded major changes in the draft accord. One official said no such "naive escalation of demands" was made.

Officials said that while the negotiations last week were tough, with much give and take, the emphasis on both sides was on working an accord. They said Mr. Tho's remaining in Paris, and not going back to Hanoi, was a clear sign that the talks were on course and had not broken down.

### Thieu Said to Seek Summit

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By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Nov. 27—According to informed speculation in South Vietnamese political circles, President Thieu's special assistant, Mr. Duc, is bringing with him to Washington a request for an American-South Vietnamese summit meeting.

Mr. Duc, who is by title equivalent to Mr. Kissinger, has been in Paris for the last week receiving briefings on the private talks between Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho.

President Thieu is known to be anxious to exploit any differences between President Nixon's and Mr. Kissinger's positions on the negotiations. Shaken by recent events, he would like to see Mr. Nixon personally, according to sources in touch with the presidential palace.