file 26 Oct 72

NYTimes | filed | Indochina/Comment 22 Apr 75

From column by Tom Wicker on resignation speech of President Nguyen Van Thieu: (21 17275)

"Mr. Thieu also went into some detail about what he called a draft peace proposal that he said he had rejected for three reasons - that it called for a coalition government, termed North and South Vietnam one state, and accepted North Vietnamese troops in the South.

"He said he had been confronted with this draft agreement on Oct. 26, 1972 which is the day Henry Kissinger announced in Washington that 'peace is at hand.'

"That was just a week*before the Presidential election of 1972"

*12 days - election was 7 Nov 72.