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Kissinger, Reds Agree to Extend Negotiations 10/17/72

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiators completed a third day of private talks in Paris Tuesday and agreed to extend their sessions into a fourth day, the White House announced.

When asked whether Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in making this disclosure, refused again to discuss the substance of the unprecedentedly prolonged talks or say whether the extension meant a breakthrough in negotiations is near.

Ziegler said word of the extension came in a cable from Kissinger to President Richard Nixon.

The President's assistant for national security affairs had been scheduled to return to Washington Tuesday night after three days of talks with North Vietnamese negotiators Le Duc Tho and Xuan Thuy.

But, at about the same time Paris airport officials were saying Kissinger's departure had

FRANKFURT (AP) — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger's special Air Force VC137 landed at Frankfurt's main air base late Tuesday night. An Air Force spokesman confirmed the plane had arrived and that Kissinger had boarded the four-engined Boeing jet.

been delayed, Ziegler told newsmen at the White House that Kissinger and the North Vietnamese "have agreed to extend the talks to a fourth day."

Talk With Schumann

PARIS (UPI) — White House adviser Henry A. Kissinger shook off pursuing newsmen Tuesday to hold the third secret peace talk with North Vietnamese representatives plus a conference with French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann.

Schumann promptly drove to the Elysee Presidential Palace to brief President Georges Pompidou on the progress of the Vietnam talks which France has been hosting since 1968.

French Government officials said France was trying to help, as always, in the current phase of the negotiations which are held at an unprecedented fast pace. A Government official said, however, France is not mediating in any way.