

Expert on Indochina Quits CIA

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An expert on Indochina resigned from the Central Intelligence Agency yesterday, charging the U.S. intelligence community with "grossly" underestimating the size of the insurgency in Cambodia and with refusing to admit that the conflict there is a civil war.

Samuel A. Adams, in a resignation statement, also said the intelligence community is "neither honest enough nor thorough enough" in its work on Indochina.

Adams' views are disputed by experts in both the State Department and the CIA, who share the Pentagon analysis that the insurgent force of 40,000 to 50,000 is almost totally dependent on North Vietnam.

Adams said the Cambodian insurgents are "virtually independent" of Hanoi and that they number 200,000, of whom as many as 100,000 are organized in regular units.

In March, Adams testified for the defense in the Pentagon Papers trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo Jr. He said some of the highly classified documents were based on inaccurate and perhaps deliberately misleading information.

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