

Thieu Seeks Summit  
Session With Nixon

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South Vietnam's foreign minister indicated today that President Nguyen Van Thieu is seeking a meeting with President Nixon to discuss a Vietnam peace settlement.

He said the key issue in negotiations now is Saigon's insistence that North Vietnam withdraw its troops from the south.

Nixon met with Thieu's special emissary at Washington to express his support for the cease-fire agreement negotiated by Henry Kissinger.

Nixon interrupted a prolonged stay at his Camp David, Md., retreat to return to the White House in midafternoon for the meeting with Nguyen Phu Duc, who is Thieu's chief foreign policy adviser.

The President's helicopter landed at the White House after a 30-minute flight from his mountaintop lodge. Duc arrived bearing a personal letter from Thieu which was believed to include an invitation for a Nixon-Thieu summit meeting.

Washington reports said such a Nixon-Thieu meeting is highly unlikely.

The reports coincided with the sudden departure for Saigon of Thieu's nephew and top foreign policy aide,

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Hoang Duc Nha, after only a two-day stay in Paris.

In Saigon, Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam told newsmen: "A meeting between the two heads of state is always necessary in order to coordinate their policy. But it still depends on the agenda and workload of each of them. It is always useful."

The South Vietnamese foreign minister told Saigon newsmen the "important" issue under discussion at the private secret Paris peace talks is withdrawal of North Vietnamese Army units from South Vietnam.

Lam also said South Vietnam wants to be represented at the private Paris talks but the North Vietnamese have refused to let a Saigon envoy attend.

"Many times we have expressed the wish to be in the private talks," Lam said. "It's better to be together and to avoid all deadlocks—but so far the North Vietnamese do not like it. I'm sure that on our side Henry Kissinger would like very much to have us in the peace talks. It would solve a lot of problems."

Lam also said reports that Thieu would agree to partial demobilization of the South Vietnamese Army in return for the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops are "details" which must be negotiated.

Thieu has steadfastly refused to agree to a cease-fire unless the North Vietnamese troops publicly pull out of the South. But the North Vietnamese never have admitted their forces are fighting south of the 17th parallel Demilitarized Zone.

**Main Roadblock**

Sources close to the South Vietnamese delegation and Communist Vietnamese sources in Paris said privately that Thieu's firm demand for the departure of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia was the main roadblock in the new phase of secret meetings between Kissinger and Hanoi's le duc tho.



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A Communist Vietnamese official said, "We still stand on our demand — the United States must sign the already approved accord without delay."

Chinese Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei today urged the United States to sign the Vietnam cease-fire agreement.

Speaking at a Peking reception given by Albanian Ambassador Khorxhi Robo, Chi said: "The U.S. Government not only has backed out from the schedule for signing agreed on by the Vietnamese and U.S. sides on pretext of difficulties encountered in Saigon, but is continuously attempting to make substantive changes in the agreement that has already been reached."