

Pentagon Explains Stand

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—A Pentagon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, said today that Congressional limitations, as he interpreted them, did not prohibit the sending of American military instructors into Cambodia so long as they were not assigned as advisers to Cambodian military units.

Responding to questions at his daily news briefing, Mr. Friedheim said the United States had no intention of establishing an American military training program in Cambodia. But he said that those military men working out of the American Embassy in Pnompenh turning over military aid equipment to the Cambodians might from time to time show them "where the on-off switch is."

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird at his news conference last Wednesday, made the first public mention of the fact that American officers were being sent to Pnompenh to oversee the receipt and delivery of military aid equipment to Cambodian forces. He initially said 14 men would be sent, but Pentagon sources later said 16 would go.

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