

Kissinger Reveals Hanoi Vow To Trace 1,300
Missing Men

NEW YORK (AP) — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger says North Vietnam has promised "a full investigation" into the fate of some 1,300 Americans who are still unaccounted for in Vietnam.

"Now, I must say that I cannot really believe that the North Vietnamese would hide prisoners on us," Kissinger said in an interview broadcast Sunday night by the National Broadcasting Co.

Kissinger said that while he was in Hanoi, he presented a U.S. analysis of the missing in action, "particularly where we had some evidence that a flier had parachuted ... or where we had collateral evidence that a person might have been taken prisoner.

Kissinger, President Nixon's chief adviser on national security, told NBC correspondent Barbara Walters, "North Vietnam will never relinquish its desire to take over South Vietnam." But that is not the issue, he added.

"THE ISSUE is will they want to unify Vietnam by force or are they willing to rely on an evolutionary process," Kissinger said. He said he thought the North Vietnamese were considering a "peaceful revolution .. for the first time in their history and in their lives."

He said the United States was not opposed to unification through peaceful, political means. "If the performance on one part or the other is so clearly superior to that of the other that it tends to achieve moral superiority over the other, that is not an American concern," he said.

The wide ranging interview also touched on Kissinger's working relationship with the President. First, he said reports of a strain in their relationship during the last stages of the peace negotiations were unfounded. Then he provided a glimpse of how he and Nixon work together.

"The President, before I go out on a diplomatic mission, doesn't write down specific points that I am supposed to achieve . . . What the President does is to write down for himself, on a yellow sheet, four or five or six major issues, and the pros and cons of each issue.

"THEN HE WILL call me in, go over them and over them and if I have any ideas I will present them to him. But he talks much more in general terms of where we want to go, so that I clearly understand what he has in mind."

However, he would not discuss his role in last December's resumption of heavy bombing in North Vietnam, saying, "I have one absolute rule which is that I never discuss publicly what I recommend to the President."

Asked if his recent talks in China had led him to believe

that the Chinese might be willing to join in arms limitations talks, Kissinger replied:

"The Chinese problem is quite different from ours, and from that of other of the major powers. Their nuclear program is in its infancy and any of the limitations that are now being discussed between us and the Soviet Union occur at a level of nuclear armaments that is probably unimaginable for the Chinese."

He also said President Nixon will be spending more of his time and "taking a greater interest" in Middle Eastern affairs now.

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