

Rogers Had Opposed Invasion

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Nixon may have acted against the advice of Secretary of State William Rogers in ordering U.S. ground troops into Cambodia, a State Department spokesman indicated today.

Rogers meanwhile denied he had voiced opposition to U.S. entry into Cambodia to a House Committee once the decision had been made to send in American forces.

The question came up at press officer Robert McCloskey's daily briefing for newsmen.

McCloskey did not dispute this quotation said to have been in a transcript of Rogers' remarks at a closed House appropriations subcommittee session April 23, less than a week before the U.S. intervention in Cambodia:

"We recognize that if we escalate and we get involved in Cambodia with our ground troops, that our whole program is defeated . . ."
