Cambodia Will Ask U.S. to Stay Longer

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Cambodia intends to ask President Nixon to keep American troops in Cambodia "until the end of the war," Foreign Minister Yem Sambaur told a news conference today.

The foreign minister, speaking with newsmen be-

fore flying to Saigon for talks with South Vietnamese leaders, said the request had not yet been made but added, "we wish the United States troops to stay on even after the month of June."

He was referring to President Nixon's promise to Con-

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gress to withdraw all U.S. units from Cambodia by the end of next month.

Asked whether the request had been made yet, the minister replied: "we will make this request."

But he would not say when. He also said he would be happy to see South Vietnamese troops remain, even after the Americans leave.