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U.S.-Hanoi Economic Aid Talks Begin

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The United States and North Vietnam opened formal negotiations yesterday on possible U.S. economic aid to Hanoi.

Maurice Williams, deputy director of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and North Vietnamese Finance Minister Dong Viet Chau opened the first session of the new American-North Vietnamese Economic Commission in the former Hotel Majestic, where the peace agreement was signed January 27.

American sources said the discussions, to be held behind closed doors, will deal only with economic matters and will not be concerned with alleged cease fire violations by either side.

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