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**Calif. Meeting**

# Thieu Here For 'Summit'

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**SAN CLEMENTE**—A lot of changes have occurred in the Vietnam situation since President Nixon and President Nguyen Van Thieu met on Midway Island on June 8, 1969. All 550,000 American troops have come home from Vietnam since that day of their agreement on the first withdrawal of 25,000 men.

However, as the two leaders sit down at the Western White House tomorrow for the third meeting of their often strained relationship, the fate of South Vietnam remains in doubt.

Thieu comes to the United States to do more than the obvious — seek a commitment of continued support of his regime, now politically consolidated with a new "democracy" or democratic party. American government sources believe the South Vietnamese president wants to showcase his interest in peace and reconstruction to the American people, and particularly to convince the U.S. Congress he is something more than a military dictator.

That includes an emphasis on self-help and a welcome sign for foreign investment.

White House and State Department sources discouraged speculation that any major dollar commitment of future help would emerge from the San Clemente meeting.

At the Washington end of the aid pipeline, U.S. support has been moving at the level provided by a continuing resolution from fiscal year 1972, in the absence of a new aid bill.

But Washington officials conceded they have "backed off" even mentioning the \$7.5 billion long-term reconstruction figure for all of Vietnam, of which \$2.5 billion would go to Hanoi.

President Thieu arrives in Los Angeles this afternoon. He and his party will stay at the Century Plaza Hotel commuting to the Western White House, about 65 miles south on the Pacific Coast, for the two days of talks.

On Wednesday, Thieu flies to Washington for four days, during which Vice President Spiro Agnew will be his official host. He will stay at Blair House, the presidential guest residence.

On April 7, the South Vietnamese president will fly to Austin, Tex., to call on the widow of the late President Lyndon Johnson, then depart for Rome and an audience with Pope Paul VI.