U.S. Is Replacing Head Of Its Mission in Laos NYTIMES VIENTIANE, Laos, Aug. 5

VIENTIANE, Laos, Aug. 5 (Reuters)—The United States chargé d'affaires, Christian A. Chapman, will be replaced by Thomas F. Corcoran, the U.S. Embassy announced yesterday.

Mr. Corcoran, who has been in the Foreign Service for 27 years, has served in Laos and as an adviser in Washington on Laotian affairs. He will arrive Friday.

Mr. Chapman has been here since April, 1974, two weeks after the formation of the coalition Government.

Last May anti-American demonstrations throughout the country led to the closing of the offices of the Agency for International Development and to cuts in the number of American officials.

Demonstrators and pro-Communist Pathet Lao troops are still occupying the general services compound of the embassy and some embassy supply warehouses.