

Kennedy Complains to Kissinger On Criticism by Envoy in Saigon

WASHINGTON, March 17 (Reuters)—Senator Edward M. Kennedy has told Secretary of State Kissinger that a cablegram from the United States Ambassador in South Vietnam has raised the "worst kind of innuendo" about Congressional criticisms of American policy in Indochina.

Mr. Kennedy made his March 13 letter public today as he and other members of Congress critical of the continued United States involvement in Indochina stepped up the campaign to cut off military aid to South Vietnam. The Massachusetts Democrat asked Mr. Kissinger to explain exactly what the United States was doing in Indochina with its continued military and economic aid to South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Mr. Kennedy's letter criticized a March 6 cablegram sent to the State Department by Graham A. Martin, the Ambassador to Saigon. The cablegram, which was published in part in the press earlier this month, said that Hanoi was trying to use "the remnants of the American 'peace movement' to bring influence to bear on selective susceptible, but influential, elements of American communications media and, particularly, on susceptible Congressional staffers."

"For him to suggest a tie," Mr. Kennedy wrote, "between alleged decisions in Hanoi and the views of members of Congress and their staffs about the course of American policy toward South Vietnam and In-

dochina is the worst kind of innuendo and regrettably ignores the many legitimate questions and concerns of the Congress and the American people over our commitments to the governments of Indochina and over the continuing level of our involvement in the political and military confrontations of the area."

A sizable portion of Mr. Graham's cablegram contained criticism of an article written from Saigon by David K. Shippler of The New York Times. That article, which was printed on Feb. 25, reported on United States military aid to the Saigon Government.

This said, the article said, "continues to set the course of the war fore than a year after the signing of the Paris peace agreements and the final withdrawal of American troops."

Mr. Martin, in his cablegram, submitted a paragraph-by-paragraph rebuttal of the article, which he said contained "numerous inaccuracies and half truths."

Centennial for Lambs Club

The Lambs, one of the oldest clubs in the world, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. The Associated Press reports. Basically a theatrical club, it includes artists, writers, editors, Army and Navy officers, clergymen, lawyers and businessmen in its membership. The Lambs was founded in 1874 by Harry J. Montague and his friends.