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Colby: No American In Angola Fighting

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CIA Director William E. Colby said yesterday no Americans are fighting in Angola but implied there is some U.S. effort to counter Soviet involvement there—presumably with arms and money—within the limits of the War Powers Act.

Colby's statement at House intelligence committee hearings came during a heated exchange with Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), who asked, "How, when and why are we involved (in Angola)? How do you justify this? This is not a skirmish but a war."

Colby responded: "There are no Americans involved in Angola. The War Powers Act requires notification for involvement of the armed forces."

Colby said the War Powers Act no longer prevents the dispatch of "paramilitary" aid to allies without congressional approval,

however, because Congress struck the provision from the act. Dellums called this answer "hypocritical" and tried to pin Colby down on what he meant by reference to the War Powers Act.

"There might be no American uniforms, but do we put weapons in the hands of others?" Dellums asked.

Colby replied: "The CIA and the U.S. government are in compliance with the decision made by Congress how this would be carried out."

He did not elaborate. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger disclosed last week the United States was trying to "help" neighbors of Angola who are trying to stop a Soviet-backed victory there, but he would not elaborate either.

There have been news reports that the United States is funneling \$50 million in aid to armed forces in Angola.