

Thieu's Aides Say He'll Stall on Pact

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WASHINGTON — (CST) — Aides accompanying South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu on his visit here acknowledged — though not for quotation — that he was intent upon frustrating the political provisions of the peace agreement with Hanoi and the Viet Cong.

The agreement calls for the creation of a National Council of National Reconciliation, composed of representatives of Saigon and the Viet Cong, to prepare new National elections.

But Thieu's aides said the South Vietnam government planned to stall the negotiations for the next 12 months in confidence that the Communists and neutralists could be excluded from any share of power thereafter.

Nixon expressed "great interest" in the political negotiations but indicated no reprisal against Thieu's

stalling tactics. To the contrary, Thieu was promised "substantial economic assistance in the postwar period."

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said it would probably exceed the \$500 million in non-military aid Thieu will receive this year. Thieu's aides expressed confidence that it will reach \$1 billion.