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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 ~~them~~ to a firm position now regarding negotiations and that once Nixon is elected, he'll back the ~~Chicago~~ Thieu government in their demands. If you could track it down with the Nixon camp, ^{this} 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 relay on him alone to announce this Nixon move. We'll probably file rather heavily ~~here~~ ^{guess} this week, even if ~~not~~ there's no big announcement. The ~~in~~ ^{guess} 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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