
Nixon Silent on Letter to Thieu

Key Biscayne, Fla.

The Florida White House acknowledged yesterday that President Nixon sent a private letter to South Vietnamese President Nyugen Van Thieu, but refused to discuss its contents.

Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler would neither confirm nor deny that the letter given Thieu by General Alexander M. Haig Jr. contained an ultimatum to Saigon that unless a peace agreement is signed, South Vietnam faces a cutoff in economic and military aid.

Senior South Vietnamese officials yesterday reported the contents of the letter to

Thieu and said another ultimatum had been sent to Hanoi threatening continued bombing attacks unless agreement is reached.

Ziegler confirmed in response to questions that Haig, deputy assistant to the President for national security affairs, carried a letter from Mr. Nixon to Thieu, but said he couldn't comment on its contents.

He also said he would have no comment "on speculation or rumors that are coming from various capitals."

Haig is en route back from two days of talks with Thieu. He will arrive at Homestead Air Force Base near Miami this morning. *Associated Press*
