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MAJOR ELEMENTS IN VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT LISTED (600)

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WASHINGTON, OCT. 27--FOLLOWING ARE WHAT DR. HENRY J. KISSINGER, PRESIDENT NIXON'S ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, HAS DESCRIBED AS THE MAJOR ELEMENTS IN THE VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT WITH THE HANOI GOVERNMENT:

(FINAL AGREEMENT ON THEM IS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL MINOR ISSUES NOT YET SETTLED, DR. KISSINGER SAID):

-- A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE IS TO OCCUR IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREED UPON.

-- AMERICAN FORCES WILL BE REMOVED FROM VIETNAM WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE SIGNING OF AN ACCORD. ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM WHETHER BY BOMBING FROM THE AIR OR GUNFIRE FROM THE SEA WILL CEASE.

-- THERE WILL BE A TOTAL BAN ON THE REINFORCEMENT OF TROOPS INSIDE SOUTH VIETNAM. THERE WILL BE NO INFILTRATION FROM OTHER AREAS.

-- MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT, BUT ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS WITH WEAPONS OF SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AND UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

-- ALL CAPTURED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ALL FOREIGN CIVILIANS WHO ARE HELD AS PRISONERS WILL BE REPATRIATED DURING THE 60 DAYS IN WHICH THE AMERICAN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL OCCURS. NORTH VIETNAM WILL APPLY THE AGREEMENT TO AMERICAN PRISONERS THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA AND WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCOUNT FOR

AMERICANS ON THE "MISSING IN ACTION" LISTS.

-- THE FATE OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS HELD IN SAIGON GOVERNMENT JAILS WILL BE DETERMINED LATER IN TALKS BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

-- EXISTING AUTHORITIES WITH RESPECT BOTH TO INTERNAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD WILL BE FORMED TO FOSTER AND CONTINUE THE CEASEFIRE, AND TO SUPERVISE ANY ELECTIONS ON WHICH THE TWO SIDES IN VIETNAM AGREE. IN THE AMERICAN VIEW, THIS COUNCIL WILL IN EFFECT BE THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION WASHINGTON PROPOSED EARLIER. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED. THE UNANIMITY RULE WILL APPLY.

-- UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM SHOULD OCCUR WITHOUT MILITARY PRESSURE, WITHOUT COERCION AND WITHOUT ANNEXATION, AND WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

-- THE AGREEMENT SPECIFIES THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BE SUMMONED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A SIGNING TO PROVIDE CERTAIN GUARANTEES. A FOUR-PARTY MILITARY COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, AND AN INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION, NOT INCLUDING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WILL BE SET UP. TWO-SIDED OR FOUR-SIDED COMMISSIONS WILL HANDLE ARGUMENTS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP WILL REFEREE IN THE CASE OF DISPUTES.

-- FOREIGN COUNTRIES WILL WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM CAMBODIA AND LAOS. THOSE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WILL RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT CAMBODIAN AND LAOTIAN INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.

-- THERE IS NO LIMITATION ON AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID AND ADVISERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM FOLLOWING AN AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO HELPING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA. HANOI AND WASHINGTON EXPECT "NORMAL" AND NO LONGER HOSTILE RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN ONE ANOTHER'S AFFAIRS.

ISSUES REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED ARE:

--THE TIME OF THE SIGNING. HANOI WISHES IT BY OCT 31. THE UNITED STATES FEELS THAT ANOTHER NEGOTIATING SESSION OF "SEVERAL DAYS" WILL BE NEEDED, BUT IS WILLING TO START SUCH A SESSION ON ANY

DAY OF HANOI'S CHOOSING, EITHER IN PARIS OR AT ANOTHER MUTUALLY AGREEABLE LOCATION.

-- PRECISE DETAILS OF HOW THE CEASEFIRE IS TO BE STAGED, TIMED AND SUPERVISED IN A COUNTRY WHERE THERE ARE NO CLEAR FRONT LINES.

-- LINGUISTIC PROBLEMS. THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE VIETNAMESE TEXT, FOR INSTANCE, DESCRIBES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AS AN "ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE" AND NOT AS ANYTHING COMPARABLE TO A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

-- THE QUESTION OF WHETHER BOTH WASHINGTON OR SAIGON SHOULD SIGN FOR THEIR SIDE. HANOI HAS PROPOSED WASHINGTON AS THE ONE SIGNER. SAIGON PREFERS TO BE A CO-SIGNER AND WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THAT "NOT UNREASONABLE."

-- CLARIFICATION OF AMBIGUITIES IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT REQUIRING MODIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT. ITEM