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Today's Bangkok World carries report press conference held yesterday by Undersecy Interior Ministry Luang Chart stating Thailand will negotiate directly with North Vietnam through Red Cross organizations both countries for removal of refugees from Thailand. Proposal made by Vietminh through ICRC representative Durand. North Vietnam apparently wishes hold negotiations Geneva but Thai Cabinet would prefer nearby neutral country owing excessive cost holding negotiations Geneva. Selection Thai representatives to meet Vietminh will probably be made next week.

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