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**Main Points Summarized**

The main issues of the agreement which have been agreed upon may be summarized as follows:

[1]

1 The United States respects the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam as recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements.

"and all other countries" added

[2]

2 Twenty-four hours after the signing of the agreement, a cease-fire shall be observed throughout South Vietnam. The United States will stop all its military activities and end the bombing and mining in North Vietnam. \*

"Twenty-four hours" changed to "at the same hour" (of cease-fire)

removal of mines added

3 Within 60 days there will be a total withdrawal from South Vietnam of troops and military personnel of the United States and those of the foreign countries allied with the United States and with the Republic of Vietnam. The two South Vietnamese parties shall not accept

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the introduction of troops, military advisers and military personnel, armaments, munitions, and war material into South Vietnam.

4 The two South Vietnamese parties shall be permitted to make periodical replacements of armaments, munitions and war material that have been worn out or damaged after the ceasefire, on the basis of piece for piece of similar characteristics and properties. The United States will not continue its military involvement or intervene in the internal affairs of South Vietnam.

\* At the end of Article 2 is added "The complete cessation of hostilities ... shall be durable and without limit of time."

\* To Article 3 (A, B) is added the provision that the forces of the U.S. and its foreign allies, the PRG and Republic of Vietnam "shall remain in place."

\*\* In Article 6 a provision is added for dismantlement of all bases of the U.S. and its foreign allies in South Vietnam.

- 8A [3] The return of all captured and detained personnel of the parties shall be carried out simultaneously with the U.S. troops' withdrawal.

"all" and "detained" eliminated; "military" and "foreign civilians" added
- 9B [4] The principles for the exercise of the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination are as follows:

the South Vietnamese people shall decide themselves the political future of South Vietnam through genuinely free and democratic general elections under international supervision.
- 9C the United States is not committed to any political tendency or to any personality in South Vietnam, and it does not seek to impose a pro-American regime in Saigon;

"United States" changed to "foreign countries."
- 11 national reconciliation and concord will be achieved, the democratic liberties of the people insured;

"democratic liberties" listed
- 12A an administrative structure called the National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord, of three equal segments, will be set up to promote the implementation of the signed agreements by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, and the Government of the Republic of Vietnam and to organize

"administrative structure" eliminated
- 12B on the principle of unanimity" added
- 12A the general elections, the two South Vietnamese parties will consult about the formation of councils at lower level;
- 13 the question of Vietnamese armed forces in South Vietnam shall be settled by the two South Vietnamese parties in a spirit of national reconciliation and concord, equality and mutual respect, without foreign interference in accordance with the postwar situation;
- 13 among the questions to be discussed by the two South Vietnamese parties are steps to reduce the military numbers on both sides and to demobilize the troops being reduced;
- 12A the two South Vietnamese parties shall sign an agreement on the internal matters of South Vietnam as soon as possible and will do their utmost to accomplish this within three months after the cease-fire comes into effect.

In Article 14 the provision is added that future acceptance of aid by South Vietnam "shall come under the authority of the government set up after the general elections ... "

157 [5] The reunification of Vietnam shall be carried out step by step through peaceful means.

16A [6] There will be formed a four-party joint military commission and a joint military commission of the two South Vietnamese parties.

17A An international commission of control and supervision shall be established.

18 An international guarantee conference on Vietnam will be convened within 30 days of the signing of this agreement.

19 [7] The government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Vietnam shall strictly respect the Cambodian and Laos peoples' fundamental national rights as recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements on Indochina and the 1962 Geneva agreements on Laos, i.e., the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of these countries. They shall respect the neutrality of Cambodia and Laos.

20A The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Vietnam undertake to refrain from using the territory of Cambodia and the territory of Laos to encroach on the sovereignty and security of other countries. Foreign countries shall put an end to all military activities in Laos and Cambodia, totally withdraw from and refrain from reintroducing into these two countries troops, military advisers and military personnel, armaments, munitions and war material.

20B The internal affairs of Cambodia and Laos shall be settled by the people of each of these countries without foreign interference.

20C The problems existing between the three Indochinese countries shall be settled by the Indochinese parties on the basis of respect for each other's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and noninterference in each other's internal affairs.

In Art 15, section on DMZ added as A, B, C; see explanation by Kissinger, NYTimes 25 Jan 73, p. 20, col. 1

"of one another" added

22 [8] With the ending of the war, the restoration of peace in Vietnam will create conditions for establishing a new, equal and mutually beneficial relationship between the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the United States. The United States will contribute to healing the wounds of war and to postwar reconstruction in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and throughout Indochina.

21 [9] This agreement shall come into force as of its signing. It will be strictly implemented by all the parties concerned.