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PEACE DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES--The DRV peace and Red Cross delegation headed by Comrade Le Khac has been on a visit to West Germany since late in September at the invitation of the West German people's organization in support of Vietnam. The delegation has visited 21 cities and cultural and political installations in West Germany, attended 17 people's meetings, held many press conferences and met a number of officials of the West German organizations supporting Vietnam. The delegation had talks with many representatives of various people's, political, and trade union organizations, the representatives of many colleges, large factories, and many well known writers, artists and intellectuals. Wherever it went, the delegation was warmly acclaimed by the West German people. [Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese 0430 GMT 22 Oct 72 S]

HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR ON MICROFILM

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Following this, the RVN President convened a meeting of the National Security Council. The meeting lasted until 1400. Attending this meeting were Vice President Tran Van Huong; Premier Tran Thien Khiem; Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam; Gen Cao Van Vien, ARVN chief of general staff; Mr Nguyen Phu Duc, special assistant to the president for external relations; Mr Pham Dang Lam, chief of the RVN delegation to the Paris conference; Mr Tran Kim Phuong, RVN ambassador to the United States; and Mr Hoang Duc Nha, RVN presidential secretary.

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## SAIGON REPORTS ON KISSINGER-THIEU TALKS

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[Text] Before meeting with Mr Kissinger for the third time on the afternoon of Friday, 20 October, President Thieu summoned to the Independence Palace commanders of various armed services and branches, military regions and divisions to explain the situation to them and give them some instructions.

President Thieu ordered the commanding generals to "hold firm to rifles at all costs in spite of all developments in the situation." He instructed them to launch new military operations and campaigns to prevent the enemy from attacking and occupying the rural areas. He said the enemy's present main objective is to occupy land in the rural areas.

From 1400 to 1730 on 20 October, President Thieu received the Kissinger delegation for the third time. The composition of the U.S. delegation was the same. The Independence Palace spokesman reiterated that President Thieu's stand remained unchanged. Since Mr Kissinger's arrival, President Thieu has conferred with him for a total of 8 hours.

Gen Cao Van Vien, chief of the ARVN general staff, was also present at the Friday afternoon meeting with the Kissinger delegation.

A source close to the Independence Palace revealed that at their latest meetings the Vietnamese and U.S. delegations reviewed and assessed all aspects of the situation, both in the military and political domains.

Independence Palace has denied a report that the U.S. delegation had tried to convince President Thieu to agree to a U.S.-arranged cease-fire. However, President Thieu's stand is clear, namely that the RVN "is not afraid of a cease-fire but refuses to agree to a three-segment government." Another source reported there would be many important changes prior to 1 November. In sum, the recent three U.S.-Vietnamese meetings were described as "very thorny."

On Saturday, 21 October, President Thieu received a delegation of various political parties and religious organizations. He might confer with the Kissinger delegation a fourth time.

Meanwhile, through news agencies world opinion believes that President Nixon has rejected a communist proposal for a cease-fire in Vietnam, evidently because this proposal was enclosed in a larger proposal which included the imposition of a coalition government in Saigon. UPI and AFP stated that the U.S. rejection of a coalition cease-fire proposal revealed a new U.S. pledge of support for President Nguyen Van Thieu.

In a press conference on Friday, following their meeting with President Thieu at Independence Palace Thursday night, legislators disclosed that President Thieu had told about 40 house representatives that North Vietnam had proposed a cease-fire following the formation of a coalition government, from the central level down to villages and hamlets, but that this proposal had been rejected by President Nixon.

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