Waiting for Mr. Thieu

Although many signs point to an early cease-fire in Vietnam, reports from Saigon indicate that President Thieu is still dragging his feet on an agreement already extensively revised to try to meet his objections. The United States has paid a heavy price in men, material and moral standing for this delay on Mr. Thieu's behalf.

Administration spokesmen have offered repeated assurances that Saigon would not be permitted to stand in the way of an agreement that was satisfactory to the United States. Presumably Mr. Kissinger brought the main ingredients for that kind of accord home from his latest sojourn in Paris. The next few days should tell whether American policy is indeed made in Washington or whether it is still subject to Saigon's veto.