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U.S. Barring Newsmen From Cambodian Battle

SAIGON, South Vietnam, April 29 (AP)—The United States command refused today to permit American correspondents to accompany American support units in the new Cambodian operation. Officers said that it was an operation directed by the South Vietnamese but that the South Vietnamese were making no press arrangements either.

Nevertheless, early this morning, reporters and photographers from Saigon were heading for the border area, where South Vietnamese troops were reported attacking. Authorization for news coverage of military operations in Vietnam is given occasionally by the United States and South Vietnamese commands.

The United States command issues credentials to newsmen, which permit them to use military planes, helicopters and other transport to get to battle sites. This normally works smoothly.