

U.S. Concern for Truce Helicopters

Washington

White House and State Department spokesmen expressed strong concern yesterday over attacks by the Viet Cong on clearly marked Vietnam truce helicopters.

President Nixon views the attacks as "extremely serious," deputy presidential press secretary Gerald Warren reported.

State Department spokesman John King called the shooting down last Saturday of an International Commission for Control and Supervision helicopter, with the loss of nine lives, "a totally callous flouting" of the Vietnam cease fire agreement.

King said the U.S. "can

only condemn the incident."

Warren said that detailed reports on the downing of two helicopters over the weekend and firing on two more would be made by the spokesman of the four nation ICCS.

He also reported that General Alexander Haig is sending reports to the White House. Haig, the deputy chief of staff of the Army, has been sent on a special mission to Southeast Asia.

Warren said he could give no assessment or characterization of the Haig report. South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu said on a television program Sunday that the Cambodian situation poses a danger to South Vietnam. *Associated Press*