

***The Withdrawal of American Forces from Vietnam,  
1969-1972***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Method of Announcement</i>	<i>Number of Troops Withdrawn</i>	<i>Date that Withdrawal will be Completed</i>	<i>Monthly Rate of Withdrawal</i>	<i>Troops Remaining in Vietnam</i>	<i>Remaining Troops as a Percent of January 1969 Level</i>
6/8/1969	Communiqué from Nixon-Thieu after their meeting	25,000	8/31/1969	10,000	524,500	95%
9/16/1969	Nixon statement prior to speech at United Nations	40,500	12/15/1969	11,400	484,000	88%
12/15/1969	Brief televised report to the nation	50,000	4/15/1970	12,500	434,000	79%
4/20/1970	Nationally Televised Speech	150,000	5/1/1971	12,500	284,000	52%
4/7/1971	Nationally Televised Speech	100,000	12/1/1971	14,300	184,000	33%
11/12/1971	Impromptu News Conference	45,000	2/1/1972	22,500	139,000	25%
1/13/1972	Brief Announcement by Spokesperson	70,000	5/1/1972	23,300	69,000	13%
4/26/1972	Nationally Televised Speech	20,000	7/1/1972	10,000	49,000	9%
6/28/1972	Announcement from Press Secretary	10,000	9/1/1972	5,000	39,000	7%
8/29/1972	Presidential Press Conference	12,000	12/1/1972	4,000	27,000	5%

Source: Department of Political Science, Southern Methodist University. Available online at <http://faculty.smu.edu/dsimon/Change-Viet4c.html>.