

U.S. Fails to Get Hanoi Support On Extending Life of Truce Unit

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WASHINGTON, March 28 — foreign civilians of the parties.”

The United States sought to extend the life of the Four-Party Joint Military Commission in South Vietnam, but failed to gain Hanoi's support, an Administration official said today.

As a result the commission, empowered by the Vietnam cease-fire agreement to last for 60 days, will go out of existence by this weekend and the 850-man American contingent will leave South Vietnam.

Charles W. Bray, 3d, the State Department spokesman, said that it was expected that the commission, made up of representatives of the United States, the South Vietnamese Government, the Vietcong and North Vietnam, would end its task on Friday and Saturday.

A well-placed Administration source said that Washington had sent direct messages to Hanoi suggesting that the life of the commission be extended briefly to help carry out the cease-fire agreement, which has been marked by many violations.

“The other side showed no enthusiasm,” the source said.

Article 16 of the cease-fire agreement says that the commission shall end its activities “in 60 days, after the completion of the withdrawal of U.S. troops and those of other foreign countries and the completion of the return of captured military personnel and

The ending of the Four-Party Military Commission means that the job of carrying out the agreement will rest primarily with a Two-Party Joint Military Commission, made up of representatives from the Saigon and Vietcong forces.

Either of these parties can protest alleged violations to the four-nation International Commission of Control and Supervision, which is made up of Canadians, Hungarians, Indonesians and Poles.

Hundreds of Troops Leave

SAIGON, South Vietnam, March 28 (Reuters) — Military and civilian jets kept up a round-the-clock shuttle today, airlifting troops out of the country as United States military involvement in Vietnam approached its end.

A total of 1,800 men were scheduled to depart today for the United States or to bases in Japan, Thailand and Guam. The last American contingent of 2,500 men are scheduled to be flown out by 3 P.M. tomorrow.

The final withdrawal is tied to the release of the last American prisoners of war still held by the North Vietnamese. These are scheduled to be freed tomorrow in Hanoi and flown to Clark Air Base in the Philippines.