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## U.S. Denies Major Aided Bolivia Coup

The State Department yesterday described as "false" a report that a U.S. Air Force major serving in Bolivia had participated in last week's overthrow of the government of Gen. Juan Jose Torres.

Robert J. McCloskey, the department spokesman, specifically denied that the officer, Maj. Robert J. Lundin, had anything to do with the coup and that the rebels were allowed to use the officer's special radio system to contact La Paz from Santa Cruz when their own lines of communication broke down.

McCloskey said, however, that he did not know whether Lundin had, as reported in The Washington Post, been in contact with Col. Hugo Banzer, the new president, following Banzer's failure to overthrow Torres in January.

Left-wing supporters of Torres have charged, without offering proof, that the coup was aided by U.S. intervention.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Daniel Z. Henkin, the Pentagon's top spokesman, said yesterday that the Defense Department had no evidence at all that Maj. Lundin was in any way involved in the Bolivian coup.