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editorial note 1 (normass/deepe)

SAIGON, OCTOBER 28—Hank: There's a report here that Vietnamese Ambassador ~~Bui Diem~~ to Washington Bui Diem has notified the Foreign Ministry that Nixon aides have approached him and told him ~~that~~ the Saigon government should hold firm to a firm position now regarding negotiations and that once Nixon is elected, he'll back the Thieu go Thieu government in their demands. If you could track it down with the Nixon camp, it would probably be a very good story. I'm sure that Bui Diem has reported ~~that~~ here—but he's a very tricky guy and I wouldn't rely on him alone to announce this Nixon move. We'll probably file rather heavily ~~here~~ this week, even if ~~not~~ there's no big announcement. The ^{guess} ~~is~~ consensus here is that if there's no bombing halt ~~here~~ this week, it probably won't happen until after the election. I think the snafu is still in Hanoi, revolving around acceptance of the Saigon government.

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