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U.S. to Allow Wives Of Advisers in Vietnam

SAIGON, South Vietnam, (AP) — The United States mission in Vietnam, in a move aimed at encouraging civilian advisers to serve here, has quietly dropped the five-year-old prohibition against the advisers bringing their wives to Vietnam.

At least 30 wives of civilian advisers are in the country now, and plans call for more than 100 to be here within the next few months, high official sources said today.

Although wives will be allowed to accompany their husbands in Vietnam, children will not—primarily because of the lack of schools, the sources said.

The lifting of the restriction applies only to civilians and not to military advisers. All United States civilian and military dependents were ordered out of Vietnam in 1965 for reasons of security.

All decisions on whether dependents will be allowed to accompany civilian advisers assigned here will be made on an individual basis, with security as the determining factor, the sources said.

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