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U.S. Copters Will Fly Them
to Capital to Take Part in
Cease-Fire Commission

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Friday, Jan. 26—Vietnamese Communist military personnel will be flown to Saigon aboard American helicopters Sunday or Monday to join a cease-fire commission created by the Vietnam peace accord, a well-informed American source said yesterday.

The Communist soldiers will establish a base at what is now the United States Seventh Air Force headquarters at Tan Son Nhut airport on the edge of Saigon, the source said. The Air Force personnel were expected to leave immediately.

The Communist military personnel are being brought to the South Vietnamese capital to participate in a body termed the Four-Party Joint Military Commission, which is mandated by the Paris peace agreement.

The commission, which will have its headquarters in Saigon and will have teams and regional officers around the country, will consist of military rep-

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representatives of the United States, South Vietnam, the Vietcong and North Vietnam.

The North Vietnamese have never acknowledged that their troops or officers are in South Vietnam. So it is unclear whether the Communist troops to be picked up by the American helicopters will represent themselves as only Vietcong or as both Vietcong and North Vietnamese.

The American source said, however, that there would certainly be North Vietnamese as well as Vietcong military officers among the men coming to Saigon. He said the Communist military personnel were expected to be picked up by the American helicopters in western South Vietnam, near the Cambodian border.

The source said arrangements for the pickup were being made with ease, explaining "communications with the other side are not difficult."

Quartering the Communist troops and officers at Tan Son Hut is thought to be highly acceptable to President Nguyen Van Thieu since it will keep them out of central Saigon and make them less accessible to the press.

Generals to Head Teams

Under the terms of the Paris accord, the central Four-Party Joint Military Commission must begin operating within 24 hours after the cease-fire goes into effect at 8 A.M. Sunday (7 P.M. Saturday, New York Time).

There was no precise word on how many North Vietnamese and Vietcong soldiers would arrive on Sunday or Monday, but the terms of the Paris agreement call for each of the four parties to send 59 representatives to Saigon. Each delegation is to be headed by a general.

As defined by the protocols or technical documents that specify how the peace agreement is to be carried out, the joint military commission was created to "deter and detect violations" of the cease-fire agreement, to "deal with cases of violation," and to "settle conflicts and matters of contention" between the former enemy sides.

The commission is also responsible for investigating charges of fire violations anywhere in South Vietnam and assisting the parties to the peace agreement "in finding measures to prevent recurrence of similar cases."

16 Regional Commissions

In addition to the central commission in Saigon, there will be seven regional joint military commissions, each consisting of 16 men from each side, based in Hue, Da Nang, Pleiku, Phan Thiet, Bien Hoa, My Tho and Can Tho.

The commission will also have teams based in 26 other cities and towns around South Vietnam. These teams will consist of four men from each side.

The joint military commission and its branches around the country will remain in operation for 60 days, according to the terms of the peace agreement.