

Hanoi Deemed Mistrustful on Joint Aid

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WASHINGTON, May 10 — William H. Sullivan, a senior American negotiator with North Vietnam, said today that while Hanoi officials strongly desired foreign economic aid, they were suspicious of any multinational programs because "they don't trust the Russians or Chinese any more than they do us."

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Sullivan said North Vietnam's need for American assistance was one of the factors that might motivate it to comply more fully with the provisions of the three-and-a-half-month-old cease-fire agreement in Vietnam.

Mr. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, was a chief deputy to Henry A. Kissinger in the long negotiations and recently renewed talks in Paris. Today he appeared before the committee on his appointment as Ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. Sullivan said that although there was "enormous suspicion" in Hanoi of multinational programs, there might be "conscious parallelism" in aid.

He said: "If the Chinese, for instance, built some narrow-gauge railroad track for the North Vietnamese, the United States might supply railroad cars that would fit the track."

Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the committee, got into several clashes with Mr. Sullivan over American policy in Indochina.

Mr. Fulbright said he hoped that Mr. Sullivan in his new

post in Manila would not lead the United States into "a new Vietnam."

Mr. Sullivan assured him that he did not see anything comparable in the two countries. He said the insurgent problems in the Philippines were not of the same dimensions as those in South Vietnam.

Mr. Fulbright indicated that despite his differences, not only with Mr. Sullivan, but with two other appointees, Graham A. Martin, Ambassador to South Vietnam, and G. McMurtree Godley, as Mr. Sullivan's successor, he would not try to block their confirmation.

Yesterday, Mr. Fulbright suggested that while serving as Ambassador to Italy from 1969 until this January, Mr. Martin had recommended covert American funds to influence Italian politics.

Mr. Martin refused to discuss the matter, and when the hearings resumed today, Mr. Fulbright did not pursue the matter and excused Mr. Martin from further questioning.

Among other nominees heard today were Jack B. Kubisch, as Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs; Robert J. McCloskey as Ambassador to Cyprus, and Philip V. Sanchez as Ambassador to Honduras.