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Politics

F.M. LAM SEES NO INDICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE CEASE FIRE IN 1970

Saigon, July 15, 1970--"We have found thus far no indications of a possible cease-fire in South Viet-Nam", Minister Lam said Tuesday in an interview with Viet-Nam Press.

"We do not know for sure whether and as to when a cease-fire would be possible in South Viet-Nam", Minister Lam added, referring to rumors alleging the eventuality of a cease-fire within this year in South Viet-Nam.

The RVN Foreign Minister laid stress on the fact that the Communists always put into practice the policy of a total revolution of continuity, or in other words "the present war will not end in line with what is described in manuals, otherwise, the Communists will resort to terrorism".

Minister Lam urged everyone to be ready for a clearcut stand against the Communists should a cease-fire happen, "thus helping oneself to find it his duty to set right all the mistakes in an effort to improve the society".

To the question on the move towards secret negotiations with North Viet-Nam by U.S. Foreign Minister William Rogers, Minister Lam said he was not informed of the move. However, he expressed his appreciation of such an initiative "which helps prompt peace for Viet-Nam".

The RVN Foreign Minister expressed his belief that if these secret negotiations give way to substantive success "the Republic of Viet-Nam will be informed for common consultations".

On this occasion, Minister Lam disclosed that in 1968 he had done his best in the capacity of a RVN senator to get in touch with the NVN mission in Paris in an effort to understand its stand but the NVN mission had frustrated his efforts.

As for the recent Asian tour by U.S. Foreign Minister Rogers, Minister Lam considered it as part of the United States' efforts in the search for a solution to the Viet-Nam war.

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Minister Lam also appreciated any first hand visit to the RVN by newly-appointed U.S. Chief negotiator, Ambassador David Bruce, prior to the latter's embarking as the U.S. Chief negotiator's role at the Paris Peace Talks.

The RVN Foreign Minister believed that Ambassador Bruce "has no other mission than that entrusted to him by President Nixon - having direct talks with the RVN Chief Executive - when he comes to Viet-Nam".