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Cambodian Collapse: 'Alibis of the Culprits'

To the Editor:

Now that the Lon Nol regime has fallen, it is appropriate that a public investigation be launched into the C.I.A.'s role in the fall of the Sihanouk Government, which gave rise to the entire Cambodian debacle.

Many of our officials are shedding crocodile tears over Cambodia today. This makes it difficult for average Americans to grasp that our Government initiated the carnage; that our government thrust that vulnerable but neutral country into the bloodbath we had already supported elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

The guilt of the Nixon Administration, the Pentagon and the C.I.A. in dragging Cambodia to the slaughter must be definitively and in detail exposed. We are sure to hear cries of "treason!" from the right in coming months over the "abandonment" of Cambodia. Let's get things in perspective now. Let's get the facts out that show the cries of "treason" to be in fact the alibis of the culprits.

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