

## 'Fall Back' Order Is Reported

### Saigon

American military advisers were ordered yesterday to withdraw to safe areas if anti-Saigon troops attack outposts or remote positions after a cease-fire is announced, rather than remaining to help the South Vietnamese, UPI field dispatches reported.

South Vietnam ordered its own troops on "maximum alert" against any attempt at a last-minute land grab.

U.S. military sources in Saigon denied the directive was issued by the U.S. command but there have been cases in the past when orders issued in the field were not announced in Saigon. Spokesmen normally refuse to comment on contingency plans.

UPI correspondent Barney Siebert, in the northern city of Hue, quoted U.S. officers as saying that Americans in the countryside were ordered to fall back to large bases in case of attacks after a cease-fire is announced but before it actually goes into effect.

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