

A Rogers Vow On Cambodia Aid

Washington

Secretary of State William P. Rogers promised yesterday that proposed funds to aid Cambodia will not turn the Southeast Asian nation into another Vietnam.

"We have no military forces or advisers in Cambodia, nor do we intend to send any," Rogers told the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He also said there are no plans to supply Cambodia with sophisticated military equipment.

Rogers appeared before the panel in support of a Nixon Administration request for \$1 billion more in foreign-aid funds in the current fiscal year, including a total of more than \$250 million for Cambodia.

"I made it clear that we had no intention of letting Cambodia become, in terms of American involvement, another Vietnam," Rogers

aid in reference to his testimony before Congress last April.

"We adhere to those principles, and this request is consistent with them. It will not make Cambodia another Vietnam. It will help to reduce our involvement in Vietnam."

Representative Thomas E. Morgan (Dem-Pa.), chairman of the House committee, said he is alarmed by the lateness of the aid request, noting that the lame-duck session is to end before Christmas.

Rogers said the Administration recognizes the time problem but called the request an essential one.

"In the Middle East (\$500 million is for Israel) it will contribute to the search for peace," Rogers said. "In Asia it will protect Vietnamization and our troop withdrawals."

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