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HANOI RADIO REPORTS THIEU'S OPPOSITION TO COALITION

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[Text] According to a Saigon report, Nguyen Van Thieu made a speech over radio and television on the evening of 24 October, clamoring his opposition to any form of coalition and national concord and proclaiming that the fight to wipe out the communists will continue.

Public opinion circles feel that at a time when people are closely following diplomatic activities aimed at peacefully settling the Vietnam question, Nguyen Van Thieu's obstinate attitude and bellicose clamorings raise many doubts. Is Nixon, while (?expressing) sincerity about peace and about pursuing a solution through negotiations, trying his utmost to protect Nguyen Van Thieu, an obstacle to a settlement of the Vietnam question?

People still remember that U.S. Senator McGovern said on 21 October: As far as Nixon is concerned, the continued existence of Nguyen Van Thieu is more significant than anything else. Public opinion circles point out that the United States let Nguyen Van Thieu rise to power and has regarded him as a pawn. Thus, the United States Government must be held fully responsible for the obstacles to the negotiations and for the prolongation of the war.