

## Mollenhoff Probes 250 In State Dept.

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A dossier on 250 State Department employees who criticized President Nixon's action in Cambodia is being prepared by Clark Mollenhoff, a special counsel for the White House, it was learned yesterday.

The State Department declined comment on Mollenhoff's action, and Mollenhoff, who is leaving at the end of the month to return to the newspaper business, could not be reached for comment.

However, it was learned that Secretary of State William P. Rogers sharply criticized Mollenhoff in a private conversation for probing into the department's handling of employees who criticized the Cambodian operation.

The State Department officials declined to take disciplinary action against the dissident employees, and agreed that no mention of their action would be entered in personnel files.

In a story copyrighted by Knight Newspapers, Inc., Vera Glaser and Malvina Stephenson wrote yesterday that Mollenhoff soon will turn over his findings on the 250 employees to President Nixon. Their story said that tense relations between Mollenhoff and Rogers "may be a hitherto undisclosed factor in Mollenhoff's recent decision to leave the White House."

Mollenhoff and Rogers had clashed earlier on the question of aid to Biafra.