

Truce Violations

U.S., Hanoi Aides Meet in Paris

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U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators held their first formal meeting on Vietnam cease-fire violations yesterday and agreed to talk again tomorrow.

But a Hanoi official said there would be no early high level talks with Henry Kissinger, as the U.S. had announced.

Hanoi's Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Nguyen Co Thach, said to newsmen: "I can tell you that as of now there is no question of a meeting between Le Duc Tho (of North Vietnam) and Dr. Kissinger."

Thach spoke after a five-hour and 20-minute meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State William L. Sullivan in a French Commu-

nist Party villa in suburban Gif-sur-Yvette.

A White House announcement Wednesday had said the two sides would discuss cease-fire violations and lay the groundwork for a mid-May meeting in Paris between Kissinger and Tho.

The Paris newspaper Le Figaro quoted North Vietnamese sources as saying Tho would not make the journey from Hanoi unless the U.S. was prepared to minesweeping operations in Haiphong harbor and take up again the economic aid talks it broke off last week. The newspaper quoted its sources as saying: "Additionally, the White House should show greater concern about cease-fire violations committed by Saigon."

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