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Kissinger Sees Thieu Envoy on Truce Pact He Hopes to Conclude Next Week

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—The United States continued today to urge South Vietnam to agree to the Indochina settlement that the Administration believes will emerge in Paris after Henry A. Kissinger resumes negotiations with North Vietnam on Monday.

Mr. Kissinger, who has told aides that 95 per cent of the agreement has been negotiated, met again today with Nguyen Phu Duc, a special envoy of President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam.

Mr. Duc, who conferred for a total of three hours with President Nixon on Wednesday and yesterday, spent two and a half hours today with Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser. He was reportedly seeking further clarification of the future American attitude toward South Vietnam and discussing the timing of the proposed cease-fire.

An Administration official said that Mr. Duc had discussed Mr. Thieu's apprehensions about a cease-fire that would leave at least some

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North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam.

But Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kissinger have reportedly stressed to Mr. Duc that an agreement with North Vietnam was inevitable because Hanoi sincerely wanted an end to the war. Moreover, the American officials have urged Mr. Duc to convey to Saigon the conviction of top United States officials that South Vietnam need not fear an end to the war, but should rather welcome it.

Mr. Nixon has reportedly told Mr. Duc that the United States intends to be generous in the post-war settlement, both to Saigon and to Hanoi.

The official said Mr. Nixon had also reminded Mr. Duc

that the United States does not intend to disengage entirely from southeast Asia, that American forces will remain in Thailand and on ships offshore and will be able to aid Saigon militarily in case of flagrant violations by North Vietnam of the cease-fire.

Mr. Kissinger, who briefed the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the negotiations yesterday and received their endorsement, planned to fly to Key Biscayne, Fla., to meet with Mr. Nixon tomorrow and receive his final instructions for the resumed Paris talks.

After conferring with Mr. Nixon, Mr. Kissinger is to return to Washington in time to leave on Sunday for Paris from Andrews air force base with the rest of his negotiating party.

A high official said the Administration remained confident that a final agreement can be achieved within weeks. He said that if all went according to plan, Mr. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the chief Hanoi negotiator, would finish their negotiations sometime next week.

Mr. Kissinger is then expected to return to Washington for further consultations with Mr. Nixon. After that, either Mr. Kissinger or his deputy, Gen.

Alexander M. Haig Jr. would fly to Saigon to present the proposed settlement to Mr. Thieu.

Mr. Thieu's current attitude toward the projected settlement remains unclear. Officially, his spokesmen in Saigon and in Paris insist that certain conditions must be met before he will agree. These demands, however, seem to most Administration officials as "posturing" in advance of his eventual acceptance of the agreement.

Administration officials here have urged reporters not to take very seriously the statements made in Paris by the Saigon and Vietcong spokesmen, who both, in different ways, have suggested that the Paris talks have not made much progress.

"Both would like to sabotage the agreement," one official said, "and they are using the press for their psychological warfare."