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CIO PARIS REPORTS POSSIBLE CESSATION OF PLENARY SESSIONS OF PARIS PEACE TALKS SOON

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ACCORDING TO A DISCLOSURE BY A MIDDLE ECHELON MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, THE ((PLENARY SESSION OF THE)) PARIS PEACE TALKS WILL BE DISCONTINUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ACTUALLY BEING DECIDED IN THE SECRET PEACE TALKS.

2. THE ENDING OF THE ((PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE)) PEACE TALKS IS THE SUGGESTION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE NOT YET AGREED BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT'S DELEGATION. NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE DECIDED AND ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY SOON.

3. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY (B VAL VU) KHAC TAU((1))

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ON 10 JANUARY AT THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING A LIAISON TO EXCHANGE COPIES OF SPEECH TEXTS READ DURING THE 173RD ((PLENARY)) SESSION ((OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS)).

4. OUR OPINION: THE ADJOURNING OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS ((PLENARY SESSION)) HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME BUT THERE WAS NOTHING TO CONFIRM IT. NOW THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED. THE SECRET PEACE TALKS ((BETWEEN)) HENRY A. KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO ARE GETTING MORE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THEIR DECISIVE NATURE. NGUYEN THI BINH'S RETURN TO VIETNAM AND WILLIAM A. PORTER'S LEAVING HIS POST AS HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ARE ALSO FACTORS WHICH MAKE IT APPARENT THAT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS ((PLENARY SESSIONS)) ARE NO LONGER OF ANY IMPORTANCE. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS IN LARGE MEASURE REASONABLE ((AND)) ((B VAL PLAUSIBLE)). ((1)) NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

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