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DELIVER TO GEN HAIG FOR DR. KISSINGER AT AMBASSADOR WATSON'S RESIDENCE

1222: INDOCHINA-- NIGHTLEAD KISSINGER: (SCHEDULED)

BY ROBERT TRAUTMAN

WASHINGTON, OCT. 8, REUTER-- PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HENRY A. KISSINGER MET IN PRIVATE TODAY IN PARIS WITH CHIEF NORTH VIETNAMESE PEACE NEGOTIATORS, GIVING NEW FORCE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT ON THURSDAY THAT THE TALKS HAD REACHED A SENSITIVE STAGE.

THE WHITE HOUSE DISCLOSED THE NEW MEETING WITH A PRE-DAWN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ADVISER HAD FLOWN TO PARIS FOR CONFERENCES WITH LE DUC THO, A MEMBER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE POLITBORO, AND XUAN THUY, CHIEF NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATOR AT THE PARIS TALKS.

IT WAS KISSINGER'S 19TH SPECIAL TRIP FOR CONFERENCES WITH HANOI LEADERS SINCE 1969.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID ALSO THAT KISSINGER, NIXON'S NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISER, WAS ACCOMPANIED MAJ. GEN. ALEXANDER HAIG JR., HIS DEPUTY. HAIG HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SAIGON WHERE HE HELD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU.

THE BRIEF WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID ONLY THAT KISSINGER WAS IN PARIS WITH HIS DEPUTY FOR THE TALKS AND THAT THEIR RETURN WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW PROGRAM DEFENSE SECRETARY MELVIN LAIRD ASKED IF A PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS IMMINENT, SAID ONLY THAT THE TALKS WERE "SERIOUS, SIGNIFICANT AND VERY SENSITIVE," BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS FURTHER.

LAIRD APPEARED ON THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM PROGRAM "FACE THE NATION."

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INDOCHINA- NIGHTLEAD KISSINGER 2 WASHINGTON:

THE NEW SURPRISE MEETING IN PARIS FOLLOWED RUMORS, ALL DENIED, ON NEW PEACE BREAKTHROUGHS, JUST FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE NOV. 7 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

PRESIDENT NIXON SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY THAT THE TALKS KISSINGER HAD BEEN HAVING WITH HIS HANOI COUNTERPARTS HAD REACHED A SENSITIVE STAGE AND THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE NORTH VIETNAM THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEAL WITH HIM- PRESIDENT NIXON- THAN AWAIT THE UNLIKELY CHANCE IT WOULD DEAL WITH SEN. GEROGE MCGOVERN AS NEW PRESIDENT.

HANOI IS KNOWN TO FEEL IT WILL GET A QUICK EASY SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE RUMORS LAST WEEK, WHICH BRIEFLY TOUCHED OFF RALLIES ON THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS, WERE DENIED BY ALL PARTIES.

ONE, THAT A BROAD AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HANOI, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION, WAS DENIED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH VIETNAM AS TOTALLY SPECULATIVE AND BASELESS.

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THE OTHER, THAT SAIGON AND WASHINGTON HAD AGREED TO A PLAN UNDER WHICH PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD RESIGN, A CHIEF COMMUNIST DEMAND, WAS DENIED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE MEETING IN PARIS TODAY IS CERTAIN TO GIVE RISE TO NEW SPECULATION OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT, AS NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE OPPONENT, MCGOVERN CONTINUES TO PUT THE VIETNAM WAR INTO THE FOREFRONT OF HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

NIXON HAS REPEATEDLY INSISTED HE IS OFFERING THE NORTH-VIETNAMESE EVERYTHING SHORT OF SURRENDER IN ORDER TO END THE FIGHTING IN VIETNAM, WHILE SEN. MCGOVERN STRESSES IN HIS CAMPAIGN APPEARANCES THAT HE WOULD END THE WAR IMMEDIATELY ON HIS INAUGURATION.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE ON TUESDAY INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE HIS SPECIFIC PLANS FOR A VIETNAM SETTLEMENT, NOTING THAT THE DAY IS THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF NIXON'S STATEMENT, MADE WHILE CAMPAIGNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY, THAT IF A PRESIDENT COULD NOT ACHIEVE A PEACE IN FOUR YEARS HE DID NOT DESERVE TO BE RE-ELECTED.

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BUT ANY OPTIMISM BREWED BY THE LATEST ROUND OF SECRET NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL HAVE TO VIE WITH PESSIMISM FELT IN SAIGON ABOUT THE STATE OF PEACE TALKS AND THE WAR.

THE PRESENCE AT THE TALKS OF HAIG WILL MEAN THO AND XUAN THUY HAVE A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE FEELING OF PRESIDENT THIEU. HAIG VISITED SAIGON LAST WEEK AND HELD A LENGTHY SERIES OF TALKS WITH THIEU.

BUT FOLLOWING THE HAIG VISIT THERE WERE SEMI-OFFICIAL HINTS THAT SOUTH VIETNAM WAS NOT PLEASED WITH THE STAGE WHICH NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED ON ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES--THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

THIEU WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF PUBLICLY REJECTING PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMUNIST SIDE FOR A COALITION OR A THREE-PART GOVERNMENT TO HEAD THE SOUTH DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN A CEASEFIRE AND NEW ELECTIONS.

HE IS ANXIOUS TO HEAD OFF ANY COMPROMISES WHICH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT CONTEMPLATE TO MEET THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE POSITION. THE COMMUNIST SIDE DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THIEU.

ANOTHER POINT ADDING TO THE PESSIMISM IS THE GENERAL INTENSIFICATION OF THE OFFENSIVE.

NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS WERE OPERATING IN FRUIT GROWING AREAS ONLY NINE MILES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL TODAY AND WITH A NEW HIGHPOINT IN THE SIX MONTH OLD OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY UNDERWAY THE WAR SEEMED HARDER TO "TURN OFF" THAN EVER.

WITH THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ANXIOUS TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM EFFORTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE POLLING DAY, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE ALSO LIKELY TO WANT TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM EFFORT MILITARILY. AN ASSUMPTION BEHIND THE TIMING OF THE NORTH'S OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN THAT IT WOULD MAKE THE WAR AN ISSUE FOR VOTERS AND EITHER TURN THEM IN FAVOR OF SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN OR FORCE PRESIDENT NIXON TO MAKE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS.

IN PARIS, NEITHER THE AMERICAN NOR NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATIONS HAD ANY COMMENT ON THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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0701 : URGENT ' ' ' INDOCHINA-- KISSINGER:

WASHINGTON, OCT. 8, REUTER-- PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HENRY KISSINGER IS HOLDING SECRET TALKS IN PARIS TODAY WITH HANOI'S PEACE NEGOTIATORS, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED HERE,

DR. KISSINGER IS ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR-GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG, WHO LAST WEEK CONFERRED WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU IN SAIGON.

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THE SECRET TALKS IN PARIS WERE HELD WITH HANOI POLITBURO LE DUC THO AND XUAN THUY, CHIEF NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATOR AT THE PEACE TALKS.

IT WAS DR. KISSINGER'S 19TH TRIP TO PARIS TO CONFER WITH THE COMMUNIST ENVOYS-- AND THE FIRST MADE BY GENERAL HAIG, HIS WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY, FOR THAT PURPOSE.

GENERAL HAIG FLEW TO SAIGON SOON AFTER DR. KISSINGER HELD A SECRET TWO-DAY MEETING WITH LE DUC THO AND XUAN THUY TWO WEEKS AGO. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT THIEU AMID RUMORS THAT A BREAKTHROUGH APPEARED LIKELY IN THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID DR. KISSINGER'S ESTIMATED RETURN TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE ANNOUNCED WHEN IT WAS KNOWN, INDICATING THAT HE MIGHT CONFER WITH THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS FOR MORE THAN A DAY.

THE WHITE HOUSE AND HANOI IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE DENIED RUMORS THAT A SECRET AGREEMENT TO END THE WAR HAS ALREADY BEEN

REACHED OR THAT ONE IS EXPECTED SOON AS A RESULT OF DR. KISSINGER'S MEETINGS WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN PARIS.

PRESIDENT NIXON SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE LAST THURSDAY THAT THE PEACE TALKS HAD REACHED A SENSITIVE STAGE.

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## INDOCHINA

U. S. B2 S DROP HUNDREDS OF TONS OF BOMBS ON TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE PORTS AND ENEMY BUILDUP AREAS AROUND SAIGON.

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HENRY KISSINGER HOLDS ANOTHER PEACE MEETING WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE IN PARIS AND THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS THE TALDS COULD GO INTO ANOTHER DAY.

## CAMPAIGN '72

THE YEAR'S BIGGEST LISTED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTOR GAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TO HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AND THEN TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

AFTER CAMPAIGNING WITH THE MAN HE DROPPED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET, GEORGE MCGOVERN RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TO RECORD A SPEECH HE VIEWS IS PIVOTAL TO HIS PRESIDENTIAL BID-- A DETAILED PLAN TO END THE WAR.

## INTERNATIONAL

RESCUE TEAMS CONTINUE TO EXTRICATE BODIES FROM CRUSHED RAILWAY CARS IN MEXICO AND THE DEATH TOLL NEARS 200.

THE SOVIET PUBLIC IS GIVEN A GUARDED HINT THAT THE KREMLIN IS BUYING WHEAT ABROAD TO COMPENSATE FOR A BAD HARVEST.

JEREMY MORSE, THE BRITON WHO HEADS THE EFFORT TO RESHAPE THE FREE-WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM, SAYS COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION NEXT SEPTEMBER.

NATIONAL

No Objection to Declassification in Part 2012/11/05 : LOC-HAK-247-3-9-5

HAWAII'S DOCKS ARE CLOSED TO OCEAN SHIPPING BY A LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

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IN SPORTS

JURGENSEN ENGINEERED THE TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN WASHINGTON'S 14 TO 0 VICTORY OVER PHILADELPHIA.

OTHER SCORES

GIANTS 45	NEW ORLEANS 21
BUFFALO 38	NEW ENGLAND 14
MIAMI 27	JETS 17
KANSAS CITY 31	CLEVELAND 7
DETROIT 26	ATLANTA 23
CINCINNATI 21	DENVER 10

BASEBALL

SATURDAY

PITTSBURGH 5	CINCINNATI 1
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