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PARIS, March 29—The North Vietnamese Government, replying to an American request for talks about normalizing relations, demanded today that the United States fulfill its promise of postwar aid.

The answer came in a statement from Hanoi's embassy here. Last Friday, a member of the United States embassy staff delivered a message asking for talks and calling on the Vietnamese to show "god will" and to account for Americans still listed as missing in action.

"Our position is clear," North Vietnam's spokesman said. "The United States Government must apply Article 21 of the Paris

agreement," he said, referring to the Vietnam cease-fire accord of 1973, "under which the United States must fulfill its obligation to contribute to healing the wounds of war and the postwar reconstruction of Vietnam. On our side, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam is prepared to apply Article 8-B of the agreement about Americans missing in action.

#### U. S. 'Good Will' Sought

"We have expressed our good will several times. We require that the United States also show a correct attitude and good will toward normalizing relations between Vietnam and the United States."

The wording of the reply

made it uncertain whether Hanoi was, in effect, rebuffing the American overtures or moving toward negotiations.

Hanoi was repeating what it has said many times, but since it was a statement instead of a formal diplomatic message, it appeared to indicate little interest in renewing government talks with the United States at this time.

North Vietnam received a United States Congressional delegation last year and, after talks, returned the remains of three American airmen. The Congressmen said they favored lifting the United States boycott on trade with Vietnam and for formal relations, but there has been no further devel-

opment except for the United States note last week.

For several months after the signing of the Paris agreements in January 1973, American and North Vietnamese representatives met on economic aid, which the United States had pledged. However, no progress was made and the talks were broken off by the United States on the ground that Hanoi had violated the cease-fire.

Officials said at the time that Washington was no longer willing to consider providing aid, and it appeared that there would be no change in the American position this year because of the Presidential campaign.