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Right of Pursuit Denied

PHNOM PENH, April 2 (AP)—
The Cambodian Government denied today that United States or South Vietnamese forces had a right to pursue the enemy into Cambodia.

"Faithful to its policy of strict neutrality, Cambodia will not in fact accept the right of pursuit carried out on its territory," a Government statement said.

The statement asserted that the Government would protest all violations of Cambodian soil "by foreign armies, from whichever camp they may be."

x The White House disclosed Saturday that United States commanders in South Vietnam were considered free to order troops into Cambodia in pursuit of enemy forces during a battle. As far as is known, this policy of hot pursuit has never been exercised.

Reports from Saigon last week said South Vietnamese Rangers and armored cavalry attacked Vietcong troops in a forest two miles inside Cambodia. Field dispatches said these operations were carried out in cooperation with Cambodian officers on the border.

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