

Included in same  
story, as carried by  
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...wed and  
...gs similar to  
... going on if the  
...an proposals were  
... accepted. That is why,  
Thuy said, children were  
evacuated from Hanoi on  
December 3, before the  
breakdown in the talks.

American officials have  
pointed to the evacuation of  
Hanoi as evidence that  
North Vietnam had planned  
in advance to avoid signing  
an agreement.

Neither the American nor  
the North Vietnamese side  
has provided a detailed run-  
down of what actually hap-  
pened at the talks. Each  
side has tended to publicize  
the "unacceptable" propos-  
als made by the other, but  
neither has indicated in de-  
tail where the talks actually  
stand today, or what propos-  
als are still on the table.

American officials would  
not comment on the Hanoi  
charges.

Kissinger was in Palm  
Springs, Calif., Secretary of  
State William P. Rogers was  
in the Bahamas, and Secre-  
tary of Defense Melvin R.  
Laird was in Hawaii.