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VNA: McGOVERN CHARGES NIXON ALLOWING THIEU TO BLOCK PEACE

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["McGovern Holds Nixon Administration Responsible for Prolongation of Vietnam War"--  
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[Text] Hanoi VNA October 27--Senator McGovern, Democratic presidential candidate, has accused the Nixon administration of allowing the Nguyen Van Thieu (?regime) to block a peace settlement in Vietnam, according to Western sources.

Answering an interview during his campaigning tour of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Oct 25, the Democratic candidate termed as "shocking" Thieu's refusal with the Nixon administration connivance to accept a peace agreement. "The time has come for the United States to tell Thieu that if he wants to continue the war, he will have to do it alone", McGovern said.

According to REUTER, in a television interview in New York on the previous day, Senator McGovern said he wanted to ask Nixon whether he had sacrificed the lives of 20,000 U.S. servicemen and tens of thousands of innocent Vietnamese to avoid criticism from American right-wing warhawks. He stressed: "He (Nixon) has killed more people over there (in Vietnam) than during the Johnson administration, and he accomplished nothing".

The Democratic candidate said the Nixon administration had betrayed the great ideals of the country, betrayed its election promise to end the war. "There never has been an administration as corrupt or immoral as the Nixon administration", McGovern pointed out, and said he thought the Nixon administration was "an evil administration".