

OFFICIAL CONFIRMS AID UNIT CONCEALS C.I.A. ROLE IN LAOS

Washington, June 7 (AP) -- Dr. John A. Hannah, director of the Agency for International Development, acknowledged today that the United States aid program was being used as a cover for operations of the Central Intelligence Agency in Laos.

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Mr. Hannah made it clear that he disapproved of the C.I.A.'s use of his agency. He said Laos was the only country in which this was being done and that it stemmed from a 1962 decision that such activity was in the national interest.

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It is unusual for an executive-branch official to acknowledge publicly that his organization is being used for undercover work abroad.

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