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Saigon Still Resists Pact, Denies Cease-Fire Near

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SAIGON, Dec. 4—Despite a widespread indication that the Paris peace negotiations have reached a conclusive phase, South Vietnam kept up its campaign of resistance to the draft agreement today and warned against speculation that a cease-fire is imminent.

President Thieu's foreign policy adviser Nguyen Phu Duc returned to Saigon this morning from Washington, where he had two meetings with President Nixon and other discussions with chief U.S. negotiator Henry Kissinger.

As expected, Duc evaded newsmen at the airport. He later went to Independence Palace for a meeting with Thieu and members of South Vietnam's National Security Council.

No information about the discussion was made public. Tonight, however, Tin Song, the newspaper financed by one of Thieu's closest aides and which often functions as a conduit for the government's views, quoted "high level sources" as saying there could be no cease-fire by Dec. 15, as some published reports have suggested.

"It is not clear-sighted to set a deadline for the signing of an agreement, when the main points are not yet resolved," the "high level sources" reportedly said.

In the Saigon government's public statements, the main issue continues to be its demand that any peace agree-

ment contain a written provision that North Vietnam withdraw all its military forces from South Vietnam.

Without that, Tin Song said today, "a cease-fire agreement will not occur as simply as some people believe," and South Vietnam will not sign any agreement it finds unsatisfactory on this point.

Saigon Radio chipped in with a commentary tonight that "no cease-fire" agreement will be effective without the signature of the Republic of the Vietnam government which firmly demands that Hanoi pull out 300,000 Communist troops and cadres from the South and stop interfering into Republic of Vietnam internal affairs, which will be settled by the South Vietnamese themselves after a cease-fire is realized throughout Indochina."

The foreign ministry made a point today of confirming remarks attributed to Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam by an Italian journalist that South Vietnam might refuse to sign an agreement worked out by Washington and Hanoi.

All these moves contributed to speculation here that the U.S. and North Vietnam might sign a bilateral agreement without South Vietnam's participation.

Most observers here tend to discount the possibility that Saigon would seriously attempt to go it alone