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TAKASHI OKA, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

PARIS--THE WAR IN VIETNAM COULD BE OVER NOV. 1--IF ONLY WASHINGTON CAN GET SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU TO ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT EMBODYING A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE AND EVENTUAL GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

THIS IS THE ARGUMENT, BASICALLY, THAT NORTH VIETNAM'S STATE MINISTER, XUAN THUY, MADE TO A CROWDED PRESS CONFERENCE HERE THURSDAY.

THOUGH HE ONLY HINTED AT SOME OF THE FINE PRINT OF WHAT MUST BE AN ENORMOUSLY COMPLICATED AGREEMENT, HANOI THUS SEEMS TO HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE ITS CASE DIRECTLY TO PUBLIC OPINION, AND ESPECIALLY TO AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION.

IT IS AN ARGUMENT, NATURALLY, THAT TUGS AT AMERICAN HEART-STRINGS ON THE VERY EVE OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

ON ASPECTS LESS EMOTIONAL FOR AMERICANS BUT OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE AGREEMENT AS BROADCAST BY HANOI RADIO AND COMMENTED ON BY MR. THUY SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS BY BOTH AMERICAN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE SIDES....