

Big Minh Denies That U.S. Had Role in Anti-Diem Plot

SAIGON, South Vietnam, July 6 (AP)—Gen. Duong Van Minh, leader of the group that overthrew President Ngo Binh Diem in 1963, was quoted today as denying that the United States had supported and encouraged the coup.

An article published in The Saigon Post said that General Minh, known as Big Minh, had termed inaccurate the accounts of United States involvement that appear in the top-secret Pentagon papers.

The papers, as published in the United States, have dis-

closed an extensive series of United States policy decisions late in 1963 that indicated an intensive, secret role by the Americans. They tell of contacts between the instigators—including General Minh and Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, now President—and two agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As early as Aug. 29, the documents show, General Minh met with one of the agents, Lieut. Col. Lucian Conein, to ask for evidence that the United States Government would not betray the plot to Mr. Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, chief of the secret police.