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RVN ROVING AMBASSADOR DENIES 'SECRET TALKS' REPORTS

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[Excerpts] Jakarta, Sept 10 (AFP)--South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu's roving ambassador, Bui Diem, today denied reports of plan for secret negotiations between the Saigon government and the communist side. He made the denial at a one-and-half-hour long meeting this afternoon with Foreign Minister Adam Malik, which reviewed the latest developments in Vietnam and Indonesia's role in the International Commission for Control and Supervision (ICCS).

Mr Malik was assisted by the director general of his ministry, head of the Asia Pacific Department Adnan, and his own secretary, Alex Alatas.

Mr Diem told the press that his government agreed with Mr Malik that efforts must be continued to achieve a peaceful implementation of the Paris agreement.

Foreign Minister Malik later told newsmen that he had questioned Mr Diem about reports of an attempt by President Thieu to engage secret negotiations with the communist side and had been told they were unfounded. He said Mr Diem asked him about the possibility of upgrading relations between Saigon and Jakarta which are now limited to a chamber of commerce in Jakarta.

Mr Malik said he told Mr Diem there was no need to change the status of the present pattern of relations between Saigon and Jakarta as long as the Vietnam problem has not been solved.

In reply to Ambassador Diem's questions, Mr Malik said Indonesia would consider pulling out of the control commission if there was no progress towards the implementation of the Paris agreement. Mr Malik said President Suharto may not have time to receive the roving ambassador who arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit, but talks are scheduled for tomorrow between Vietnamese and Indonesian Defence Ministry officials dealing with the continental shelf agreement.