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Visit Delay
Confirmed

LONDON, Dec. 29 (UPI)—Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev will not hold planned talks with President Nixon in the United States until next fall, a report from Moscow said today. It said that until an agreement on Vietnam is reached, such a visit remains "out of the question."

The report, which appeared in the London Evening News, said: "The political climate is not right for such a meeting early next year. An agreement on peace in Vietnam has not been reached, and without an agreement a visit by the Russian leaders is out of the question."

Written by Victor Louis, a Soviet journalist who often reflects official Moscow policies, the report added that Brezh-

nev's planned visit, "understood to have been set for next spring, is not now expected to take place until the autumn. According to observers here" (in Moscow).

Continuing problems in the Middle East also influenced the Soviet decision, the dispatch said.

[The Washington Post on Dec. 9 quoted Soviet diplomats in Washington as saying that Brezhnev had decided to put off his visit to the United States until next fall, to give the Soviet leadership more time to "take measure" of the second Nixon administration.]

Diplomats in Moscow have speculated that the decision to put off the summit meeting with Mr. Nixon might have been "inspired" by other Soviet officials. Overall, today's report appeared as a diplomatic warning to the Nixon administration.