## Two Americans in Paris Lend Houses for Talks

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PARIS, Jan. 10 - The two American-owned residences in the Paris area where recent private Vietnam talks have been conducted were selected because members of the United States Embassy liked them and thought them big enough, their owners said

Arnaud L. Clerc owns the house on 31 Boulevard de la Saussaye in residential Neuilly where experts on both sides held another meeting this afternoon. Milton Berzin is the owner of the ranch-style house next to the golf course at St.-Nom-la-Breteche where Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho

met yesterday.
Today's session between
the American and North Vietnamese negotiators took place at Gif-sur-Yvette, south of Paris, in a villa at the disposal of Hanoi. Protocol is that the two sides alternate as host for the meetings.

## Owner of Jewelry Store

Mr. Clerc, who looks like Edward G. Robinson, is the owner of a big jewelry store bearing his name on the Place de l'Opéra in downtown Paris. The chancellor here of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he has long been prominent in French-American associations.

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Mr. Berzin heads a multiinternational European marinternational European marketing organization selling electronic and aeronautical equipment to governmental agencies. He has lived here since he was demobilized from the United States Air Force after World War II.

Mr. Clerc said in an interview that being host for the talks was no trouble, but as American security agents

American security agents moved into his home and

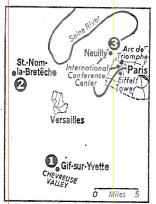
French policemen surrounded it, he moved out.

The house has two large reception rooms on the ground floor in each of which 30 people can easily work. The only trace of the meetings, Mr. Clerc related, were bottles of Vietnamese sauce in the kitchen. He explained that caterers take the two delegations the same French food, except that the Vietnamese side has been asking for rice and a sauce known as soja

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When Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho arrived for the first time last year, Mr. Clerc said, the secrecy was not all that effective. Newspapermen on motorcycles apparently followed the five-car Kissinger convoy from the United States Embassy residence on Faubour St.-Honoré and were not shaken off when the cars not shaken off when the cars along the Champs-

Elysées.
"C.B.S. called me five minutes after Kissinger and Tho



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(1) after a meeting at St.-Nom-la-Bretêche (2). Meanwhile, experts met at Neuilly (3).

had arrived," Mr. Clerc said. and A.B.C. an hour later, and then all the others."

On the first day, Neuilly police spotted two microphones lowered on strings from the roofs of the houses on either side of Mr. Clerc's and had them removed.

Mr. Berzin, whose house is smaller than Mr. Clerc's but has more rooms, has retired to one of its wings during the meetings.