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U.S. Wants to Restore Indochina Mail Service

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP) — Americans can send letters to North Vietnam but not to the United States' former allies, South Vietnam and Cambodia, a situation the Postal Service is striving to remedy by arranging for service.

Lack of available transportation forced the Postal Service to suspend mail service to South Vietnam and Cambodia when those countries came under Communist control earlier this year.

There is no direct mail service to North Vietnam, but letters for that country are sent to Hong Kong and postal officials there forward them to Hanoi. The same indirect arrangement is true of Cuba and North Korea, which have no direct service with the United States but receive mail sent through Canada and Hong Kong respectively.

The United States has an obligation through the Universal Postal Union to deliver mail/to any part of the world regardless of the political situation.