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## Ambassador and Agency's Chief in Saigon Clash on Conduct of War

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SAIGON, Oct. 2 (AP)—The Ambassador and the chief of the Central Intelligence Agency here have clashed sharply over the conduct of the war in Vietnam, according to a source familiar with the dispute.

The source said that the Ambassador, Arthur W. Schlesinger Jr., and the CIA chief, William J. Mohr, have had a series of heated discussions since the Ambassador's arrival in Saigon in August.

The source said that the Ambassador is of the opinion that the CIA is not doing enough to support the military effort in Vietnam. He is particularly concerned about the CIA's failure to provide accurate intelligence on the North Vietnamese military buildup.

The source said that the CIA chief, on the other hand, is of the opinion that the military effort is not being conducted in a way that is consistent with the CIA's intelligence-gathering mission. He is particularly concerned about the CIA's failure to provide accurate intelligence on the South Vietnamese military effort.

The source said that the dispute between the Ambassador and the CIA chief is a reflection of a broader disagreement over the conduct of the war in Vietnam. The Ambassador is of the opinion that the war should be conducted in a way that is consistent with the principles of self-determination and democracy. The CIA chief, on the other hand, is of the opinion that the war should be conducted in a way that is consistent with the principles of realism and pragmatism.

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Ambassador Arthur Schlesinger Jr. has been denied in a statement here.

Whether even amid the present emergency, it is acknowledged that the CIA chief, for more than a year, has carried out the extremely difficult task of supervision of military operations in South Vietnam. In this aspect of his duties, he has done a superb job, say the other members of the mission. It is the basic contradiction between his role and that of an intelligence chief that is at stake.

Testimonials here, however, Mr. Schlesinger has told Washington that he is a new chief, and that the CIA is fighting a losing battle. The matter is believed to be in line with the White House.

It is believed here that Mr. Lodge and the CIA chief are in a state of conflict. The CIA chief is of the opinion that the military effort is not being conducted in a way that is consistent with the CIA's intelligence-gathering mission. He is particularly concerned about the CIA's failure to provide accurate intelligence on the North Vietnamese military buildup.

It is also true that in recent weeks in Saigon, as a result of the withdrawal of United States forces, there has been a growing feeling that the American mission here has failed to become the theater of a new kind of war.

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At the moment, some sources say, there is a growing effort to make the CIA the scapegoat for the unhappy events of the last six weeks. When Government forces rallied in Saigon on Aug. 21, the CIA was confused about what was going on. There followed the demand by Washington that Ngo Dinh Nhu and his wife be removed out of the country. The demand, if fulfilled, by Ngo Dinh Diem and his family, would mean the end of the regime.

Some prominent members of the intelligence agency are accused of using recent events as an opportunity to voice their bitterness against the agency.

Many persons in Saigon contend that in general intelligence operations here are at the highest level, and that they have produced successes in some of the most successful programs of the agency, such as counter-insurgency and peace.

### White House Seeks Harmony

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—The Administration set out today a policy of being different, distinguished and victorious, as it sought to bring Vietnam under the peace umbrella spread yesterday by President Kennedy.

Various officials expressed the view that the Special White House statement had not resolved interdepartmental differences, any more than it had done to Vietnam. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said he had resolved the Administration's basic problem in dealing with the Saigon Government.