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**Hanoi Rejects U.S. Invitation
 For Technical Talks in Paris**

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PARIS, Dec. 27—North Vietnam refused to sit down with the United States today to discuss technical details of a cease-fire agreement. Dec. 18 to bomb the Hanoi-Haiphong area. This followed a breakdown of private negotiations here.

An American suggestion for a meeting at the experts level was turned down at the last minute by North Vietnam because of the continued American bombing of Hanoi. A meeting of the same type that began last Saturday ended abruptly after a North Vietnamese protest. A spokesman for the American delegation asked whether the reference to the situation before Dec. 18 did not concern the impasse in the talks, for which he blamed the North Vietnamese.

The French Foreign Minister, Maurice Schumann, discussed the situation last night with Vo Van Sung, North Vietnam's permanent delegate here, and this afternoon with Jack Kubisch, the American Chargé d'Affaires.

A Foreign Ministry official said France refused to resign herself to a simple resumption of hostilities and would continue to promote efforts to reach a negotiated settlement.

In its message to the American side, the Hanoi delegation said: "When the situation existing before Dec. 18, 1972, has been restored, the meetings of representatives and experts will be resumed." The North Vietnamese were presumably alluding to the order by President Nixon on