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Hanoi Says Kissinger Misread Notes Concerning Normal Ties

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HONG KONG, April 16— North Vietnam charged today that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had "irresponsibly" misinterpreted a recent exchange of notes between Hanoi and Washington by suggesting in Senate testimony that progress was being made toward normalizing relations between the United States and North Vietnam.

The official North Vietnamese newspaper Nhan Dan said that a note from Hanoi earlier this week reiterated a long-standing Communist position that relations would improve only when the United States agreed to provide aid to Vietnam. North Vietnam has insisted that the United States has an obligation, under the 1973 Paris peace agreement, to provide postwar assistance.

The Communist newspaper said that the Ford Administration had "taken advantage" of the recent exchange of notes and "given it a false interpretation."

"The only aim of the noisy diplomatic ploy and public campaign currently conducted by the U.S. authorities is the Presidential election this year," the paper added.

Nhan Dan also repeated an earlier North Vietnamese report that former President Richard M. Nixon had made a "formal agreement" in a letter dated Feb. 1, 1973 to give North Vietnam about \$3.25 billion in aid. Mr. Nixon had pledged the money would be given "without any political conditions," the paper said.

U.S. Ruled Out 'Obligation'

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WASHINGTON, April 16— Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, in his appearance before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations on Wednesday, said that the United States "cannot

accept" Hanoi's demand that "we have an obligation to give aid to North Vietnam."

Asserting that Hanoi's takeover of South Vietnam had completely broken the 1973 Paris agreement, Mr. Kissinger said that the United States was nevertheless prepared to discuss Hanoi's concerns "in a reasonable spirit" including the aid question.

He said the United States had told North Vietnam it was ready to discuss all subjects and that this was still the case. The United States would like a final accounting of those still listed as missing in action and additional details of those who died in Vietnam.

However, the Ford Administration has ruled out Hanoi's insistence on aid.